

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Education Committee Meeting
Shepaug Valley School
September 15, 2014

The Education Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2014, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Valerie Andersen, Tony Bedini, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Kelly Lott, Jennifer Pote, Susan Stumpf, and Peter Tagley. Michael Sinatra was absent. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent was also present.

Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Allyson O'Hara, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Don O'Leary, Director of Facilities; Kim Gallo, Principal, Shepaug Valley School; and Emily Judd, Principal, Washington Primary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of field trips: Greenagers, Great Barrington, MA, October 24 through October 26, 2014 (Grades 9-12).

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No Report

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Dr. Cosentino introduced Barbara Alenckis, School Resource Officer, who will be starting September 29, 2014. Following Dr. Cosentino's introduction, Mrs. Alenckis shared her background with the Board.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment summarized the Professional Development that had been done prior to the first day of school. Mrs. DeBrito handed out an outline which entailed the ASCD, Framework for Targeted and Intentional Teaching that was attended by administrators. Also included with this outline was information on The Effective Feedback for Teachers with Dr. Robyn Jackson which was collaborated with New Milford Schools. A brochure with the three day Professional Development Agenda for teachers was also handed out to Board members. The question was asked if any curriculum writing had been done over the summer and Mrs. DeBrito answered that yes there had been meetings over the summer with teachers for that purpose.

REACH

Allyson O'Hara, Director of Pupil Services, presented a PowerPoint showing REACH students during the first days at REACH. Included in this PowerPoint was a summary of the current REACH enrollment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Correspondence – Dr. Cosentino informed the Board of the conversation she had with Sandi DiBella, RN., who is the head of nursing for Region 12, in regard to the EV-D68 virus. Dr. Cosentino shared that an email had been sent to the first selectmen who are working on a *Letter to the Editor*. Dr. Cosentino shared that she had attended the Big E on Saturday and saw the Region 12 brochures available in the Connecticut building.

Dr. Cosentino discussed with the Board having the advertisers come to the retreat to make their presentations. It was decided to put the presentation on the October 6, 2014, business meeting agenda.

The reading in the book, The Advantage, was increased to read up to page 140 for the Retreat on September 29, 2014.

Dr. Cosentino announced the appointment of Michele Segerson, Remedial Teacher at Booth Free School and the resignations of Bette Leisten Grade 5 teacher at Washington Primary School and Keri Snowden, Grade 5 teacher at Booth Free School.

TO AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$21,000 FROM THE 1% CAPITAL FUND FOR A SCIENCE LAB CHEMICAL CABINET AND RELOCATION OF EXISTING KILNS AT SVS

MOTION: made by Valerie Andersen, seconded by Michelle Gorra, to approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$21,000 from the 1% Capital Fund for a science lab chemical cabinet and relocation of existing kilns at SVS.

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion passed (10 – 0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.