

**SALISBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION -1- REGULAR MEETING APRIL 23, 2018 FINAL**

**Present:** Mr. David Valcin, Presiding; Dr. Natalia Smirnova, Ms. Joanne Hayhurst, Ms. Jacquie Rice, Mr. David Bayersdorfer, Mr. Keith Moon, Board Members; Dr. Pam Vogel, Superintendent; Ms. Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Jennifer Weigel, Region One BOE; Mrs. Stephanie Magyar, Principal; Mrs. Biz Bernard, Mrs. Tracy Dowd, Mrs. Jennifer Segalla, SCS Teachers; Mrs. Pat Stevens, SCS Staff; Mrs. Sue Bucceri, Board Clerk; Mr. Victor Cella, Mr. Paul Denza, Mrs. Debra Fails, Mrs. Donna Fazzino, Ms. Joanne Klein, Honorees; Mr. Mike Flint, Videographer; Mr. Patrick Sullivan, Journal

**Call to Order:** Mr. Valcin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Valcin changed the order of the agenda putting the BOE Recognitions first and putting the Spotlight on Learning later in the agenda.

**BOE Recognition:** Mr. Cella, Mr. Denza, Mrs. Fails, Mrs. Fazzino and Ms. Klein were recognized by Mr. Valcin for their contributions to Salisbury Central School. Mr. Valcin shared that together they have served Salisbury Central School for 117 years.

The following individuals were chosen to be recognized by the BOE at their next regular meeting on May 21, 2018: Mrs. Holly Reid and Mrs. Jennifer Hill.

**Consent Agenda:** Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup> and the financial report. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and passed by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Bayersdorfer abstained.

**School Related Organizations:** Dr. Smirnova reported that the PTO Spell-a-thon raised \$3,000. She reported that there was less participation this year. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will receive \$326.50 for their efforts for their DC trip. The PTO has awarded a mini grant to the middle school to provide snacks for the 6-8 grade students during SBAC testing. Dr. Smirnova announced that the PTO will be making a presentation at the April 26 Community Partnership Meeting.

**Regional/School/BOE Committee Reports: Region One** – Ms. Weigel announced that Mr. Ian Strever has been hired as the new Principal for HVRHS. The search for a new Assistant Principal will begin soon.

The Region One budget referendum will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-8pm at Salisbury Town Hall.

All HVRHS Juniors will be taking the SAT this week. This test has replaced the CAPT test as their benchmark assessment.

Ms. Weigel just returned from chaperoning the HVRHS Music Department trip to Florida. It was a very successful adventure. Two of the Housy choral groups earned superior honors with the Sweethearts taking top honors in their class. The Jazz Band earned an excellent designation and the Concert Band earned a good designation.

**Spotlight on Learning: ASCD Empower 2018 Conference** – The presentation was postponed until the next meeting.

**MS Learning Commons** – Mrs. Jennifer Segalla and Mrs. Tracy Dowd gave a presentation outlining the proposed changes to the middle school satellite library which will turn it into a Learning Commons area. The Building & Grounds Committee has approved the expenditure from capital funds. The goal is to have the Commons ready for the fall.

**Regional/School/BOE Committee Reports Continued: BOE B&G Committee Update** – Mr. Valcin reported that the B&G Committee approved the capital funds for the Middle School Learning Commons project.

Mr. Valcin reported that a representative from Meyer Moving will be here on April 25<sup>th</sup> to meet with PK-3 teachers to discuss the procedure for packing up their rooms. Meyer Moving has been hired by the Town Building Committee to move and store the contents of the classrooms that will be renovated this summer.

There will be a B&G meeting with Burlington and Newfield on April 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans for the start of the renovation project scheduled to begin in June.

Brian Shippa is currently seeking other opinions and quotes for the oil tank Cathodic system repair/replacement. Once those quotes are obtained, the B&G Committee will choose a vendor for the work.

A&J Construction was on site over the spring break to survey the area in the middle school where the concrete/paving work will be done.

**Superintendent Job Description** – Dr. Vogel presented a draft of the Superintendent Job Description which was originally written by Attorney Gary Brochu and then revised by Attorney Tom Mooney.

Mr. Bayersdorfer made a motion to table the discussion and possible action on the proposed Superintendent Job Description. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smirnova. The motion was defeated 1-4 by the following vote: Mr. Bayersdorfer in favor; Ms. Hayhurst, Mr. Moon, Dr. Smirnova and Mr. Valcin opposed and Ms. Rice abstained.

Mr. Bayersdorfer voiced his objection to the language in paragraph one of the job description document which states “The Superintendent serves as the Chief Executive Officer of each of the Boards of Education of the member towns within the Regional School District One.” Mr. Valcin took note of Mr. Bayersdorfer’s objection.

Mr. Valcin made a motion to approve the Superintendent Job Description as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon and passed by a vote of 4-0. Mr. Bayersdorfer and Ms. Rice abstained.

**Healthy Food Certification** – Mrs. Bucceri gave a brief overview of the Healthy Food Certification program which included an explanation of the *Healthy Food Certification Statement-Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Program (ED-099)* and the food and beverage exemption options.

Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to implement the healthy food option. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valcin and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to allow the food exemptions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bayersdorfer and passed unanimously.

Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to allow the beverage exemptions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valcin and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bucceri will file the required paperwork with the CSDE.

**Administrative Reports: Principal Report** – Mrs. Magyar summarized several items in her written report including the SCS Community Partnership meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, the SBAC testing scheduled for this week, student led conferences held on April 4-5, graduation scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., staffing, and the March 28<sup>th</sup> Personalized professional development with Allison Zmuda.

**Superintendent Report** – Dr. Vogel touched on several items from her written report including her experience at the ASCD EmPower 2018 Conference held in Boston, the Litchfield County Superintendent Award Winners for 2018, ongoing contract negotiations and principal searches as well as the progress made on the development of a regional Crisis Team.

**Assistant Superintendent Report** – Ms. Lisa Carter shared the following items from her written report: Continuing PLC (Professional Learning Community) work, regional professional development, and an update on Dr. O’Neill’s Career/Work Experience Program and Mrs. Celina Huber’s English Learner Program.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm on a motion made by Mr. Bayersdorfer and seconded by Mr. Valcin.

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Mrs. Susan C. Bucceri  
Board Clerk

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Mr. Barrett Prinz  
Secretary