

**Region One Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, April 5, 2018**

A special meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held following the Public Hearing on Thursday, April 5, 2018, in the library at HVRHS. A quorum of the Region One Board of Education was present: Chair, Bob Whelan, Sharon; Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; and Jennifer Weigel, Salisbury. Doug Humes, North Canaan, was absent.

Also present were: Superintendent Pam Vogel; Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter; Business Manager Samuel Herrick; HVRHS Principal Jose Martinez; and members of the public and press.

Chair Whelan called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Ms. Weigel asked to address the German concerns. She explained that the program was examined and evaluated thoroughly after the resignation of the German teacher in October. She stated that of the six elementary schools, five of them teach Spanish, and one teaches French, none are teaching German, so it has the least impact on students. She expressed her regret for having to make the decision to phase out the program, but that it makes the most sense.

Chair Whelan added that the phasing out of the German program was not an easy decision. He stated that the committee had to look at enrollments, despite the invaluable experience, and that he is very cognizant of the need to exposure to world cultures.

Ms. Mechare discussed the freshman humanities program and stated that the reduction is by contract. Principal Martinez stated that the program is not being eliminated, but a reduction in staffing, and confirmed that the “who” is based on contractual language.

Chair Whelan called for:

A **motion** to approve the 2018-2019 budget for Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the amount of \$7,855,492. This motion was moved by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders. Favored by Chair Whelan, Ms. Mechare, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Weigel. No opposed. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

A **motion** to approve the 2018-2019 budget for Pupil Services in the amount of \$6,675,326. This motion was moved by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders. Favored by Chair Whelan, Ms. Mechare, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Weigel. No opposed. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

A **motion** to approve the 2018-2019 budget for Regional School Services Center in the amount of \$1,246,490. This motion was moved by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Mechare. Favored by Chair Whelan, Ms. Mechare, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Weigel. No opposed. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

Upon a **motion** to adjourn by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Bunce*

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Board Clerk