

**A.B.C. Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the ABC Committee was held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, on Zoom. A quorum was present: Pat Mechare, Canaan; Catherine Tatge, Cornwall; Marty Lindenmeyer, Kent; Erin Drislane, North Canaan; David Valcin, Salisbury; Doug Cahill, Sharon; and Jennifer Duncan, Region One.

Also in attendance: Pam Vogel, Superintendent; Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent; Sam Herrick, Business Manager; public and press.

Chair Valcin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindenmeyer, seconded by Ms. Tatge, to amend the agenda to add Discussion of MoU for Certified Unions as a new #5, moving the rest of the items down one. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Cahill, to approve the minutes of the 2/26/2020 Middle School Athletics and Activities Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the 2/26/2020 ABC Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve the minutes of the 3/11/2020 ABC Committee Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

Discussion was held regarding an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the Certified Unions. The union presidents have requested this, and the plan is to create one MoU for all 7 Certified Unions. Dr. Vogel will revise the document as discussed and then send the revised document to the certified union presidents when complete.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Lindenmeyer, seconded by Ms. Tatge, for Dr. Vogel to continue moving forward with the MoU as modified tonight with the certified unions. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief update on the COVID-19 Region One response was held.

Discussion was held regarding school bus transportation costs. All-Star Transportation laid off their drivers at the close of school due to the Coronavirus, but many do not qualify for unemployment. Discussion on whether to continue to pay the contracted service, or a portion of it, in order to maintain wages of All-Star employees.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to authorize Mr. Herrick and Mr. Lindenmeyer to negotiate with All-Star to ensure that employees are paid their wages during the COVID-19 school closure. The negotiated agreement would then be brought back to the ABC Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting date for the ABC Committee: 4/22/2020

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to amend the agenda to add a Public Comment session. Motion carried unanimously.

A public comment was entered into the chat box in Zoom. It asked if this would apply to all All-Star bus lots. No, this agreement would only be between Region One School District and All-Star Transportation.

A comment was made from Heather, a bus driver in Kent, in support of a negotiated agreement between Region One and All-Star.

Public comment was heard from Dr. Vogel. She wanted to make everyone aware of new guidelines released by the state regarding meal service to children. There was an update released that schools can now feed ALL children in their region, not just our students. They are to contact building administrators if they are interested.

A public comment was heard from Annie Kosciusko of Cornwall. She asked that since the All-Star contracts were already paid through March, why did All-Star not pay their employees through March.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Tatge, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk

Un-Approved