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REGION ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

HVRHS Library

Monday, May 3, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual District Meeting of May 4, 2009
3. New Business:
  - a. Adjourn to referendum for the 2010-2011 Budget on Tuesday, May 4, 2010
4. Old Business
5. Adjourn

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<u>Town Votes</u>					
Canaan: 7	Corwall: 9	Kent: 18	North Canaan: 21	Salisbury: 26	Sharon: 19

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**ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING**  
Regional School District One  
Region One Board of Education  
Monday, May 3, 2010

The Annual District meeting of the Regional School District No. One of Litchfield County, was held at the Housatonic Valley Regional High School Library, Falls Village, Connecticut on Monday, May 3, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon, Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Laura Freund, North Canaan; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Jill E. Gibbons, Salisbury and Jonathan Moore, Kent.

Also present were Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Assistant Superintendent, Diane Goncalves; Director of Pupil Services, Carl D. Gross; Martha Schwaikert, Supervisor Special Education; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved as submitted. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board approved the minutes of the Annual District Meeting of May 4, 2009, with Mr. Moore abstaining

Mr. Manning asked Ms. Lucille Paige to read the call of the meeting. "To discuss the question to be placed before the voters of Canaan, North Canaan, Cornwall, Sharon, Salisbury and Kent. Regarding the proposed Regional School District No One 2009-2010 budget and to adjourn to a vote using Optical Scan voting machines, on the 2010-2011 proposed budget at a referendum to be held in each town on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The question on the ballot is: *Shall the combined net budget for Regional School District No. One (Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Pupil Services, and Regional Schools Services Center) for fiscal 2009-2010 in the amount of \$14,396,304 be approved. Vote "Yes" or Vote "No".*

Mr. Manning called for nominations for Moderator. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board nominated Mrs. Michelle Curtis to serve as Moderator. Hearing no other nominations, the Board voted unanimously to have Mrs. Curtis serve as Moderator.

As Moderator, Mrs. Curtis called for any discussion on the question to be placed before the voters. Hearing none, Mrs. Curtis called for a motion that the question be amended to adjourn to a referendum on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, on the proposed 2010-2011 combined net budget for Regional School District No. One (Housatonic Valley Regional High School, Pupil Services and Regional Schools Services Center) for fiscal 2010-2011 in the amount of \$14,396,304 be approved? Vote "Yes" or Vote "No". Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn to a referendum as stated on Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

**REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, May 3, 2010**  
**HVRHS Library - 6:15 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. Students' Representatives Report
  - a. Music Trip Report
4. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
5. Approval of min. of 4-5-10, 4-6-10 Pub.Hear., 4-6-10 Sped 2
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. ABC - J. Manning - Min 3-29-10 3
  - b. Policy - L. Freund Min. 4-27-10 4
  - 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 5
  - a. Retirement
  - b. Set "Special" Meeting - Long Range *Action Plans*
  - c. Announcements
8. Assistant Superintendent's Report: 6
  - a. Curriculum Update
  - b. Summer Curriculum
  - c. TEAM Update
  - d. Professional Development Update
  - e. Freshmen Transition Initiative Update
9. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Health Insurance Update
  - b. Set Student Tuition Rate 2010-2011
  - c. Announcements
10. Director of Pupil Services Report: 7
  - a. Special Ed Monthly Report - C. Gross  
HVRHS Teachers

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| 11. | Principal's Report: (Written)                             | 8  |
|     | a. Maintenance Report                                     | 9  |
|     | b. Athletic Director's Report                             | 10 |
| 12. | New Business:   |    |
|     | a. Policy 5145R – Management Plan 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading | 11 |
|     | b. Field Trips – Ag-Ed Dept.                              | 12 |
|     | c. Textbook Approval – United States History              | 13 |
|     | d. Reappoint Auditor                                      |    |
|     | e. Health Insurance Carrier                               |    |
| 13. | Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items                     |    |
| 14. | Adjourn   |    |

*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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Board Goals 2009-10

1. Continue development and monitor implementation of the Long Range Plan.
2. Develop Board of Education priority criteria associated with stated goals of the Long Range Plan.
3. Monitor and support NEAS&C accreditation recommendations.
4. Conduct Board Self-Evaluation process before the beginning of each school year.

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**Region One Board of Education**  
Meeting  
**Monday, May 3, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, May 3, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Jill Gibbons, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Student Representatives, Beck Sawicki gave a report on the Music students who went to Disneyworld in Florida to perform. Kara Riley reported on activities of the Art Dept., the Enviro-Tech class created a new computer game; the art exhibit, Blue & Gold at the White Gallery will be held on May 21 to May 23; the Science Fair will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>; listed the names of colleges visiting the Career Center.

