

**Present:** Mr. David Valcin, Presiding; Mr. David Bayersdorfer, Mr. Barrett Prinz, 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; Mrs. Larissa Morby, Mrs. Tracy Dowd, Mrs. Barbara Carr, Mrs. Megan Conklin, Mrs. Pam Sangster, SCS Teachers; SCS Grade 4 Students; Attorney Craig Meuser, Attorney; Mr. Mike Flint, Videographer

**Call to Order:** Mr. Valcin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**BOE Recognition:** There were no recognitions for February.  
Mr. Valcin recommended that Ms. Linda Sloane, SOAR Director, be recognized at the March meeting.

**Minutes:** Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prinz and approved unanimously.

Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prinz and unanimously approved.

**Financial Report - 18-19 Budget Summary:** Mrs. Bucceri shared a summary of the 18-19 budget through January 2019.

**Spotlight on Learning:** Grade 4 Science and Skating – Several fourth grade students and their teacher Mrs. Barbara Carr spoke about their recent field trip to the Hotchkiss School ice rink. This ice skating experience allowed them to see first-hand how Newton’s first and third laws work.

**Written Communication to the BOE:** Mr. Valcin shared a letter from the SCS staff.

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

**School Related Organizations:** There were no reports.

**Regional/School/BOE Committee Reports:** Region One – Ms. Weigel reported that the high school recently received resignations effective at the end of this school year from Karen Davenport and Mark Burdick who are long time Ag Ed teachers at HVRHS. Mr. Ian Strever is working on developing a Portrait of a Graduate for the high school and hopes to have guidelines by the end of this semester to guide changes and improvements. The HVRHS Class of 2023 will be the first required to meet the new graduation requirements imposed by the State. These requirements include more total credits earned and more of those credits in STEM and the Humanities. Ms. Weigel encouraged everyone to come see the Michael Berkley production of Rip Van Winkle scheduled for March 15, 16 and 17.

**ABC Committee** – Mr. Valcin reported that the ABC Committee would be meeting this week and they expect to discuss the Superintendent’s mid-year evaluation, the proposed regionalization of middle school sports and to see a presentation about EdAdvance.

**BOE B&G Committee Update** – Mr. Valcin reported that the B&G Committee is in the process of planning summer projects.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Valcin made a motion to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims inviting in Attorney Craig Meuser, Dr. Vogel, Ms. Carter and Mrs. Magyar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bayersdorfer and passed unanimously.

The BOE went into executive session at 6:01 p.m.

The BOE came out of executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Valcin made a motion to deny Ms. Jennifer Law’s request as presented in her letter dated January 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bayersdorfer and passed unanimously. Mr. Valcin will contact Ms. Law to inform her of the board’s decision.

**Policy 5114 Students-Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 1<sup>st</sup> Read** – The proposed changes to Policy 5114 were reviewed and additional changes were discussed. The draft will be compared to the CABE version of the policy and any additional changes will be included in the version presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read at the March meeting.

**Policy 5144 Alcohol and Other Drugs, 1<sup>st</sup> Read** – The proposed changes to Policy 5144 were reviewed and additional changes were discussed. The draft will be compared to the CABE version of the policy and any additional changes will be included in the version presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read at the March meeting.

**Policy 5118 Resident and Non-Resident Attendance, 1<sup>st</sup> Read** – The proposed changes to Policy 5118 were reviewed and additional changes were discussed. The new draft will be presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read at the March meeting.

**Policy 5139 Wellness, 1<sup>st</sup> Read** – Mrs. Magyar reviewed the proposed changes to the policy including the addition of guidelines for providing healthy snacks for classroom celebrations. Additional changes were discussed and will be included in the new draft to be presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read at the March meeting.

**Teacher Request for 2019-2020 Parenting Leave** – Mr. Valcin presented a request from fifth grade teacher Mrs. Elizabeth (Biz) Bernard for unpaid parenting leave from August 21, 2019-March 30, 2020 following the birth of her baby in July. Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the request for parenting leave from Mrs. Elizabeth Bernard. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously approved.

**2019-2020 SCS Budget** – Mrs. Bucceri explained that there were only minor changes made to the budget since the budget workshop on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Smirnova made a motion to approve the SCS budget totaling \$5,743,829 to be presented to the Salisbury Board of Finance on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prinz and unanimously approved.

**Administrative Reports: Principal Report** – Mrs. Magyar highlighted several items from her written report including the awarding of this year’s Superintendent’s Award to an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, the SCS 100<sup>th</sup> day activities, Read Across America Week!, the Wellness Committee’s upcoming Taste the Rainbow Challenge week and the SCS Community Partnership meeting scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Superintendent Report** – Dr. Vogel gave a brief summary of her written report which included information regarding the utilization of special education staff, plans for demonstrating student achievement gains, changes in the requirements for reporting to DCF, middle school sports, education legislation and Region One student participation in the Special Olympics.

**Assistant Superintendent Report** – Ms. Carter spoke about her proposed budget for Curriculum and Professional Development for next year, the PLC and professional development meetings held in January, Dr. Mary O’Neill’s Career/Work Experience Program and Mrs. Celina Huber’s continued success working with Region One English Learner students.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Bayersdorfer and seconded by Dr. Smirnova.

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Mrs. Susan C. Bucceri  
Board Clerk

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Mr. Barrett Prinz  
Secretary