

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Education Meeting
Shepaug Valley School
February 27, 2017

The Education Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, February 27, 2017, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown, Rebecca Devine, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, Michael Sinatra, and Peter Tagley. Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, was also present. Gregory Cava, Michelle Gorra, and Stephanie Kolnick were absent.

Also present were: Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Lori Ferreira, Associate Principal at SVS, Karen Fildes, Director of Technology and Communications, Emily Judd, Principal at WPS.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes: Business Meeting, February 6, 2017

Field Trip (FYI only): Grade 8 Field Trip, June 8, 2017. Science Museum, Freedom Trail, Quincy Market, Boston, MA

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cosentino reported on personnel. Kimberly Knapp was appointed as Front Entrance Door Monitor at SVS and Colin Sullivan, Media Communications Assistant at SVS. Two resignations included Autumn Jenson, Front Entrance Door Monitor at SVS (effective February 15, 2017) and Alexa Masi, Media Communications Assistant at SVS (effective February 25, 2017).

Dr. Cosentino thanked all who were involved with the Minds in Motion. Over 145 students attended the workshops.

Peter Tagley remarked on meetings which had been held prior to 5:00 p.m. It was explained that these meetings were typically held at such time in past years and this was not anything new.

Valerie Andersen thanked the Central Office staff and the Region's Administration for their hard work putting together the 2017-2018 school budget.

Chairman Hirschfield asked for a motion to amend the agenda moving Item 8, K-12 Music presentation, up in the agenda.

MOTION: made by Rebecca Devine, seconded by Jennifer Pote, to move item 8, K-12 Music presentation up in the agenda.

VOTE: unanimous.

K-12 MUSIC

David Raposo, Music Department Chairman, began by briefly speaking on behalf of the Music Department. Mr. Raposo commented that the PowerPoint would be showing history, culture and the creating of music, through the band and chorus, beginning at the elementary level progressing up through high school. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Raposo invited Board members to attend any of the classes at the different levels.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS ON ENTREPRENEURSHIPS AND INVESTING COURSES

Teresa DeBrito introduced CTE/Math teacher John Spear. Mr. Spear along with students: Erin Bailey, Kathleen Sinatra and Armin Ceric presented on Entrepreneurship and Investing. Students used PowerPoints to show examples of, and explain their project. Students explained developing of their prototype, spending, marketing and investing. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Spear also invited Board members to attend his classes.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Karen Fildes, Director of Technology and Communications, gave an update of the Technology Department to the Board. Mrs. Fildes made available a booklet entitled Region 12 Preliminary Plan for Technology. Mrs. Fildes stated that the department goals coincide with the Goals of the Long Term Strategic Plan. Mrs. Fildes also explained where the Region began, where it is currently, what has been done along the way, and future plans within technology. Discussion followed.

TUITION-IN STUDENTS AND MULTIPLE FAMILY TUITION DISCOUNT

Carolan Dwyer of Bridgewater presented. To aide in her presentation, and to use as reference information, 3 handouts were given to each Board member. Topics of the presentation were Region tuition prices, tuition prices compared to local towns and a discounted family rate for tuitioning-in students. Concerns mentioned would be the possible new enrollment of students into a specific school and classroom sizing. It was agreed that after the school budget work has been completed, this topic would be placed on the Finance Committee agenda. Open discussion occurred through-out the presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS

Dr. Cosentino reviewed her Mid -Year Goals and also explained the process and format being used. Board members were given a copy of the CAFE document which would be used in reviewing the Superintendent. Rebecca Devine aided in the explanation. Dr. Cosentino followed by briefly reviewing her goals (each BOE member had been given a copy of the goals). Dr. Cosentino mentioned review dates, one of which, March 13, being a date for review during Executive Session with the finalized goals in May followed by a final evaluation June 19.

Chairman Hirschfield was asked if he would write a letter to the State Education Committee on behalf of the Board of Education which has the AgSTEM project on their agenda for Wednesday, March 1. Mr. Hirschfield stated that he would. It was asked that in his letter it be mentioned that the majority of the Board is for the project and that unanimously not be stated.

Valerie Andersen requested if it would be possible to condense some of the upcoming meetings on the schedule. Dr. Cosentino said she would review the calendar.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm by unanimous consent.

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