

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, February 2, 2009
HVRHS Library –6:00 p.m.
AGENDA

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| 1. | Call to order | |
| 2. | Approval of Agenda | 1 |
| 3. | Communications to the Board: written/Oral (3 letters) | 2 |
| 4. | Approval of min. of 1/5/09; 1/8/09; 1/13/09; 1/22/09 | 3 |
| 5. | Athletic Director’s Report (Written) | 4 |
| 6. | Student Representatives’ Report: Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams | |
| 7. | Presentation: Hector Umana | |
| 8. | Committee Reports: | |
| | a. ABC – J. Manning - Min. of ABC 1-20-09 | 5 |
| | b. Policy - A. Halle | |
| | c. Personnel – A. Halle: | |
| | d. Ag. Ed Advisory – L. Freund | |
| | e. HVRHS Building Comm.- P. Hart - Min. of 1-21-09 | 6 |
| | f. Long Range Planning Committee - P. Hart | |
| | g. Arboretum – P. Hart | |
| 9. | Superintendent’s Report: | 7 |
| | a. Announcements | |
| 10. | Assistant Superintendent’s Report: | 7a |
| | a. Professional Development | |
| 11. | Business Manager’s Report | |
| | a. Audit Report/Financial Report | |
| 12. | Director of Pupil Services Report: | 7b |
| | a. Announcements | |
| 13. | Principal’s Report: (Written) | 8 |
| | a. Secondary School Reform | 9 |
| | b. Safety Locks | |
| 14. | Old Business: | |
| | a. Policy: Suspension and Expulsion 5114 – 3 rd reading | 10 |
| | b. Job Descriptions: Dir. of Pupil Services; Supervisor of Special Education | 11 |
| 15. | New Business: | |

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| a. Internet Acceptable Use: FILTERING – 6141.323 - 1 st reading | 12 |
| b. April Reg.One BOE meeting date | 13 |
| c. ED 099 Healthy Food Certification Statement | 14 |
| d. Field Trip Approval – Uncansville, CT – Wrestling Tournament | 15 |

16. Public/Board members comments on agenda items

17. **Executive Session anticipated for the discussion of litigation**

18. Adjourn

Approved as amended at the February 2, 2009 meeting.

Mission Statement

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

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, martial status, sexual orientation, mental retardation and past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability and physical disability.

Region One Board of Education
Monday, February 2, 2009

The Regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, February 2, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was seated: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Stephanie O'Rourke, Kent; Amanda Halle, Salisbury; Laura Freund, North Canaan; and Philip Hart, Cornwall.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Sam Herrick, Business Manager; Diane Goncalves, Assistant Superintendent; Theresa Terry, Director of Pupil Services; Dr. Gretchen Foster, Principal; Kara Riley and Lyndzie Adams, Student Representatives.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6 :00 p.m. Three letters from community members were contained in the packet; Mrs. Toensing read a letter aloud from a Falls Village resident, (see attached).

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the minutes of the January 5, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the minutes of the January 8, 2009 special meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the minutes of the January 22, 2009, were unanimously approved as corrected.

The Athletic Director's Report was acknowledged and accepted in the board packet.

Student Representatives Lyndzie Adams and Kara Riley reported on various activities of the students; artwork from China displayed in the library, February 13, 2009, date of the AFS Fund raising Pasta Supper, in April members of the Chorus/Band will travel to Broadway (NY) to see "West Side Story", students will participate in making blankets for the needy, mid-year exams/assessments are complete, students in the Ag-Ed department completed their writing papers, the FFA ski trip taken on 1-30-09 was successful, the Annual FFA Breakfast will be held on Thursday, February 19th, students will be holding a Pep Rally, after visiting Watertown HS for new ideas.

Mr. Hector Umana, a HVRHS student who took his CPR and Red Cross training, saved the life of a passenger on the subway in NYC, who was choking. Mr. Umana has won the "Rising Above the Ordinary" citation.