Enrollment at the high school is 490 students.

Mrs. Toensing reported on the fund raisers in place to help teacher Mike DeMazza on his upcoming trip to Haiti this summer to assist in rescue and rebuilding efforts from the earth quake.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2010 were approved unanimously as corrected. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Freund, the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2010 (Public Hearing) were approved as submitted, with Mrs. Toensing abstaining. Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Ms. Freund, the minutes of the special meeting of April 6, 2010 were approved as submitted, with Mrs. Toensing abstaining.

Ms. Freund reported on the list of Board policies that were reviewed and will be brought forward at the June meeting. Mr. Hart publicly thanked Michelle Curtis for the many hours of work she put forth in the completion of the Long Range Plan; he stated that action plans will be created at future workshops. Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee will be meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Chamberlain submitted her "Annual Report" to the Board (written). She also announced the retirement of teacher Linda DiCorleto, who has taught a HVRHS for 37 years and the many programs Mrs. DiCorleto has put in place to improve the curriculum.

A special meeting of the Region One Board will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to create budget priorities for the Long Range Plan.

Ms. Goncalves presented the Assistant Superintendent's report which included K-12 Curriculum Council Update, professional development events, the HVRHS Systems Committee, Policies, Procedures and Protocol Committee, TEAM program, Freshmen Transition Update.

Dr. Foster submitted her written report on activities of the school and students at HVRHS which included presenting certificates to students highlighting their student leadership; Assistant Principals week was celebrated under National Asst. Principals Week; school improvement plans for next year are underway; work from the faculty for SRBI (Scientific Research Based Intervention) and RTI (Response to Intervention); the NEAS&C follow-up committee will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup>; plans for workshops are being made in collaboration with the K-12PD committee; she gave an update on the Title One program; and an update on the activities of the HVRHS Guidance Department; there is an increase of 22% of students taking the PSAT; expanded and revamped classroom lessons for the sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students of HVRHS and the Hotchkiss School began work on a documentary film project, featuring a "Free Speech Board", with the intent to promote dialogue among the high school community. The HVRHS Recycling Team is collecting used electronics for safe/responsible disposal on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Peck is organizing the collection of class dues for all students (\$20./yr).

The Athletic Director's Report and the Maintenance Report were acknowledged as received.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved to have the tuition rate Ag-Ed students match that of the tuition rate from the State Board of Education.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, **Policy 5145.2R Management Plan for Students with Life-Threatening Food Allergies** was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the following field trips were unanimously approved by the Board:

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Washington D.C. Leadership Conference – July 6 through July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Officers Retreat - Aug. 16 – Aug 17.  
Conn. Officers Leadership Training – Aug. 17 and Aug 18  
Visit to FFA Chapter – Los Vegas, New Mexico – July 19 through July 26

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund and Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved the textbook for Social Studies, *United States History* submitted by Peter Vermilyea.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved Robert E. King Associates, CPA as the auditor for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Mr. Herrick explained the process followed to garner substantial savings from the district premiums by a possible change in health providers. The overall savings to the district aggregate, \$350K to \$400K, while still providing equivalent or better provisions to the health plan. He cited the meeting of the ABC Committee and the motion by the ABC Committee made to recommend proceedings in negotiations with Aetna Insurance.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Gibbons, the Board unanimously approved to continue negotiations with Aetna, based on the recommendation from the ABC Committee and contingent upon resolution of any issues that may occur under "equivalent or better" provisions in the plan, thus resulting in a possible increase in premiums of approximately 1.68%.

Mark Burdick announced the "Rural Safety" Workshop to be held by the Ag- Ed Department and that Ag-Ed will hold their Annual Open House from May 19<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the June 7, 2010 meeting

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REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Special Meeting**

Monday, May 10, 2010  
4:30 p.m. – Central Office Conference

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments
3. Discussion of documents(s) protected by attorney-client privilege\*
  - a. \*Proposed for executive session
4. Adjourn

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Region One Board of Education

Special Meeting  
Monday, May 10, 2010

A special meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Jonathan Moore, Kent; Jill E. Gibbons, Salisbury; Laura Freund, North Canaan; and Philip Hart, Cornwall.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Craig E. Meuser, Esq, Attorney for the Board of Education and Christine Chinni, Esq.

Upon a motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing documents protected by attorney-client privilege. Discussing the motion, Mrs. Toensing questioned the validity of the subject being discussed in executive session. Mrs. Toensing exited the meeting. Motion carried.

~~The Board moved into open session at 5:45 p.m.~~

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Moore, the Board unanimously moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*L. Freund*  
Laura Freund, Secretary *LF*

Approved as submitted at the June 7, 2010 meeting.