

**A.B.C. Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017**

A meeting of the ABC Committee was held on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office conference room. A quorum was present: Pat Mechare, Canaan; Catherine Tatge, Cornwall; Marty Lindenmeyer, Kent; Mike Ellington, alternate for Karen Riccardelli, North Canaan; David Valcin, Salisbury; Doug Cahill, Sharon; and Jennifer Weigel, Region One.

Also in attendance: Pamela Vogel, Superintendent; Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent; Sam Herrick, Business Manager; Ruth Epstein and Mike Flint.

Mr. Valcin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Tatge, to amend the agenda to add Norms/Conduct of Behavior after item Number 4 and to add Consent Agenda after item Number 7. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Cahill, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Mr. Cahill, to approve the minutes of the 9/27/2017 ABC Committee Meeting as written. Motion carried with one abstention from Ms. Weigel.

No public comment was heard.

Introductions were made around the table.

A discussion of Norms/Conduct of Behavior was held. Agreed upon norms included understanding the roles of ABC members, being open and attentive to those ideas, as well as being concise and efficient in meetings.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Tatge to approve the proposed ABC Meeting calendar for 2018 with the elimination of July and August meeting dates and the time for the January meeting changed to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the RSSC Title I budget. Currently Title I monies come from each district's local budget, in which all schools do not have access to equal resources. Moving Title I funding out of the local budgets and into the RSSC budget would help to level the playing field for all students and equalize resources across the region. Ms. Carter will bring financial data to the next meeting for further discussion.

A discussion was held regarding Board Chair and All Boards Orientation/Review Workshop Dates. Dr. Vogel will speak with Nick Caruso at CAGE regarding the All Board Members meeting for the possibility of the evening of Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Dr. Vogel will speak to Attorney Gary Brochu to check his availability to meet with the ABC Members at their next meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

A discussion was held regarding Consent Agendas. Dr. Vogel explained how consent agendas work and the benefits to them. She will bring a sample to show the committee at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the Region One Organizational Charts.

A discussion was held regarding Branding Our Schools and Region. Dr. Vogel provided two resource articles for committee members.

Next ABC meeting date: 1/24/2018 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Tatge, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to change the start time of the 1/24/2018 meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Roundtable discussion was held regarding current events at each of our schools.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Tatge, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Bunce*

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Board Clerk