

Region One Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the library at HVRHS. A quorum was in attendance: Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Doug Humes, North Canaan; Jennifer Weigel, Salisbury; and Bob Whelan, Sharon.

Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Pam Vogel; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Director of Pupil Services, Carl Gross; HVRHS Principal, José Martinez; faculty/staff; press and public.

Superintendent Vogel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Vogel called for the Election of Officers.

Dr. Vogel called for nominations for Chairman. Ms. Weigel nominated Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Sanders. Asking for other nominations and hearing none, Dr. Vogel heard a **motion** from Ms. Mechare, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to close the nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Votes for **Mr. Whelan to serve as Chair** were unanimously in favor.

Newly elected Chair, Mr. Whelan, resumed the meeting.

Mr. Whelan called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Ms. Mechare nominated Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Humes. Mr. Sanders nominated Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Weigel. Asking for other nominations and hearing none, Mr. Whelan heard a **motion** from Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to close the nominations. Paper ballot votes were collected. Ms. Weigel declined her nomination as Vice-Chairman. Votes for **Mr. Moore to serve as Vice-Chair** were then unanimously in favor.

Mr. Whelan called for nominations for Secretary. Ms. Weigel nominated Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Whelan. Asking for other nominations and hearing none, Mr. Whelan heard a **motion** from Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Moore, to close the nominations. Votes for **Mr. Sanders to serve as Secretary** were then unanimously in favor.

Mr. Whelan called for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Sanders nominated Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders. Asking for other nominations and hearing none, Mr. Whelan heard a **motion** from Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Moore, to close the nominations. Votes for **Ms. Weigel to serve as Treasurer** were then unanimously in favor.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the agenda with the addition of the following amendments: Under New Business, c. Torrington Area Health District Contract; d. Certificate of Adoption of Corporate Resolution; and e. Appointment of Committees. Motion carried unanimously.

Four students presented on their current Personalized Learning experiences. Dean Saccardi spoke regarding his personalized learning course regarding a Cornwall Youth Initiative; Manuella Matsudaira spoke about Landscape Painting; Shane Stampfle is doing an Art History personalized learning course; and Maggie Baldwin is exploring FFA Accounting.

Student representatives Dean Saccardi and Carianne Callinan reported on the recent Turkey Olympics and announced that the senior class won. They also announced a Parent's Night Out event coming up this Friday, December 8th.

HVRHS Network Administrator Mike Ellington gave a presentation regarding an update on technology usage in our high school.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the minutes of the 11/6/2017 Region One Board of Education regular meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Martinez read his written report to the Board.

No Assistant Principal report.

Athletic Director Anne MacNeil's report was presented in writing.

Business Manager Sam Herrick highlighted his written report to the Board and discussed the current status of the building project.

Director of Pupil Services Carl Gross highlighted his written report to the Board.

Superintendent Pam Vogel highlighted her written report to the Board as well as portions of Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter's report, in her absence.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of moving the meeting time from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve the 2018 Meeting Calendar as presented, leaving the start time of the meetings at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the updates to the 2017-2018 Regional Calendar. Updates include the addition of two early release dates at the high school for Student-Led Conferences, December 12, 2017 and May 15, 2018, as well as a shift in the Elementary Spring Conferences from March 21-22, 2018 to April 4-5, 2018 due to a professional development conflict.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the updated 2017-2018 Regional Calendar. Motion carried with one opposing vote from Mr. Moore.

A discussion was held regarding the Torrington Area Health District Contract. Ms. Mechare questioned who would be responsible for paying staff on non-school days. Mr. Herrick would get clarification. Action tabled until next month's meeting.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the Certificate of Adoption of Corporate Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Whelan opened the floor to discuss the appointment of Committees.

Standing Building Committee: Pat Mechare will represent both Canaan and Region One at the table

Budget Committee: Jonathan Moore, Bob Whelan, and Doug Humes

Personnel Committee: Pat Mechare, John Sanders, and Bob Whelan

Communications Committee: Bob Whelan, John Sanders, and Pat Mechare

Policy Committee: Jonathan Moore and Jennifer Weigel

Arboretum & Landscaping Committee: John Sanders

Ag-Ed Advisory: Doug Humes

Sci-Tech: May need further discussion

Creation of new Data/Benchmark Committee

Bob Whelan and Jonathan Moore to serve on this newly formed committee

A Budget Subcommittee Meeting date was set for Wednesday, December 27, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

A Region One Board of Education Goals and Mission Workshop Date was set for Saturday, January 13, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Central Office Conference Room.

Committees/Liaisons of/and for Regional School District #1

- a) CAFE Director Report
- b) Ag-Ed Advisory
- c) ABC Committee—Minutes 11/15/2017
- d) Building and Grounds Committee—Minutes 11/14/2017
- e) Policy Committee—No Meeting
- f) Personnel Committee—No Meeting
- g) Communication Committee—No Meeting
- h) Budget Committee—No Meeting
- i) Arboretum & Landscaping Committee

Public comment was heard by a parent, Stephanie, from Kent. She currently has a freshman in the high school as well as an 8th grader at Kent Center School. She suggested that high school students go to the elementary schools to talk to the students about why they should come to HVRHS.

Clarification was made regarding the rules of public comment.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk