

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Education Committee Meeting
Shepaug Valley School
November 17, 2014

The Education Committee Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm., on Monday, November 17, 2014, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Tony Bedini, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, Emily Hibbard, Jennifer Pote, Michael Sinatra, Susan Stumpf, and Peter Tagley. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent was also present. Valerie Andersen arrived at 7:03 p.m., and Kelly Lott arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Also present were: Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Allyson O'Hara, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Don O'Leary, Director of Facilities; Cathy Colella, Principal, Booth Free School and Burnham School; and Emily Judd, Principal, Washington Primary School.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes: Business meeting, November 3, 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comment.

K-5 MATH PILOT PROGRAM

Chairman Hirschfield requested to move agenda Item 6, K-5 Math Pilot Program, up so that the elementary teachers and their students could be first on the evening agenda. Mr. Hirschfield introduced Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Mrs. DeBrito gave a brief introduction on the Bridges Math Program. Teachers Julie DeVito (Kindergarten), William Hosking (Grade 2), Jacqui Collentine (Grade 4) along with their students gave a demonstration of the classroom math games and explained the process, strategy and thinking of the games. Mrs. DeBrito, Ms. Colella and Mrs. Judd summarized the demonstrations and the math program.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cosentino recognized the student artwork that was on display in the entryway of the library. On Wednesday evening, Dr. Cosentino shared that she will be attending the CAPSS/LCSA Student Recognition Awards banquet at the Cornucopia in Torrington along with the student recipients and their families from Grades 5, 8, 11 and 12. CABE Day is March 25, 2015. Parent Visitation Day in the region is Wednesday, November 19, 2014.

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Dr. Cosentino reported the leave of absence of Serina Rybos, Special Education Teacher and the resignation of John Ferreira, Front Entrance Security Guard. Dr. Cosentino gave a brief report on the CABA/CAPSS Convention and the wonderful speakers that were present. An update was given on the up-coming events of the Shepaug Alumni Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: made by Greg Cava, seconded by Alan Brown, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the current labor negotiations at 7:55 p.m.

VOTE: unanimous.

The Board of Education reconvened in the Senior Project room adjacent to the library.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to regular session at 8:58 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.