

**Region One Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019**

A meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, September 9, 2019 in the library at HVRHS. A quorum was in attendance: Chair Bob Whelan, Sharon; Pat Mechare, Canaan; John Sanders, Cornwall; Jenn Duncan, 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; faculty/staff; press and public.

Chair Whelan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The first Focus on Student Learning presentation was given by students Karlee McGhee and Kneeland Munson on the student FFA exchange between our high school and Iowa. They discussed the activities that they participated in during their trip.

The second Focus on Student Learning presentation was given by Principal Ian Strever on the Portrait of a Graduate work. He shared the graphic that has been created that includes five attributes that the committee feels that all graduates of Housatonic Valley Regional High School should have. These include Confident, Communicator, Problem Solver, Globally and Environmentally Aware, and Self Advocate.

The Student Representatives report was given by Eli Abbott and Emerson Rinehart. They stated that they held their first full board meeting last week and that they have already held a fundraiser of painting parking spots where they will donate the money earned to a charity and they are planning the first spirit week of the year.

Public comment was heard from Marshall Miles of Salisbury. He spoke regarding the agenda item of the Attorney Opinion Regarding Contract with One Eleven Group. He will be sending a written request to his representative, Ms. Weigel.

Recognition for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*" was given to Jacob Ellington for all of his work with the IT department and the money that he has saved the school as well as to the student Special Olympics volunteers.

The CABE Student Leadership Awards were presented to Emerson Rinehart and Mia Tittmann.

Recommendations for "*Those who Contribute to HVRHS*" for October were made. Principal Strever nominated Letitia Garcia-Tripp for introducing the "Jane Doe No More" program to the school.

Discussion was held on the Attorney opinion regarding the contract with One Eleven Group. Chair Whelan summarized the memo from the attorney. Ms. Mechare stated that the case that

was quoted by the attorney did not relate to the circumstances, and therefore did not seem to apply.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the MoA's for the Volunteer Extra Teaching Assignments at the high school, including French and Social Studies, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the MoA's for the Extra Teaching Assignments at the high school, including German and 2nd Semester Physical Education, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve the MoA's for the Special Olympics Coordinator and Special Olympics Coaching as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Information from Administration:

- a. HVRHS Principal: Presented written report.
- b. HVRHS Assistant Principal: No Report
- c. Athletic Director: Written Report
- d. Business Manager: Distributed a list of maintenance items to be considered action for next month
- e. Pupil Services—No Report
- f. Assistant Superintendent: Read Written Report
- g. Superintendent: Read Written Report

A **motion** was made by Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to add the list of maintenance items presented by Business Manager Sam Herrick to the agenda to allow for the transfer of resources from the 2018-2019 unexpended fund balance to facilitate these projects. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Humes, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to move the entirety of the items listed, for a total of \$76,200, to be completed during the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve and acknowledge that more than thirty three percent (33%) in the membership interests of the contractor are being transferred from the current owners to Student Transportation of American, Inc.; and that this transfer of ownership shall not be considered a prohibited deemed assignment of the contract by contractor under section VIII of the contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Mechare requested that items c. Field Trip Requests: Galapagos Islands, Virginia Beach and d. Fall Coaches list be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to approve all items listed under the consent agenda, with the exception of items c. Field Trip Requests: Galapagos Islands, Virginia Beach and d. Fall Coaches list. Motion carried unanimously. Items approved in the consent agenda include:

- Minutes:
 - i. 6/26/2019 Special Meeting

- ii. 7/11/2019 ABC Committee Special Meeting
- iii. 7/29/2019 Building Committee Meeting
- iv. 8/16/2019 Building Committee Meeting
- Faculty Students Request: Fenn
- Recommendation to Hire:
 - i. Cheryl Fritz, Math Teacher
 - ii. Robert Joeckel, School Counselor
 - iii. Brittni Scavotto, Pupil Services (Special Education at North Canaan)

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Duncan, to approve the field trip to Galapagos Islands. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Humes, to approve the field trip to Virginia Beach. Motion carried unanimously.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Mechare, seconded by Ms. Weigel, to approve the Fall Coaches List. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comment was heard from Lynn Harrington of Kent regarding Region One Policies and the contract with One Eleven Group.

Public comment was heard from Denise Cohn of Falls Village regarding the Wine, Dinner, and Auction fund raiser being held at the White Hart on September 21st, at 6:30. She also commented on her FOI requests.

Public comment was heard from Lynn Harrington of Kent regarding the Superintendent Evaluation. Ms. Mechare responded that she wishes that a special meeting had been called.

A **motion** was made by Ms. Weigel, seconded by Mr. Sanders, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Bunce

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Board Clerk