

**Region One Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2019**

A meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 in the library at HVRHS. A quorum was in attendance: Chair Bob Whelan, Sharon; Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Heather Strid, Kent; Doug Humes, North Canaan; and Jennifer Weigel, Salisbury.

Also in attendance were: Superintendent, Pam Vogel; Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Carter; Business Manager Sam Herrick; HVRHS Principal, Ian Strever; Pupil Services Director, Carl Gross; faculty/staff; press and public.

Chair Whelan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

The Focus on Student Learning presentation was given by Dr. Scott Fellows regarding Mathematics Instruction and putting PSAT (and SAT) data in context. He discussed the structure of the tests, what the SAT assesses, and our current K-12 needs.

Student representatives Dean Saccardi and Carianne Callinan reported that on January 17th they held their first meeting for “Housatonic’s Next Top Mountaineer.” Casting and tryouts will be held next week. There are currently 21 candidates which is made up of 19 boys and 2 girls.

Public Comment was heard from Board member Ms. Mechare regarding letters that were written to the Board members regarding the Draft Regional Calendar. She also stated that Policy 3160 will be brought back to the Board for revisions next month.

Recognition for “*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*” was given to Pete Vermilyea for being a truly outstanding role model for our students in all that he does.

Recommendations for “*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*” for March were made. Ms. Weigel nominated Anne MacNeil for her professionalism, promoting our athletes in the community, and promoting and modeling sportsmanship.

Principal Strever discussed Standard 6 of the NEASC report, which is regarding school resources for learning. He stated that the feedback on this standard was very complimentary with few recommendations. The recommendations include involving the school nurse and library media specialist more in conversations.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to move Resignations out of the Consent Agenda, and put them above Information from Administration. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Carter discussed the proposal for an Application Support Specialist position.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Mechare, to approve the hiring of a Application Support Specialist as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Herrick presented the Regional Transportation Agreement proposal.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve the 5-year agreement, to begin after the current one expires, on June 30, 2019, with All Star Transportation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Draft 2019-2020 Regional Calendar. Superintendent Vogel discussed the two draft options presented. There is one issue with them in that Columbus Day and Good Friday are currently holidays in the Non-Certified contract. A proposal has been made to the Non-Certified Union to ask Non-Certified employees to work on Good Friday, as that has been made into a school day, and for only some to work on Columbus Day, as that has been made into a Professional Development Day for teachers, and in turn, Non-Certified employees would receive a floating holiday (or two days) in which they could use at another time, as they choose.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Mr. Humes, to approve Option B of the Draft Regional Calendar for 2019-2020, pending the response from the Non-Certified Union. Motion carried unanimously.

Information from Administration:

- a. HVRHS Principal: Highlighted Written Report
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal: No Report
- c. Athletic Director: Written Report
- d. Business Manager: Highlighted Written Report
- e. Pupil Services—Highlighted Written Report
- f. Assistant Superintendent: Highlighted Written Report
- g. Superintendent: Highlighted Written Report

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the transfer of funds from the Redemption of Principal line to Legal Services in the amount of \$20,000, to Maintenance General in the amount of \$25,000, and to Dues in the amount of \$50.00. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Mechare, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Items approved in the consent agenda include:

- Minutes:
 - i. 1/7/19 Regular Meeting
- Committee Reports:
 - i. Budget Committee: Minutes 1/9/2019; Minutes 1/16/2019; Minutes 1/28/2019; Minutes 2/1/2019
 - ii. Policy Committee: Minutes 1/31/2019

No Public Comment was heard.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Mechare, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk

Un-Approved