Mr. Manning reported on the recent meeting of the ABC Committee held on January 20, 2009, wherein officers were elected and discussions on the Regional Transportation Contract were discussed. The next meeting of the ABC Committee will be Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at the Lee H. Kellogg School at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Halle reported that two polices will be reviewed at this meeting - *5114 Suspension and Expulsion* and *6141.323 Internet Acceptable Use*.

Mr. Hart reported on the HVRHS Standing Building Committee meeting held on January 21, 2009, wherein the repairs to the gym floor and the repair of the roof were discussed.

Mr. Hart reported that a meeting of the Long Range Committee will be held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Del Eads Reading Room.

Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee will be designing plaques for the dedicated trees on campus.

Superintendent Chamberlain gave a legislative update, and cautioned that pending bills will go through change(s) before becoming law. She reported that the Federal Stimulus Package may bring some funding to Connecticut public schools. She attached the Adequate Yearly Progress Reports (AYP), which were positive for Region One. Superintendent Chamberlain reported that early interest is being shown for the Supervisor of Special Education position.

Superintendent Chamberlain announced three retirements: Susan DelGrego, Title 1, Linda Everett, Family & Consumer Science and Judith A. Moore, Guidance Counselor.

Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves gave her report highlighting the many tasks that she has undertaken since her start on January 12, 2009. Well underway are plans for CMT/CAPT, professional development, curriculum development w/Sharon Audubon, physical education curriculum, world languages curriculum, plans for continuing work on NEAS&C recommendations, Clark B. Wood Renovations Committee, involvement with the 21st Century Fund Committee and she has attended the ABC Committee meeting.

Dr. Foster reported that as part of the State of Connecticut's Secondary School Reform program, teachers from HVRHS will participate on advisory committees: *Student Success Plan Advisory Committee; Support Systems/School Environment Advisory Committee and Capstone Experience Advisory Committee*. Participation by HVRHS teachers on these important State committees will support some of the recommendations by NEAS&C.

Mr. Herrick reported receipt of the *Final Audit Reports* from the school's auditors. He distributed copies to each of the Board members. He also reported that he will have the annual meeting with Board Treasurer, Amanda Halle, to review business and financial transactions. He will also distribute a detailed financial report for the Board's review on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

Mr. Herrick reported his recent meetings/discussion with KONA HR and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Anthem is submitting a 27.26% rate increase due to high claim activity by the insured. Participating in a *Wellness Education Program* will reduce the renewal rate by 3% (24.26%). The Business office is seeking ways to further reduce medical premium costs which may include self-insured prescriptions and higher co-pay for employees.

Mrs. Terry reported on the *Birth to 3* program, submitting charts with birth rates and related referrals. She explained the referral process involving parents, counselors and special education professionals.

Dr. Foster submitted her detailed written report to the BOE members. She also reported that a practice "lock-down" of the campus was held today.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved the policy 5114 Suspension and Expulsion policy.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the job description for Director of Pupil Services was unanimously approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the job description for Supervisor of Special Education was unanimously approved as submitted.

A first reading of policy **6141.323 Internet Acceptable Use: FILTERING** took place; a second reading with changes will take place at the March meeting.

The Region One Board meeting date of April 6th will remain in the schedule (Spring Vacation Week).

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle the Board voted not to participate in the ED099 Healthy Food Certification Statement for July 1, 2009 through July 30, 2010. Superintendent Chamberlain reported the \$.10 per lunch revenue is not enough to cover the strict food plan mandated under this program. She reported that the HVRHS Cafeteria staff currently operates under another healthy food plan under the State of Connecticut.

In favor:

G. Toensing, FV	7
P.Hart, Cornwall	9
L.Freund, N.Canaan	21
A. Halle, Salisbury	26
J. Manning, Sharon	19
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Opposed:

S. O'Rourke, Kent	18
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Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously voted to approved the Field Trip by the HVRHS Wrestling Team to Uncasville, CT for the State Tournament.

At 7:50 p.m., upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Manning the Board unanimously moved into executive session for the purpose of discussion of litigation, calling into this session Superintendent Chamberlain, Mr. Herrick, and Mrs. Terry.

The Board moved into open session at 8:04 p.m. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk