

**A.B.C. Committee Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2019**

A meeting of the ABC Committee was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office conference room. A quorum was present: Pat Mechare, Canaan; Catherine Tatge, Cornwall; Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso, alternate for Marty Lindenmeyer, Kent; Erin Drislane, North Canaan; David Valcin, Salisbury; and Doug Cahill, Sharon. Bob Whelan, Region One, was absent.

Also in attendance: Sam Herrick, Business Manager; Ian Strever, HVRHS Principal; Anne MacNeil, Athletic Director; Mike Flint and David Thompson filming; public and press.

Chair Valcin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Cahill, to approve the minutes of the 10/23/2019 ABC Committee Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Middle School Athletics and Activities with Anne MacNeil. She discussed proposed solutions to the issues that were raised at each of the six individual Board meetings. These included solutions to the length of the bus rides, middle school students riding the bus with high school students, and the addition of activities beginning in the first year.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Cahill, to recommend to the Region One Board of Education to create a line item in the shared services budget to begin a middle school sports and activities program as presented tonight in the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried with “yes” votes from Ms. Tatge, Ms. Drislane, Mr. Valcin, and Mr. Cahill; “no” votes from Ms. Mechare and Mr. Garcia-Pedroso.

A discussion was held regarding the Good Friday holiday on April 10, 2020.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Drislane, for all Board Chairs to go back to their administrators and their Boards to recommend that Good Friday become an early dismissal day. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding December 20, 2019. Mr. Strever proposed an early dismissal on that day, as it has been traditionally an early dismissal day before the holiday break. He stated that the afternoon could then become a celebration. No plans for elementary schools to propose this at this time, as early dismissal days have been an issue for working parents.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Mechare, to approve the 2020 meeting dates as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment was heard.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Drislane, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk