

Present: Mr. David Valcin; Dr. Natalia Smirnova, Ms. Joanne Hayhurst, Mr. Keith Moon, Mr. Barrett Prinz, Ms. Jacquie Rice, Board Members; Dr. Pam Vogel, Superintendent; Mrs. Stephanie Magyar, Principal; Mrs. Sue Bucceri, Board Clerk; Ms. Raydin Neary, Teacher; J.C., M. B., Students; Mr. Mike Flint, Media

Call to Order: Dr. Vogel called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Welcome New BOE Members: Dr. Vogel welcomed new BOE member Ms. Jacquie Rice. Everyone at the table introduced themselves to Ms. Rice.

Election of Officers: Dr. Vogel opened the floor for nominations for BOE Chair. Ms. Hayhurst nominated Mr. David Valcin for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon. Dr. Smirnova made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon and passed unanimously. The vote was 6-0 in favor of naming Mr. Valcin BOE Chair. Dr. Vogel turned the meeting over to Mr. Valcin.

Mr. Valcin opened the floor for nominations for BOE Vice-Chair. Dr. Smirnova nominated Ms. Hayhurst for Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon. Mr. Moon made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smirnova and passed unanimously. The vote was 6-0 in favor of naming Ms. Hayhurst BOE Vice-Chair.

Mr. Valcin opened the floor for nominations for BOE Secretary. Mr. Valcin nominated Mr. Prinz for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst. Mr. Moon made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smirnova and passed unanimously. The vote was 6-0 in favor of naming Mr. Prinz BOE Secretary.

Agenda: Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon and passed unanimously.

Minutes: Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and passed 5-0. Ms. Rice abstained.

Mr. Moon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2017 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prinz and passed 5-0. Ms. Rice abstained.

Student Spotlight: Grade 7 Math Projects – Two students from Ms. Raydin Neary’s middle school math class gave a presentation entitled Expressions Project Math 7 – Create a Pool House Plan.

Financial Report: Mrs. Bucceri presented an updated 17-18 budget report.

School Related Organizations: Dr. Smirnova reported that the PTO book fair was successful and raised the PTO approximately \$1,200. The SCS clothing sale will close today.

Mr. Valcin reported that the 8th grade class has worked hard this fall and so far they have raised almost \$18,000. Approximately \$6000 more is needed. There are several smaller fund raisers coming up that should help them meet their goal.

Public Comment: Written Comment – There was none. Oral Communication – There was none.

Regional/School/BOE Committee Reports: Region One – Ms. Weigel did not attend the meeting. Dr. Vogel reported on happenings at HVRHS. ABC Committee Update – Mr. Valcin reported that the main topic at the most recent ABC Committee meeting revolved around shared services in Region One and the regionalization of Region One teacher contracts. Once the ABC Committee reorganizes, they will set up a sub-committee to examine these ideas. Buildings & Grounds Committee Update – Mr. Valcin reported that the new refuse room will be complete once the new door handle is installed. Two RFPs are being written for the CAT6 Ethernet cable installation and the lower building concrete and paving work. The Salisbury Town Building Needs Committee will be meeting soon to organize the work schedule for the summer of 2018. The door lock installation is close to completion. Ms. Hayhurst thanked Mr. Jeff Lloyd for all the work he has done for the B&G Committee during his time on the BOE. Ms. Magyar and Mr. Valcin echoed her thanks.

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Magyar highlighted items in her written report regarding professional development, school climate and culture, parent & community communication, the Panorama survey, teacher/principal goals and school activities and field trips.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Vogel reported that Salisbury's ECS grant is now set at \$6,867. Dr. Vogel also reported that the teacher mentoring program (TEAM) has been eliminated. Ms. Lisa Carter will be forming a committee to look into creating a Region One mentoring program to replace TEAM going forward. Dr. Vogel went on to summarize areas of her written report including a legislative update and several upcoming workshops including a BOE Member Orientation and Review to be held at 6:30 PM on January 17, 2018 at HVRHS. She encouraged all Salisbury BOE members to attend.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Ms. Carter was unable to attend the meeting. The BOE members were provided with her written report.

Old Business: BOE Policy Review Discussion – Dr. Vogel reported that she confirmed that CABA can do a policy review for SCS for \$1,800. Dr. Smirnova made a motion to engage with CABA to review all of the Salisbury BOE policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon and passed unanimously. Dr. Vogel offered to email CABA to let them know we would like to schedule the review.

New Business: Non-Resident Attendance Requests – Mr. Valcin read an email from Mr. Bill Gilmore requesting that his child be allowed to finish the year at Salisbury Central once they move to Goshen, CT after Thanksgiving. Mr. Moon made a motion to accept Mr. Gilmore's request to allow his child to remain at SCS until the end of the 2017-18 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and passed unanimously.

Mr. Valcin read a letter from Mrs. Kathy Wiggins requesting that her child be allowed to finish the year at Salisbury Central. Mrs. Wiggins currently resides in N. Canaan and the child has been living with their grandmother in Salisbury while attending SCS. Granting the request would allow the child to move back in with their parents. Mr. Moon made a motion to accept Mrs. Wiggins' request to allow her child to remain at SCS until the end of the 2017-18 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and unanimously approved.

Teacher Leave Request – Mr. Valcin read a letter from middle school math teacher Ms. Raydin Neary requesting maternity leave following the birth of her baby in early February and then unpaid parenting leave for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Smirnova made a motion to grant Ms. Neary the requested maternity and unpaid parenting leave as stated. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and passed unanimously. Dr. Vogel reported that Ms. Magyar and Ms. Lisa Carter will work together to find a suitable long-term substitute.

2018 Regular BOE Meeting Dates – Mrs. Bucceri presented a proposed list of regular BOE meeting dates for 2018. A change to the date of the June meeting was proposed. Mr. Prinz made a motion to approve the amended schedule of regular meeting dates. Dr. Smirnova seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A special meeting will be scheduled for February 12, 2018 as a 2018-19 budget workshop.

BOE Committee Review/Reorganization – Mr. Moon suggested that a BOE retreat be held in early January 2018 for the purposes of selecting BOE committees and setting committee goals. This would also be a time for the BOE as a whole to set its goals for the upcoming year. Mr. Moon will look into available dates to hold the retreat on the Hotchkiss campus.

Mr. Valcin announced that he would like to appoint Mr. Dave Bayersdorfer and Mr. Jeff Lloyd to the Building & Grounds Committee effective immediately rather than waiting for the retreat in January.

Salisbury Recreation Commission Representative – Mr. Moon made a motion to approve Mr. David Valcin as the BOE's representative to the Salisbury Recreation Commission. Ms. Hayhurst seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ABC Committee Alternate – Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to nominate Mr. Dave Bayersdorfer to be the ABC Committee Alternate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon which passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion made by Dr. Smirnova.