

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Shepaug Valley Middle High School
January 27, 2014

The Education Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m., on Monday, January 27, 2014, by Vice-Chairman Alan Brown. Present were Board members: Tony Bedini, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Jennifer Pote, Michael Sinatra, Susan Stumpf, and Peter Tagley. Also present were: Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent and Kelly Lott were absent. James Hirschfield arrived at 7:05 p.m. Valerie Andersen arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Also present were: Cathy Colella, Principal, Booth Free and Burnham Schools, Stephanie Davies, Special Education Teacher, Todd Dyer, Director of School Counselors, Karen Fildes, Instructional Technology Specialist, Lori Ferreira, Assistant Principal, Shepaug Valley Middle High School, Kim Gallo, Principal, Shepaug Valley Middle High School, Sheila Gambino, Career and Technology Teacher, Emily Judd, Washington Primary School, and Don O'Leary, Director of Building and Grounds.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items approved:

Approval of minutes: Education Committee Meeting, December 16, 2013; Business Meeting January 6, 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In the absence of Dr. Cosentino, Teresa DeBrito reported on the resignation of Amy Schuyler, a 3rd Grade Teacher at Booth Free School who was moving out of state and the appointment of Stephanie Bozza, Educational Assistant at Booth Free School.

Enrollment Projected to 2023: Robert Giesen summarized the report on enrollment projections to 2023. There was a brief discussion about enrolling students outside the region and tuition. Alan Brown asked that the idea of attracting students to our region be put on an upcoming agenda.

EDUCATION

There was a PowerPoint presentation given by Karen Fildes and Todd Dyer on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Mrs. Fildes reported that parents and students have been accessing the portal and that there has been many ways in which the portal was advertised giving families information about PowerSchool. Mr.

Dyer stated that this helps “Students own their Education”. Mrs. Fildes and Mr. Dyer were pleased with the amount of families who had already begun to access the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

ARCHITECTS AND PROJECT MANAGER REPORT UPDATE ON PK-5 PROJECT

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Dan Casinelli, Angela Cahill and Mike Berger from Fletcher-Thompson showing conceptual designs. Three designs were focused on showing floor plans, site analysis and locations. A copy of the PowerPoint was handed out to Board members. A discussion followed. Board members asked questions and related concerns with some of the designs.

Valerie Andersen left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
Greg Cava left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

First Reading: Policy 6142.10 – Health Education Program

MOTION: made by Michael Sinatra and seconded by Emily Hibbard to accept as a first reading, Policy 6142.10 – Health Education Program.

VOTE: Unanimous

First Reading: Policy 6121 – Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program

MOTION: made by Michael Sinatra and seconded by Jennifer Pote to accept as a first reading, Policy 6121 – Nondiscrimination in the Instructional Program

VOTE: Unanimous

First Reading: Policy 5125.11 – Health/Medical Records

MOTION: made by Michael Sinatra and seconded by Susan Stumpf to accept as a first reading, Policy 5125.11 – Health/Medical Records

VOTE: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading: Policy 4118.231 – Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace. Michelle Gorra explained the changes that were made after consulting with the Region’s Attorney.

MOTION: made by Emily Hibbard and seconded by Michael Sinatra to accept as a second reading, Policy 4118.231 – Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace.

VOTE: Unanimous

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.