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Region One Board of Education

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 22, 2009
4:00 p.m. – HVRHS Library

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments: Verbal, Written
3. Discussion on Region One Budget 2009-2010
4. Public Comments on Agenda Items
5. Adjourn

Region One Board of Education
Monday, December 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the library of HVRHS. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village, Stephanie O'Rourke, Kent; Laura Freund, North Canaan; Jill Gibbons, Salisbury and Wynne Kavanagh, Cornwall (A). Philip Hart, Cornwall, was absent.

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

Superintendent Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A motion to nominate Judge Manning for Chairman was made by Ms. Freund, seconded by Ms. Kavanagh. Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Chamberlain called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously for Mr. Manning as Chairman.

A motion to nominate Philip Hart for Vice-Chairman was made by Mr. Manning, seconded by Mrs. Toensing. Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Chamberlain called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously for Mr. Hart as Vice Chairman.

A motion to nominate Mrs. Gibbons for Treasurer was made by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Manning. Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Chamberlain called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Gibbons as Treasurer.

A motion to nominate Laura Freund for Secretary was made by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Manning. Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Chamberlain called for a vote. The Board voted unanimously for Ms. Freund for Secretary.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Kavanagh, the Board voted unanimously to accept the agenda as submitted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Ms. Kavanagh, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2009. Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbons, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 1, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Dan Carroll, Athletic Director gave his report on HVRHS Athletics. He noted that over 200 students are participating in Housy sports.

The HVRHS Student Representatives reported on the activities coming up, December 18th, Winter Concert; the success of the FFA Banquet on November 20th; the opening of the Holiday Store at the Ag-Ed Center; a workshop for wreath-making will be held on December 9th; college acceptances are approximately 10% at this time; new videos are available in the library; both representatives attended the workshop for student BOE representatives at the CABE/CAPSS conference on November 21st.

Mr. Manning announced that the ABC Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 8th with five insurance brokers to give presentations on their ability to serve Region One insurance needs. Only one broker will be chosen to represent Region One.

Ms. Freund reported that the Ag-Ed Advisory Council met on November 23rd and focused on USDA grants. The Alumni Breakfast will be held on Dec. 12th. Ag-Ed is working on obtaining a grant for \$165,000. Mr. George Wheeler has been chosen to serve as Ag-Ed Consultant at the State level.

Ms. Kavanagh reported that the HVRHS Standing Building Committee met on Monday, December 7th, at 8:00 a.m. The Five-Year Capital Maintenance Plan was presented. Repair work on the high school roof

is a priority, as well as repairs to the White House. An Athletic Committee will be formed from this Committee to focus on needs of HVRHS Athletics in the coming years.

Ms. Kavanagh reported that the Long Range Plan will be presented to the Region One Board, upon the setting of budget priorities.

Ms. Kavanagh reported that the Arboretum Committee met on December 2nd and is working on the White Oak Master Plan.

Superintendent Chamberlain gave her report highlighting the workshops and speakers while she attended the CAFE/CAPSS workshops. She gave a brief overview of upcoming legislation. She reported that Region One is working on a Crisis Response Plan that included rapid communication for notification. Superintendent Chamberlain presented the 2nd draft of the 2010-2011 regional calendars; a vote will be taken at the January meeting. There will be an Orientation meeting for all new board members on December 15th.

Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves reported on the workshop she attended in Tennessee centering on Career Choices for Freshmen. Jacqueline Rice will head the Freshman Leadership Transition Institute. A process to develop evaluation procedures for HVRHS Dept. Chairs will be developed. A K-12 Curriculum Council will begin work to develop curriculum map for guidance.

Mr. Herrick presented a financial update for HVRHS, Pupil Services and RSSC.

Mr. Gross, Director of Pupil Services reported on the very positive results of the Assistive Technology for students with disabilities. He also reported success with ARRA funded School-to-Work transition for students with disabilities.

Dr. Foster submitted her written report and highlighted various items including that the NEAS&C Report will be forthcoming. She publicly thanked Sam Herrick for his working in providing an enrollment analysis. She cited the establishment of a "sister school" in France where the advanced French students are corresponding with students in France; she thanked the chaperones, parents and students for a successful sophomore class dance; various meetings over the past month focused on budget, websites, assessments, safety, summer school, study halls and department goals; the FFA Banquet was an outstanding success; Class Advisors, Student Council Advisors, along with the Spirit Group Advisors hosted a very successful Turkey Olympics. The Technology report included the IT Department working with the Technology Committee and PBIS to redefine and improve technology use within the school; She also submitted the monthly Maintenance Report.

The Pupil Services proposed 2010-2011 Budget was presented and items of importance were explained.

Appointment/volunteers for several committees of the Board were made:
Personnel Committee - Ms. Freund, Ms. Gibbons, Mr. Manning, Mrs. Toensing
Policy Committee – Ms. Freund, Mrs. Toensing, Ms. Gibbons
Ag.-Ed Advisory Rep: Ms. Freund
Long Range Plan – Mr. Hart
Arboretum – Mrs. Hart
HVRHS Standing Bldg. Committee – Mr. Hart

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved the list submitted to serve on the K-12 Curriculum Committee;
CCS Terri Kirkland, Vicki Nelson, Robert Vaughan
KCS Lee Sohl, Pat Ciccone
NECS Linda Peppe, Renee Slonaker, Doug Murray
SCS Shannon Balogh
SHN JoEllen Neideck, Susan Bayer
HVRHS Shannon Freese, Jason MacFarland

Mr. Bill Gold commented that in the past the Adult Soccer team made contributions to the high school in lieu of paying a "fee" for use of the high school gymnasium. He asked if the team can continue follow this same procedure until a final determination is made on his group's use of the gym. Mr. Manning stated that the Policy Committee will be taking up this issue and an answer will be forthcoming, in the interim, the games should be postponed.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Kavanagh, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion of collective bargaining of non-certified personnel at 7:25 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., the Board moved into open session.

The Board meeting was declared adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as submitted at the January 4, 2010 meeting

Lucille A. Paige