

Regional School District 12
Board of Education
Retreat Minutes
Shepaug Valley School
October 24, 2016

The Retreat of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:08 p.m., on Monday, October 24, 2016, by Vice Chair Michelle Gorra. Present were Board members: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, Michael Sinatra, and Peter Tagley. Gregory Cava, Rebecca Devine, and James Hirschfield were absent.

Also present were: Patricia Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent; Teresa DeBrito, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Cathy Colella, Principal at BFS and BS; Lori Ferreira, Associate Principal at SVS; Kim Gallo, Principal at SVS; Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations; and Emily Judd, Principal at WPS were also present.

APPROVE QUEBEC, CANADA TRIP

MOTION: made by Peter Tagley, seconded by Valerie Andersen, to approve the Quebec, Canada trip on February 9-12, 2017.

VOTE: unanimous.

Dr. Cosentino introduced guests: Joseph Cirusuolo, Executive Director at CAPSS and Charles Rothenberger, Rome Smith & Lutz, Government Relations to present the following items as listed on the agenda:

1. The findings and ramification of the CCJEF vs. Rell Ruling
2. Unfunded federal and state directives and their impact on budget and human resources.
3. Navigating the DAS, including the current budgetary landscape and its additional impact in the recent organization.
4. Superintendent evaluation
5. What makes an effective meeting and tools to be efficient in getting through agendas without ‘cutting off’ conversation.

ADJOURNMENT

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