

Regional School District 12  
Board of Education  
Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Shepaug Valley Middle/High School  
October 21, 2013

The Education Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m., on Monday, October 21, 2013, by Vice-Chairman Alan Brown. Present were Board members: Tony Bedini, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Kelly Lott, Jennifer Pote, and Peter Tagley. Also present was Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent. Absent were: James Hirschfield, Valerie Andersen, Michael Sinatra and Susan Stumpf.

Also present were: Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Todd Dyer Director of School Counseling, Principals: Cathy Colella, Kim Gallo, and Emily Judd; Victor Vicenzi, Director of Technology and Don O'Leary, Facilities Manager.

It was noted that the Consent Agenda was not included on the Agenda.

**Motion:** made by Michelle Gorra and seconded by Tony Bedini to add to the Agenda the Consent Agenda and that it include Approval of Minutes: Business Meeting – October 7, 2013.

**Vote:** Unanimous.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda items approved:

Approval of Minutes: Business Meeting – October 7, 2013.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

In the absence of Chair, James Hirschfield, Alan Brown did not have a report but did ask if Dr. Cosentino could check into the Real Estate Study.

Peter Tagley asked if the Real Estate Survey had been mailed to local Real Estate Offices. Dr. Cosentino reported that it was. Dr Cosentino stated that she also has the exit survey for staff and family who had left the region and would get the Board members copies of the surveys returned.

### **EDUCATION**

*2013 CMT/CAPT Results:* The 2013 CMT/CAPT results were reported by Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. A report on the results of the CMT test for Grades 3-8 and CAPT for Grade 10 was handed out. (A revised page 5 would be sent to replace the current page) Mrs. DeBrito reminded the Board that this would be the last report in this manner since the state CMT State Testing is changing how the test is administered. Questions concerning building relevance in results and trends were asked. Kelly Lott requested that a list of book titles in the Reading Curriculum be presented at a future meeting.

*Shepaug Valley High School Class of 2013 report:* Todd Dyer, Director of School Counseling reported on the Shepaug Valley graduating Class of 2013. A packet was handed out with information on College Acceptances and Guidance News for Parents that is given to each family. There will be 65 college representatives visiting with Shepaug students this year.

Michelle Gorra asked about the presentation that is given to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and if a presentation is given to our students also to encourage them to attend high school at Shepaug.

Shepaug had four students that were commended for National Merit on the PSAT: Caroline Hermans, William Harris, Dana Walker, Clara Wolfe.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Cosentino handed out and reviewed her goals for the 2013-2014 year. There will be a speaker coming to Shepaug for a CAG meeting on October 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Area schools have been invited to attend the meeting we are sponsoring. New Board Member Packets were handed out to Jennifer Pote, Peter Tagley, and Susan Stumpf.

### **LOCAL VENDOR LIST**

Greg Cava reported for the Facilities Committee that there is a vendor list showing vendors that the Region uses. Greg Cava remarked on the process in how vendors are selected and that Don O'Leary has hired licensed staff so we do not have to hire from outside as often. The Board requested that we use local vendors when appropriate.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments were made by Jay Coombs, Washington and Sean Woodward, Washington in regard to the Region using local vendors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** made by Greg Cava, seconded by Michelle Gorra to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.