

Present: Mr. David Valcin, Presiding; Ms. Joanne Hayhurst, Mr. David Bayersdorfer, Mr. Barrett Prinz, Mr. Keith Moon, Dr. Natalia Smirnova, Ms. Jacquie Rice, Board Members; Dr. Pam Vogel, Superintendent; Ms. Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Jennifer Weigel, Reg. One Rep.; Mrs. Stephanie Magyar, Principal; Mrs. Sue Bucceri, Board Clerk; Ms. Raydin Neary, Mrs. Laura Badolato, Ms. Athena Halkiotis, Mrs. Donna Begley, Mr. Rob Nellson, Mrs. Larissa Morby, SCS Teachers; Mrs. Anne Macneil, Reg. One AD; Ms. Jennifer Law, Mrs. Carmen Perkins, SCS Algebra Students; Mr. Mike Flint, Videographer

Call to Order: Mr. Valcin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

BOE Recognition: Mr. Valcin recognized Mrs. Donna Begley, Ms. Athena Halkiotis and Mr. Rob Nellson for their hard work and dedication in making the annual Veterans Day assembly so meaningful for everyone who has attended one in the past twelve years. Ms. Halkiotis shared a letter she received from a veteran who attended an assembly a few years ago and wanted to express his appreciation for being honored.

There were no suggestions for recognitions for February.

Spotlight on Learning: How to Earn a Graphing License – Several SCS algebra students gave a presentation about algebra standards for graphing and what's involved in earning a graphing license. Thank you to Ms. Neary and Mrs. Badolato for bringing the students and their presentation to the BOE.

Minutes: Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2018 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prinz and approved unanimously.

Financial Report - 18-19 Budget Summary: Mrs. Bucceri shared a summary of the 18-19 budget through December 2018 as well as an updated capital reserve report.

Written Communication to the BOE: Mr. Valcin shared a letter from Mrs. Sarah Freund, emails from Ms. Melyssa Smedick and Ms. Sherry Miles Tietjen and a letter from Ms. Jennifer Law.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Ms. Jennifer Law thanked the BOE for considering her request as presented in her letter read by Mr. Valcin.

School Related Organizations: There were no reports.

Regional/School/BOE Committee Reports: Region One – Ms. Weigel reported that the high school recently went through a safety and security audit to determine areas needing improvement. The Region One BOE has been working diligently to update their policies. Assistant Principal Steven Schibi has been focusing on climate and culture at the high school. Chinese exchange students were hosted by Housy families and spent three days at the high school. Ms. Weigel ended her report by announcing that the HVRHS Academic Bowl Team placed first in the state of Connecticut.

ABC Committee – Mr. Valcin reported that the ABC Committee is pleased with the draft of the Region One budget. At their last meeting, Ms. Lisa Carter presented information about curriculum plans for 19-20 and they approved the return of a Technology Applications Coordinator for the region. They were also presented with a preliminary plan for the regionalization of middle school sports by Mrs. Anne Macneil.

Mr. Valcin introduced Mrs. Macneil (High School Athletic Director/Middle School Athletic Coordinator) who presented her plan to this BOE. Mrs. Macneil said that the next step is to form a committee with representatives for each board of education to explore this idea in more detail and form a viable plan. Salisbury BOE member Ms. Jacquie Rice volunteered to sit on the committee. Mr. Prinz will also consider volunteering for the committee.

BOE B&G Committee Update – Mr. Valcin reported that the B&G Committee is looking at possible summer projects which may include additional A/C installation, bathroom renovations, as well as work on the exterior overhang and interior ramp area at the elementary school.

Arboretum/Landscaping Committee: Earlier this year, it was necessary to remove several mature trees from campus because they were failing. The B&G Committee plans to replace those trees and create a long-range plan for the care and maintenance of the trees on school property. Mr. Valcin announced that he will be forming an Arboretum/Landscaping Committee to oversee this long-range plan.

Maintenance Contract Bids – Mr. Valcin reported that the B&G Committee recommends awarding the 2019-2022 Lawn Services bid to Allyndale Landscaping (Josh Allyn) and the 2019-2022 Snow Removal bid to Greenacres (Chris Crane).

