

**Region One Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 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 Mark Burdick, Rene Boardman, Karen Davenport, and Dave Moran of the HVRHS AgEd program. They presented on the three major components of the program which include the classroom/laboratory, SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience), and FFA; AgEd regulations, grants and finances, and graduate follow up statistics and reports.

No Student Representatives Report.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Humes, to amend the agenda to add Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Discussion after *Those Who Contribute*. Motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comment was heard.

Recognition for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*" was given to Ann MacNeil for promoting and modeling sportsmanship, her professionalism and sharing of her expertise, promotion of HVRHS athletics, and that she is proactive and acknowledging.

Superintendent Vogel expressed her appreciation for each of the Board members and thanked them for their time and service to the Board.

Recommendations for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*" for March were made. Chair Whelan nominated Michael Berkeley for all of his efforts in putting together the musical productions; Principal Strever nominated Jeff Lloyd for his efforts in getting Abe back to the center of the lobby; and Ms. Mechare nominated Julie Lang for her wonderful presence in the school and her help with the Alumni Association.

Business Manager Sam Herrick provided an overview of the work that the Budget Subcommittee has done so far towards the presentation of a proposed 2019-2020 budget. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. New additions to the budget include a 1.0 FTE Math/Business position, a 1.0 FTE regional Data Application Support Specialist Position, and

\$10,000 for the summer school program. Other changes to the budget include a reduction in Special Education costs, an increase to curriculum for a two year region wide initiative, an increase in legal expenses and debt service increase. It also includes re-hiring of the two retiring AgEd positions plus an additional 0.2 FTE position for one year, to help with the transition. The budget does not currently include an SRO (Student Resource Officer) or the regional middle school sports initiative. There will be another budget subcommittee meeting to discuss the SRO position, and if added, would increase the budget about 0.29% overall. The regional middle school sports will continue to be planned out for the following year, and will not be included in this budget. The budget is currently at a 0% increase, partly due to the ability to move things from the 2019-2020 proposed budget to the current year budget. Ms. Mechare requested that an RFP (Request for Proposal) for attorney services be done, as it has not been done in about ten years.

Principal Strever discussed Standard 7 of the NEASC report, which is regarding Community Support for Learning. Two recommendations came out of the report. The first is to develop security protocols, which are being reviewed. There are many infrastructure security measures in place and planned to be put into place and the budget committee will be discussing the possibility of adding an SRO officer. The second recommendation is regarding involving and engaging parents. This is also a work in progress. There are weekly newsletters going out to parents and all teachers now have parent contact goals, which vary by the teacher.

No action taken on first reading policies.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Mechare, to approve the policies listed as second reading. Motion carried unanimously. Policies include:

- Policy 4112.6/4212.6: Personnel Records
- Policy 4112.8: Nepotism
- Policy 4115: Evaluation and Support Program
- Policy 4118.13/4218.13: Conflict of Interest
- Policy 4118.24/4218.24: Student/Staff Non-Fraternization
- Regulation 4118.24/4218.24: Student/Staff Non-Fraternization
- Policy 4118.51: Rights, Responsibilities and Duties—Social Networking
- Policy 4134: Tutoring
- Policy 4212.42: Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
- Policy 4215: Supervision and Evaluation
- Policy 4217.4: Suspension/Dismissal of Non-Certified Staff
- Regulation 4217.41: Just Cause
- Policy 5131.6: Alcohol Use, Drugs, and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances)

Information from Administration:

- a. HVRHS Principal: Presented on the Portrait of a Graduate Meeting, Reviewed first semester grade data, and highlighted his written report.
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal: Written Report
- c. Athletic Director: Written Report
- d. Business Manager: Written Report
- e. Pupil Services—Highlighted Written Report and a presentation was given by Michelle Patrick, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- f. Assistant Superintendent: Highlighted Written Report

- g. Superintendent: Highlighted Written Report and discussed her goals progress report

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

- Minutes:
 - i. 2/4/19 Regular Meeting
- Committee Reports:
 - i. ABC Committee: Minutes 2/27/2019
 - ii. Budget Committee: Minutes 2/4/2019; Minutes 2/11/2019; Minutes 3/1/2019
- Field Trip Approvals: Robotics
- RSD1 Audit Report
- Spring Coaches

Public comment was heard from Denise Cohn of Falls Village regarding the FOI process and history for herself and Jessica Stedman.

Ms. Mechare added a suggestion that everyone listen to the hearing and read the documents from the FOI Commission.

Public comment was heard from Lynn Harrington of Kent. She read a letter from Jessica Stedman, who was unable to attend, regarding the FOI process and history for herself and Denise Cohn.

Ms. Mechare asked that an agenda item for Additions/Amendments be added to future agendas. It was explained that Board members can make a motion at any time during a regular meeting to make an addition or amendment to the agenda, so this item would be unnecessary.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Humes, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk