

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, February 1, 2010
HVRHS Library – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. Freshmen Focus Presentation to Board
4. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
5. Approval of min. of 01-04-10, 01-14-10, 01-19-10 2
6. Athletic Director's Report: Dan Carroll 3
6. HVRHS Student Representative's Report: K.Riley, L. Adams
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. ABC – J. Manning -Min. 01-12-10 4
 - b. Policy - L. Freund
 - c. Personnel – L. Freund
 - d. Ag. Ed. Advisory – L. Freund
 - e. HVRHS Building Committee
 - f. Long Range Planning - P. Hart
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
8. Superintendent's Report-Written 5
 - a. Announcements
9. Assistant Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Announcements
10. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Auditor's Report
 - b. Announcements
11. Director of Pupil Services Report:
 - a. Special Ed Monthly Report - C. Gross 6

12. Principal's Report: (Written) 7

- a. Maintenance Report 8
- b. Announcements

- 15 New Business:
 - a. Field Trips:
 - 1. Robotics – March 10-13 Worcester, MA 9
 - 2. Robotics – April 1st thru April 3, Hartford, CT 10
 - b. Textbook Approval – Spanish I 11

- 16. Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items

- 17. Executive Session Anticipated for Superintendent’s Evaluation
- 18. Adjourn Approved as submitted at the 2/1/10 meeting

Mission Statement

The HVRHS community promotes personal and academic growth, as well as independence of thought and spirit for all its members, within a culture of respect, responsibility and safety.

Town Votes

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Board Goals 2009-10

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REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, January 4, 2010

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; CiCi Neilson, (A) Kent; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Laura Freund, North Canaan and Jill Gibbons, Salisbury.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Assistant Superintendent, Diane Goncalves; Business Manager, Samuel Herrick; Director of Pupil Services, Carl D. Gross; Supervisor of Special Education, Martha Schwaikert; Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster; Student Representatives, Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Neilson, the agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

A presentation was given by the Freshmen Focus Team. Ms. Goncalves introduced the members of the group and gave an overview of the task that had been undertaken and the action plan that has been put in place to move forward. Dr. Scott Fellows narrated a video depicting a high school where this program was implemented. Ms. Prince reported on the beginning successes of the program and plans that include working with the K-8 schools in Region One. Mrs. Toensing gave kudos for the program and suggested that not only jobs/careers were critical, but that service to the community was also important.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Neilson, the following minutes were unanimously approved:
January 4, 2010 were approved as amended.
January 14, 2010 were approved as submitted
January 19, 2010 were approved as submitted

Mr. Dan Carroll, Athletic Director, gave his Athletic Department report.

Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams, Student Representatives to the Board gave their report on the activities at HVRHS, some included the assembly featuring a Hypnotist, a reward to students from the PBS program; week of February 5th will feature "students most favorite meal" in the school cafeteria; FFA students attended the legislative dinner; a dinner to raise funds to help the Scoville family, whose barn burned down was conducted by the FFA group; donations of technical equipment were given to the HVRHS library; a successful fund raising dinner was held at the Wandering Moose in Cornwall, whose funds will help defray the cost for the Music students to travel to Florida for the All States competition.

Mr. Manning reported on the ABC Meeting that was held on January 12, 2010. The Chairs discussed the Race To The Top Grant and the evaluation of the Superintendent.

Ms. Freund reported on the activities of the Ag-Ed Advisory Council meeting that was held on January 25, 2010. Mr. Hart reported that although no formal meeting of the HVRHS Standing Building Committee was held, the group is focusing on the repairs to the roof. The next meeting will be announced soon. Mr. Hart reported that the Long Range Planning Committee held its final meeting and the Plan is in the final stages for presentation. Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee held a meeting on January 20, 2010 where plans to continue with tree plantings and improvement to the HVRHS grounds.

Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain reported on the ALERT NOW SYSTEM, that used Cornwall as a test. She reported on the educational priorities on both the national level and the state level. Her report contained information on the 10 priorities in technology education that affect student instruction and student outcomes. Superintendent Chamberlain reported on the status of the Summer School program conducted here in Region One, highlighting the decrease in enrollment and the increasing cost (transportation). She briefly reported that the Race To The Top Grant program contained a complex "memorandum of agreement form" and the other strings attached to participate in this federal grant.

