

**Region One Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, April 2, 2018 in the library at HVRHS. A quorum was in attendance: Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Doug Humes, North Canaan; Jennifer Weigel, Salisbury; and Bob Whelan, Sharon. Absent: Jonathan Moore, Kent.

Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Pam Vogel; Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Carter; Business Manager Sam Herrick; HVRHS Principal, José Martinez; HVRHS Assistant Principal, Ian Strever; faculty/staff; press and public.

Chair Whelan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Paul Padua presented to the Board on an interdisciplinary project that he worked with his students on in creating a small cutting board that was to be sold as a gift package with Cabot cheese in the Ag Holiday sales event. The project included the woodworking department, Mountaineer Academy, the graphics department, and Ag Science. It was a project that evolved over time, in which students managed everything from planning, to production, to sales. Profits from the sales were donated to the Little Guild.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to amend the agenda as follows:

- Add i). Written Communications
- Insert XII. Superintendent Job Description [Discussion Only] and move the items to follow down by one
- Add a Focus on Student Learning Presentation by Superintendent Vogel and Assistant Superintendent Carter on the recent ASCD Conference

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Vogel and Assistant Superintendent Carter presented to the Board on the recent ASCD Conference in which 30 educators from within Region One attended in Boston, MA. They discussed three of the sessions that they attended. Assistant Superintendent Carter discussed a session they attended on Instructional/Peer Coaching, which focused on a case study in Parkside Middle School in Manassas, VA. Superintendent Vogel then discussed a session they attended on Grading Practices. A short video was shown of the presenter, Lee Ann Jung, on Grading Practices. An analogy that Ms. Jung referred to is that of a GPS. She explained that the destination is like the Standard or Learning Target, the location is where you are currently, or the performance grade, and the directions are the feedback. Assistant Superintendent Carter then presented on a third session they attended entitled *Measuring What We Do in Schools*, by Dr. Victoria Bernhardt. Ms. Carter explained how data displays a comprehensive picture of a school to drive improvement.

Student representatives Dean Saccardi and Carianne Callinan reported on a sushi making event this Saturday, on April 7th, and that it is by reservation only. Another upcoming event includes the tenth anniversary of Mr. Housatonic, which will be held on May 4th.

Public comment was heard from Kim Fallon of Sharon. She stated that she has grave concerns on standards based grading since issues from September have not been fixed. She stated that nothing has changed, that flex time continues to be cancelled, and that open study has not been effective.

Public comment was heard from Linda Patz of North Canaan. She stated that her husband met with Ms. Carter and Mr. Martinez regarding the German program and that she is very happy that the Board will continue to support current German students in finishing out their German course work. She stated that she came to the meeting in hopes that the German field trip will be approved.

Public comment was heard from Susan Schullery of Kent. She spoke about standards based grading and her concerns with formative assessments. She stated that there needs to be more differentiated teaching for students, and that formative assessments need to be used as a tool by teachers to see if their teaching is effective. She stated that you should not hold back the students, but rather, hold back the teachers, for it's the responsibility of Administration and the leadership of the schools to provide teachers with the tools such as strategies and differentiation to teach every student.

Superintendent Vogel recognized the Region One Board Members for their service in honor of last month's Board Member Appreciation month.

Rachel Matsudaira, John Lizzi, Mia Tittman, and Phil Hart were honored by the Board for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*."

Recommendations for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*" were heard:

- Ms. Weigel nominated **Karen Davenport, Kim McLeod, and Liam O'Reilly**, for their extraordinary work on the NEASC Steering Committee.
- Chair Whelan nominated **Lori Belter** for her years of service with the musical theatre.
- Ms. Mechare nominated **Sam Herrick**, for all of his hard work and dedication.

Chair Whelan accepted all nominations and will invite those nominated to the next meeting to be recognized.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Minutes:
 - i. 3/5/18 Regular Meeting
 - ii. 3/5/2018 Joint Meeting with ABC Committee
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Budget Committee—Minutes 3/14/2018
- c. eBanking Resolution
- d. Spring Coaches
- e. MOA for Instructional Coaching
- f. Germany Field Trip Approval

- g. Roof Project Close Out
- h. Teacher Resignations
 - i. Charles
 - ii. Victore
- i. Written Communications
 - i. Letter of gratitude from Robin Faust and Eileen Gargan for opportunity to attend the ASCD Conference
 - ii. Announcement of FOI Commission Conference on April 27th
 - iii. Resignation from Jonathan Moore

Discussion was held regarding the recognition of former Superintendent, Patricia Chamberlain. Mr. Sanders explained that the committee had met and examined various options for how to honor Ms. Chamberlain. Phil Hart presented a proposal to the Board asking that they consider a proposal to add two awards, one male and one female, to be presented at graduation in honor of Patricia Chamberlain. The name of the award would be something such as “The Patricia Chamberlain Arts Achievement Recognition Award.” He asked the Board for approval of the concept, and then the committee could be charged with sorting out the details of the award.

A motion was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to accept the recommendation made by the group represented by Mr. Sanders. The name of the award may be adjusted and HVRHS Principal Martinez would be tasked with sorting out the details of the award and bringing it back to the Board next month. Mr. Whelan, Ms. Weigel, and Mr. Sanders voted in favor; Mr. Humes and Ms. Mechare abstained. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve Policy 9325: Meeting Conduct Policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the first reading of the 6000 Series Policies. Ms. Weigel explained the process of the revisions to the Board and discussed policies that were added/deleted/updated. The policy series will be brought back to the Board in June for a second reading, allowing time for all members to review. Ms. Weigel will send a chart highlighting policy changes to Board members for reference in reviewing.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve the Assistant Superintendent job description as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve Business Manager job description as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent job description was distributed which showed markup from Board attorney Gary Brochu. The job description is being circulated to all Boards this month, then will go to the A.B.C. Committee at their next meeting. Board members were instructed to provide feedback to Chair Whelan to present at the ABC Committee meeting.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve the Facilities Manager job description as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports

- a. HVRHS Principal
 - i. **HVRHS Graduation Date will be Thursday, June 21st, at 6:30 p.m.**
 - ii. **HVRHS Senior Awards will be Wednesday, June 20th, at 3:00 p.m.**
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal
- c. Athletic Director
- d. Business Manager
 - i. **Public Hearing on the Budget will be on Thursday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m.**
 - ii. **Referendum will be on Tuesday, May 8th, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m. in all town halls**
- e. Pupil Services—No Report
- f. Assistant Superintendent
- g. Superintendent

A budget hearing date was set for Thursday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment was heard from Mark Burdick. He asked that all committees be listed under the consent agenda.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk