

**REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, April 5, 2010**  
**HVRHS Library - 6:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. **Student Representatives Report**
4. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
5. Approval of min. of 3-01-10, 3-11-10 2
6. PBIS Presentation
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. ABC - J. Manning - Min 03-09-10, 03-39-10 3
  - 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
7. Superintendent's Report-Written 4
  - a. Schedule Policy Committee Meeting
  - c. Announcements
8. Assistant Superintendent's Report: 5
  - a. Announcements
9. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Health Insurance Update
  - b. Announcements
10. Director of Pupil Services Report: 6
  - a. Special Ed Monthly Report - C. Gross

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| 11. Principal's Report: (Written)         | 7                                                 |
| a. Maintenance Report                     | 8                                                 |
| b. Announcements                          |                                                   |
| 12. New Business:                         |                                                   |
| a. Policy 5145R – Management Plan         | 9                                                 |
| 13. Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items |                                                   |
| 14. Adjourn                               | Approved as amended at the April 5, 2010 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.*

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**Region One Board of Education**  
**Monday, April 5, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, April 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Andrea Downs (A), Falls Village; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Laura Freund, North Canaan; and Jill Gibbons, Salisbury. Gale Toensing, Falls Village was absent.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board unanimously added "Student Representatives Report" to the agenda.

Damon Osora, HVRHS faculty member read aloud his letter to the Board of Education; Diane Goncalves, Assistant Superintendent read aloud her letter to the Board of Education. See attached.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Moore, the minutes of the March 11, 2010 special meeting were approved as amended.

Student Representatives reported on the activities of the Ag-Ed Dept. competing in the Public Speaking contest, Ag-Ed Open House May 19 and May 20, conducting a Home and Farm Safety Course; the Annual Science Fair will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup>; a Rabies Clinic will be held; the Cafeteria held a Donations for the victims of Haiti under the AFS; the "Mr. Housatonic" will be held the end of May; the Junior Prom will be held May 13<sup>th</sup>; Mr. DeMazza will go to Haiti this summer to help other volunteers in the recovery from the earthquake; the Info-Technology Group traveled to IBM Corp. in Southbury and travel to NYC in April; Ms. Carter and Mr. Prindle will display students' artwork in the Hunt Library in Falls Village; the music department will travel to Florida for a competition and U.S. Rep. Christopher Murphy will visit HVRHS on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Buchanan gave a power point presentation on the success of the PBIS program; Vance Canaan, Library Media Specialist co-hosted the presentation. The success of the program has decreased the referrals down to 38%. Their presentation showed the overwhelming success of the program.

Mr. Manning reported on the two meetings of the ABC Committee 3-9 and 3-29. KONA HR, health insurance brokers for Region One, presented the rationale for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield (Region One's current provider) to have submitted an increase in premiums of approximately 35.2%. A discussion on Summer School for 2010 took place. At the meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>, KONA HR had representatives from Aetna Insurance Group give a presentation on their ability to serve as Region One's health insurance provider at a substantial savings.

Ag-Ed Advisory Committee met and Ms. Freund reported that a new State Ag-Ed Consultant has been chosen; the Capital Grant is in process and a discussion took place on the growing enrollments in the Ag-Ed program.

Mr. Hart reported that the *Long Range* Plan has now been completed and that copies for the printer are being put together. Mr. Hart distributed a "draft" copy to the BOE. Superintendent Chamberlain gave kudos to Michelle Curtis for the set up, design and proofing she did.

Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee met on March 31, 2010 and planted a Sourwood Tree for the Class of 1961, on April 28th. He displayed the "map" that is being used by the Arboretum Committee in the strategic placement of trees and shrubs around the campus.

Superintendent Chamberlain gave her report highlighting that April has been designated as Autism Awareness Month. She listed books that are available for better understanding Autism disorders. She reported that CAFE advised that the CT Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding (CCJEF) that students have a right to educational adequacy. The Administration continues to examine the feasibility of changing health insurance carriers to achieve savings while not decreasing any current coverage or benefits. Connecticut was not selected as one of the 16 finalists to receive a portion of the \$192 million in school grant funding in the Race To The Top Grant. Providing seat belts on school buses is still in progress in the legislative committee. Superintendent Chamberlain reported a minimum of 25 credits will be required to graduate from any public high school in Connecticut by the year 2019. She gave a brief report on the Regional School Budget and the upcoming Public Hearing to be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Annual District Meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 with the budget Referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Superintendent Chamberlain thanked all who were involved in making the play "Grease" a huge success with a sellout crowd for each performance. In her written report she listed the dates and times of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduations. The HVRHS will hold their commencement exercises on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Chamberlain recommended that a workshop for FOI regulations and the legal ramifications take place; a workshop for the section of the Long Range Plan that cites Budget Priorities and a Policy Committee meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves submitted her written report which included the K-12 Curriculum Council, the Policies, Procedures and Protocols (PPP) Committee; the HVRHS Systems Meeting; attendance at the Lead Teacher Training Workshop to be held in Los Angeles, Calif.; and Summer Curriculum plans.

Mr. Herrick briefly reported on the meetings concerning the KONA HR broker's attempts to garner lower health insurance premium costs and reminded everyone of the Public Hearing on the Budget is Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Mr. Gross introduced Rebecca Gaschel-Clark, Special Education Pre-School teacher who gave a power-point presentation on the work involved with the Region One Pre-School program. Mrs. Schwaikert, Supervisor of Special Education, gave her remarks and information on the success of the Pre-School program.

Mr. Gross also reported the Pupil Services staff and administrators attended seminars and conferences in Special Education Law and Regulation Changes; Communication Intervention for Children with Autism; Motivation the Unmotivated Student, Differentiated Math Centers, Strategies for Using a Response to Intervention Model for Students with Behavior Problems and a Symposium on Early Math and Science Development. He also reported on the K-8 school and HVRHS transition team meetings, the Special Education department hosted and 8<sup>th</sup> grade family orientation on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Foster submitted her written report citing the success of the CAPT; awards were presented for outstanding student achievements; seniors are planning for senior week. This past weekend HVRHS hosted the Mad Gardeners and the Trade Festival with the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce; Hoops for Hearts fundraiser; fundraising for Haiti is being done by Mary O'Reilly and Mike DeMazza; the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Board made a presentation to the faculty meeting on the progress of the Science and Technology building; she thanked Karen Prince and Guidance Counselors and our career center counselor for providing the 9-11 grade students with a very successful college planning night. Dr. Foster appended to her report a list of the upcoming field trips to be taken by the students.

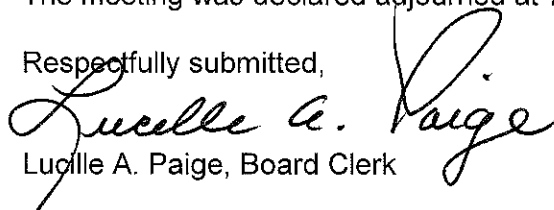
Ms. Goncalves recognized Cindy Fuller, HVRHS staff member, for her time, effort and support she has given over the years and continues to give to the HVRHS Robotics Team.

The HVRHS Maintenance Report was acknowledged as received. The Athletic Director's Report was acknowledged as received.

A first reading was done on the Management Plan for Student with Life-Threatening Food Allergies, Policy 5145.2R. A second reading will take place at the May meeting.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as corrected at the May 3, 2010 meeting

## LEGAL NOTICE

### WARNING OF PUBLIC HEARING

**REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2010-2011 BUDGET IN ROOM 133, AT HOUSATONIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND RECEIVE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET.**

**ALL ELECTORS AND CITIZENS QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THE TOWNS OF CANAAN, CORNWALL, KENT, NORTH CANAAN, SALISBURY AND SHARON ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

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Region One School District  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
April 6, 2010

A public hearing on the Region One School District 2010-2011 budget was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 133 of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Jill Gibbons, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan. Absent: Gale Toensing, Falls Village.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Principal Dr. Gretchen Foster; Director of Pupil Services, Carl D. Gross; Moderator, Marie B. Wilbur and Board Clerk, Lucille A. Paige.

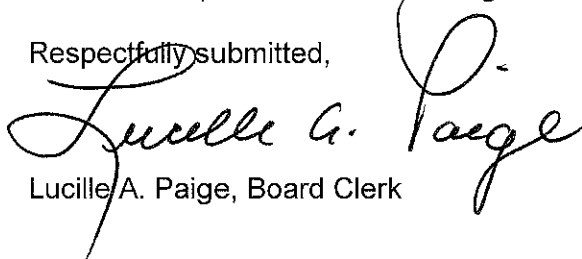
Mr. Manning called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Chamberlain gave opening remarks concerning the building of the 2010-2011 Regional School District One budget, citing the difficult economic climate and the decreasing enrollment.

Mr. Herrick gave a presentation of the 2010-2011 budget highlighting areas of interest and reporting the revenues and costs therein.

Ms. Wilbur, Moderator, was present to hear public comment on the budget. Hearing no public comment or questions, Mr. Manning declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the May 3, 2010 meeting.

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Region One Board of Education

Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Room 133, HVRHS Library

(Immediately following the Public Hearing that begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Board Discussion on Public Hearing for 2010-2011 Proposed Region One Budget
3. Establish 2010-2011 Budget for Referendum, May 4, 2010
4. Adjourn

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Region One School District  
**Special Meeting**  
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A special meeting following the Public Hearing for the Region One School District 2010-2011 budget was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 7:25 p.m. in Room 133 of the Housatonic Valley Regional High School. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Jill Gibbons, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan. Absent: Gale Toensing, Falls Village.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Principal Dr. Gretchen Foster; Director of Pupil Services, Carl D. Gross; and Board Clerk, Lucille A. Paige.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously moved to approve the 2010-2011 budget for Housatonic Valley Regional High School in the amount of \$8,215,410.

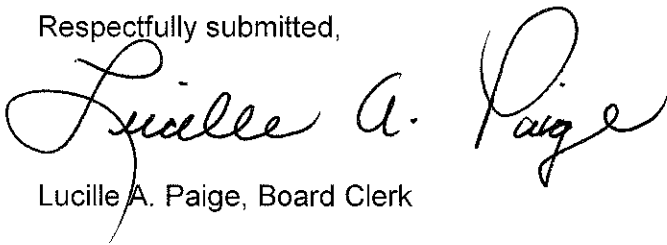
Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Gibbons, the Board unanimously moved to approve the 2010-2011 budget for Pupil Services in the amount of \$5,278,891.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board unanimously moved to approve 2010-2011 budget for RSSC in the amount of \$902,003.

The total amount of the proposed 2010-2011 Region One School District budget is **\$14,396,304.**

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucille A. Paige". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the May 3, 2010 meeting.