

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, April 6, 2009
HVRHS Library – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
4. Presentation:
5. Approval of min. of 3-10-09; 3-16-09 Sp; 3-16-09, 3-31-09 ph; 3-31-09 Sp 2
6. Athletic Director's Report: D. Roach 3
8. HVRHS Student Representative's Report: Lynzie Adams, Kara Riley
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. ABC – J. Manning –
 - b. Policy -A. Halle
 - c. Personnel – A. Halle
 - d. Ag. Ed. Advisory – L. Freund
 - e. HVRHS Building Committee – P. Hart
 - f. Long Range Planning Committee - P. Hart
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
10. Superintendent's Report-Written
 - a. Federal Stimulus
 - b. Enrollment
 - c. Announcements
11. Assistant Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Announcements
12. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Announcements
13. Director of Pupil Services Report:
 - a. Special Ed Monthly Report – April
 - b. Announcements
14. Principal's Report: (Written) 4
 - a. Announcements
15. New Business:

- a. Mission Statement Approval 5
 - b. Guidance Counselor Job Description – 1st read 6
 - c. **Field Trip – Denver Colorado**
 - d. **New Hire**
16. Old Business
- a. Policy 6141.323 Internet Accept. Use FILTERING 4th read 7
17. Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items
18. Adjourn

Mission Statement

The HVRHS community creates an environment that fosters respect, curiosity, critical thinking, high academic expectations, acceptable social behavior and active citizenship.

Town Votes

Canaan: 7 Cornwall: 9 Kent: 18 North Canaan: 21 Salisbury: 26 Sharon: 19

Board Goals 2008

1. Continue to support and encourage communication between the Board and school community and present well thought out and reviewed budgets that coincide with prudent fiscal policies.
2. Develop and implement a system for long range planning of curricula and program needs supported by the Region One Board
3. Monitor and support NEAS&C accreditation recommendations.
4. Conduct Board Self-Evaluation process before the beginning of each school year.

It is the policy of Regional School District One that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program, including employment, because of race, color, religious creed, sex, age, national origin ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, mental retardation and past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.

Approved as amended at the April 6th meeting.

Region One Board of Education
Monday, April 6, 2009

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was present: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Stephanie O'Rourke, Kent; Amanda Halle, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Laura Freund, North Canaan. Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village, was absent.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster and Director of Pupil Services, Theresa Terry. Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves was absent.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mr. Hart, the agenda was amended to read: 15.c. Field Trip, Denver, Colorado and 15.d. New Hire. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: Kevin Wheeler, HVRHS Custodian, spoke about his duties as day-shift custodian and outlined the job duties, asking the Board to reconsider this position cut from the budget; Mrs. Mary Wheeler spoke in favor of keeping the day-shift custodian as it pertains to Mr. Wheeler's dedication to the job/school. Mr. Manning read an e-mail from Floyd and Karen Ellis of Sharon stating they will not support the budget if the day-shift maintenance cut remained in the budget.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mr. Hart, the minutes of the Tuesday, March 10th meeting were approved, with Mrs. Halle abstaining.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the minutes of the Tuesday, March 16th (special) meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the minutes of the meeting of March 16th unanimously approved as amended.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Halle the minutes of the Public Hearing on March 31st were approved unanimously as amended.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the minutes of the Special Meeting on March 31st were approved unanimously as presented.

The Report from the Athletic Director was acknowledged as received.

Mr. Manning reported that a meeting of the ABC Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

Policy – no report

Personnel – no report

Ag-Ed – L. Freund: the Ag-Ed Advisory Council will meeting with Mr. Herrick to explore ways to get the Ag-Ed Capital Grant moving through the system; a subcommittee will work toward improvement in student employable skills.

HVRHS Standing Bldg. Committee – preliminary steps to replacing the gym floor are in progress.

Long Range Planning Committee, Mr. Hart reported another meeting will be scheduled soon.

Arboretum, Mr. Hart reported the committee is continuing work on the Senior Courtyard.

Superintendent Chamberlain reported that restrictions on the spending of the federal "Stimulus" money are being investigated; She reported on the recent statistics from NESDEC regarding the enrollment projections for Region One Schools; The process in the search for Dir. of Pupil Services will continue with a possible site visit of some candidates.

Mr. Herrick announced that he participated in a HVRHS Faculty/Student basketball game last week and the students and staff did a great job; school spirit was very high.

Mrs. Terry reported that the 8th Grade Transition program is in progress with PPT's planned where needed.

Dr. Foster reported for the Student Representatives: the Library Services Survey was successful; Art Fund Scholarships are available; Ag-Ed Day at the Capital (Hartford) was very worthwhile; the students attending workshops at Wesleyan University were very enthused; SAT scores will be available on line on April 7th; the recent Sports Award Assembly was a huge success with high attendance; students enjoyed the Broadway show in New York City, *Westside Story*; the healthy school alliance is continuing; "Mr. Housatonic" – student competition to raise school spirit and funds is receiving strong support from the students; Nur Abdulhayaglu, Science Chair, produced a report "*Where are we in Science Today*"; David Roach, AD, has had great success in various projects to raise school spirit; a report compiled by students on *Improvements of Housy* went very well.

A new Mission Statement for HVRHS has been created. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board unanimously approved the new 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. The core values that support this statement include a commitment to 21st Century academic expectations which encourage all members to grow to their potential, accept and respect different learning styles, solve problems and think analytically, and communicate their ideas effectively. Members of the school community make ethical choices, demonstrate social and civic responsibility and show pride and care for the school and its environment.

A discussion took place on the length/details of the Guidance Counselor job description at this 1st reading. A second reading will take place at the May meeting.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved a field trip to Denver, Colorado for students to attend the Educational Leadership Conference.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. O'Rourke, the Board unanimously approved Superintendent's recommendation to hire Martha Schwaikert for the position of Supervisor of Special Education at a salary of \$87,000/yr for 190 days.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. O'Rourke, policy 6141.323, Internet Acceptable Use; FILTERING, was unanimously approved as amended.

Mr. Manning acknowledged receipt of a brief letter and petition to reinstate the funding for the Ski Club.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the May 4, 2009 regular Board meeting