Mr. Moon made a motion to award the 2019-2022 Lawn Services contract to Allyndale Landscaping at a cost of \$13,000 per year for three years and to award the 2019-2022 Snow Removal contract to Greenacres at a cost of \$8,500 per year for three years. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smirnova and passed unanimously.

Non-Resident Requests for Continuing Attendance: Ms. Hayhurst made a motion to allow a 6th grade student and an 8th grade student to continue attending SCS as non-resident students for the rest of the year with their parents providing transportation for them to and from school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bayersdorfer and passed unanimously.

2019-2020 Region One School Calendar: The Region One administrators created a draft calendar for 2019-2020 which was presented to the Region One BOE. Each elementary BOE was asked to review the proposed calendar and give their feedback prior to the next Region One BOE meeting on February 4th. Dr. Vogel shared Salisbury's results from a survey she distributed to collect information about staff calendar preferences. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the religious holidays and early dismissals for professional development currently in the draft calendar. Ms. Weigel will bring this feedback to the Region One BOE at their next meeting.

Policy Review: Policy 5114 and Policy 5144 - Mr. Valcin informed the BOE that Attorney Meuser suggested updating BOE policy 5114 Students-Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process to include language regarding vaping and vapor products. It was also suggested that BOE policy 5144 Alcohol and Other Drugs also be updated to include this new language. The current policies will be updated/revised using CAFE policies as a guide and presented for a first read at the February regular meeting.

Policy 5118 – Mr. Valcin requested that the BOE once again consider revising the Resident and Non-Resident Attendance policy to allow the children of non-certified staff to attend SCS in response to the letter from Mrs. Sarah Freund that was read under Written Communication earlier in this meeting. Mrs. Magyar reported that currently Cornwall, Canaan and Sharon have a policy that allows the children of non-certified staff to attend their schools. Lee Kellogg and HVRHS haven't had anyone make this request but they would be supportive of the idea if a request were made.

Mr. Moon made a motion to remove the word "certified" from section 5 of Policy 5118 to make it possible for the children of all SCS staff (certified and non-certified) to be eligible to attend SCS as long as the remaining conditions of the policy are met. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Magyar recommended including a hierarchy structure similar to Pre-K's in the revised policy to assist in prioritizing who would be granted a spot if there are more requests than spaces available under the conditions of the policy.

Administrative Reports: Principal Report – Mrs. Magyar highlighted several items from her written report including 19-20 budget work and an update on the ELA and Math PLCs.

Superintendent Report – Dr. Vogel gave a brief summary of her written report touching on CT Department of Children and Families (DCF) reporting and a presentation made by Laurie Collins, HYSB Executive Director, about the issues that HYSB faces and the ways that everyone can work better together. Dr. Vogel also explained that adoption of a Narcan policy is currently on hold due to the law that says that only school nurses can administer Narcan. Dr. Vogel plans to work with Representative Maria Horn to change the law so that anyone in the school who is trained can administer Narcan.

Assistant Superintendent Report – Ms. Carter spoke about her work on the Curriculum and Professional Development budgets for next year which will include funding for the continuation of the introduction to Social-Emotional Intelligence workshops for teachers. Ms. Carter shared that she attended a Math Assessment workshop with SCS teachers Ms. Raydin Neary and Mrs. Laura Badolato. Ms. Carter also gave a summary of the PD work done on January 4th.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: There was none.

Executive Session: Mr. Moon made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hayhurst and passed by a vote of 6 (Mr. Moon, Mr. Valcin, Mr. Prinz, Ms. Hayhurst, Dr. Smirnova, Ms. Rice -1 (Mr. Bayersdorfer).

The BOE went into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

The BOE came out of executive session at 9:04 p.m.

Mr. Bayersdorfer made a motion to table the discussion of Jennifer Law's request until the next meeting due to the need for more information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moon and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Mrs. Susan C. Bucceri
Board Clerk

Mr. Barrett Prinz
Secretary