Ms. Goncalves, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the K-12 Curriculum Council that met on January 21, 2010 and the progress this group has made; the next meeting will be a full day on February 25, 2010. She also reported on the Policies, Procedures and Protocols (PPP) Committee focusing on grading/ loss of credit/ appeals process and review boards; the English 6-12 Team meeting; Team for Social Studies 6-12 ; CMT/CAPT preparation for March testing; goal setting meeting for the HVRHS Dept. Chairs; the Hotchkiss/HVRHS Collaborative and the HVRHS presentation on 21st Century Skills by Jennifer Olsen.

Mr. Herrick distributed copies of the federal and state Audits that have been completed and highlighted points of interest with explanations. Mr. Herrick reported that the fund balance of \$196,661, minus \$30K that was donated to the Clark B. Wood Building upon Jack Mahoney's request, will render a final surplus dollar amount of \$166,661 to be returned to the towns against their April assessment. Superintendent Chamberlain suggested that the Policy Committee may wish to update Series 3000 accordingly. Mr. Herrick will report on the Early Retirement Incentive program at the March meeting.

Mr. Gross gave the monthly report of the Pupil Services department highlighting the Math Intervention Program, where Ms. Brittany Barrett spoke about the activities therein. Mr. Gross also reported on the Home-School Liaison Initiative (Housatonic Youth Service Bureau-Region One Partnership Program, with the favorable response from by parents and school personnel. A staff development program on "Family Systems and the Impact on Children's Learning" will be held in February. Mrs. Schwaikert gave an update on Scientific Research-Based Intervention (SRBI), the referral for Special Education, and the implementation update to the Connecticut State Department of Education; his reported a chart outlining the implementation program for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Gross reported to the Board the Autism incidence trends and the responsive Autism disability program; he pointed out the increase in the population of students with Autism within Region One having 14 students back in 2004 and now having 28 students in 2009.

Dr. Foster reported on the many successful events held at HVRHS – a very successful AFS dinner which supports the AFS programs; the fund raising in process for the Music Department to travel to Florida for the All States Competition; the coaches roundtable initiated by Dan Carroll, Athletic Director; the continuing success of the Regional Band and Chorus under the direction of Tom Krupa and the FAFSA workshop that was held sponsored by Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Veach and Mr. Hurley of our Guidance Department.

Dr. Foster reported the emphasis on PBIS, Freshmen Team and Placement Team and 21st Century Skills were the focus of faculty meetings. Department meetings focused on mid-term assessments, grading practices, formative assignments, Social Studies Curriculum framework and priority standards, instructional strategies, Spanish 1 Curriculum, school-wide rubrics information, Applied Education equipment, Service Learning, CAPT, ninth grade science and Biology curriculum. She reported that small departments shared the Long Range Plan draft. Her report included upcoming field trips, the activities of the faculty department chair meetings, the Ninth grade team, the Freshmen transition team, the PPP team, the Systems team whose activities continue to support school improvement, PBIS program, which plans to make a presentation at the March BOE meeting.

The Maintenance Report was acknowledged as received.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund the Board unanimously approved the student field trips by the Robotics Team – one to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, in Mass. and one to the Regional Robotics Competition in Hartford, CT and the new Spanish I textbook, *Asi se dice!*, authored by Conrad J. Schmitt.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously moved into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. The Board returned to open session at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

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Region One Board of Education
Meeting
Thursday, February 11, 2010
4:00 p.m. - HVRHS

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment
3. Discussion of Region One Budget 2010-2011
4. Public Comment on Agenda items
5. Adjourn

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A special meeting for conducting a budget workshop was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village, CiCi Neilson, Kent; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Laura Freund, North Canaan. Absent: Jill Gibbons, Salisbury.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Herrick gave a power point presentation regarding the 2010-2011 budget – status quo = 3.42% increase.

Mr. Herrick reported that six (6) teachers took the Early Retirement Incentive, showing a net savings by program = 2.37%.

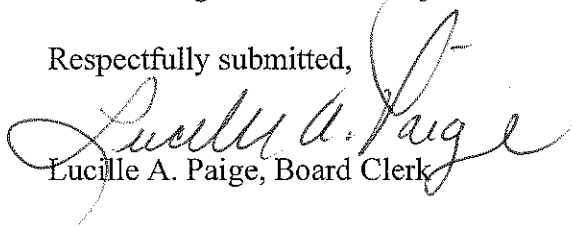
Initially the HSA medical premium plan was budgeted for an 18% increase; administrators were shocked when Anthem BC/BS came back requesting a 35.2% increase. Three other medical insurers will be coming back with bids for this program.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously moved forward with the Early Retirement Incentive program as specified by the 1% savings formula.

The next budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk