

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, June 1, 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 5-04-2009 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 – min 5-6-09 4
 - b. Policy -A. Halle
 - c. Personnel – A. Halle 5
 - d. Ag. Ed. Advisory – L. Freund
 - e. HVRHS Building Committee – P. Hart
 - f. Long Range Planning Committee - P. Hart min. 5-18-09
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
10. Superintendent's Report: 6
 - a. Announcements
11. Assistant Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Announcements (Retirement)
12. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Announcements
13. Director of Pupil Services Report:
 - a. Special Ed Monthly Report – June
 - b. Announcements
14. Principal's Report: (Written) 7
 - a. Announcements
 - b. Science Fair 8
 - c. Guidance Grapevine

- 15 New Business:
 - a. Approval: Title 1 Teacher, School Guidance Counselor 9
 - b. Field Trip Approvals: Officers Retreat 10
 - c. Washington Leadership Conf.
 - d. Camp Oswegatchie
 - e. Arkansas – FFA Exchange
 - f. Envirothon- Ashville, NC
 - g. Extra Pay for Extra Duty Appointments 11
 - h. Collection Policy 12
 - i. Sewing Machines 13
 - j. Approval to apply for ARRA Grant**
 - k. Approval of .6 German teacher**
 - l. Job Description: HVRHS Department Chair – 1st reading**

- 16. Old Business
 - a. Guidance Counselor Job Description - 3rd reading 14
 - b. Textbook Approval: Mathematics 15

17 Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items

Approved at the 6/1/09 meeting

18 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.

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.

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.

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The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, June 1, 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; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan.

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Assistant Superintendent, Diane Goncalves; Director of Pupil Services, Theresa Terry; HVRHS Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster; Student Representatives, Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams. Absent: Sam Herrick, Business Manager. 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 approved as amended: Added under New Business: 15.j. Approval to apply for ARRA Grant; 15.k. Approval of .6 German teacher; 15.l. Job Description: HVRHS Department Chairs – 1st reading.

Mark Burdick thanked both Student Representatives for their good reporting on all of the Ag-Ed activities. Mrs. Toensing read aloud a letter to the BOE from Town Clerk, Mary Palmer regarding the process of teacher applicants/hiring.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting as submitted.

The Athletic Report submitted by David Roach, Athletic Director was acknowledged as received.

Under Student Representatives reports: HVRHS Ag-Ed students won many "1st place" standings in the recent State competition; Envirothon Group won 1st place in State and will go on to compete in Asheville, North Carolina; The FFA Chicken BBQ will be held Sunday, June 14th; the Band and Chorus Concert was outstanding; the students in Art Class made a field trip to the Cloisters; the interviews for the Contemporary Visual Arts Scholarship were taking place today; HVRHS music students will perform at Music Mountain; the "survey" from the Library is still ongoing; the students' "Mr. Housatonic" competition was very successful, with Will Kennedy the winner; the Relay for Life, fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will take place June 6th and June 7th; the car wash fund raisers for both AFS and Girls' Lacrosse were successful.

Mr. Manning referred to the minutes of the ABC Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 6 2009 in his report. Mrs. Halle reported that a Personnel Committee meeting was held today, June 1st and that another Personnel meeting will take place before the end of school; she also reported that a Policy meeting will be held soon. Ms. Freund reported that an Ag.-Ed Advisory Committee will hold their meeting on June 8, 2009. Mr. Hart reported that a meeting of the HVRHS Standing Building Committee will be scheduled within the next two weeks to begin the gym floor replacement project and discuss the issue of roof repairs. Mr. Hart reported that the Long Range Planning Committee met on May 18, 2009 for a "wrap up" session. Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee is continuing landscaping work on the campus.

Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain submitted her June report in writing, but highlighted legislative updates, the Millennium Fund, and Music on the Mountain concert with our students' participation.

Assistant Superintendent, Diane Goncalves, submitted her written report and highlighted professional development updates, summer curriculum work, and the PD days set aside for August 26th and August 27th. She also announced the retirement of Ronnie Santorelli, Director of Guidance.

Theresa Terry, Director of Pupil Services thanked the BOE for their support to her and her department over her years of service in Region One. Ms. Terry will retire as of June 30, 2009. A meet and greet gathering for Martha Schwaikert, Special Education Supervisor and Carl Gross, the new Director of Pupil Services will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd, in the HVRHS Library. Mrs. Terry announced that she has made various changes in teaching personnel throughout the district.

Dr. Foster submitted her written report for June and highlighted the success of the recently held Blood Drive; the Fulton-Hausman Scholarship Awards, the successful Adult Education Graduation, the Faculty Picnic held on Saturday May 30th, and thanked all of the faculty for their time, effort and work they have accomplished on the "initiatives" for the high school. She reported that the work for NEAS&C is continuing and then distributed the "Grapevine" from the Guidance Department. She also thanked those faculty members who worked in the successful student "Science Fair".

Dr. Foster announced that the monitoring by the State Dept. of Education on the school's Suspension and Expulsion program has been completed with satisfaction by the State due to the improvements made to program.

Bus Driver Appreciation Day, will be held in the HVRHS Cafeteria on June 2nd; several HVRHS students participated in a "Prejudice Reduction" conference at Quinnipiac University. Faculty member Deron Bayer won \$5,000 in a program "Above and Beyond the Classroom Teacher". Dr. Foster gave a verbal report from the Maintenance Department.

Superintendent Chamberlain presented three new teachers for approval: Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the BOE unanimously approved Ms. Linda Massucci, Title I teacher - .5 at Lee H. Kellogg and .5 at Cornwall Consolidated School, beginning salary MA13- \$73,655/yr. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the BOE unanimously approved Ms. Sharon Veatch, HVRHS Guidance Counselor, beginning salary, MA7-\$55,592. Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mr. Hart, the BOE unanimously approved Kimberley Berley, .6 German beginning salary, MA-6, \$31,836/yr.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the BOE unanimously approved the student field trip to the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the BOE unanimously approved the student field trip to Camp Oswegatchie, New York. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the BOE unanimously approved the student field trip to FFA Exchange in Arkansas. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart the BOE unanimously approved the student field trip to Ashville, North Carolina for the Canon Envirothon. Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the BOE unanimously approved the student field trip to attend the Officer Retreat for FFA leadership training.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board unanimously approved the list of appointees for the 2009-2010 school year for Extra Pay/Extra Duty. See attached.

A new policy, under **Instruction: Media Center (Library), Collection Development Policy, 6163.1a** was presented for review by the Policy Committee at its future meeting.

Dr. Foster announced the distribution (under Request for Disposal of Assets) of old sewing machines.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. O'Rourke, the BOE unanimously gave approval to Mrs. Terry to apply for the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) grant.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. O'Rourke, the BOE unanimously approved the job description for Guidance Counselor.

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Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Freund, the textbook for HVRHS, entitled *Calculus: Concepts and Context* (4th edition), was unanimously approved by the BOE.

A special meeting of the Region One Board of Education will be held on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige
Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the September 14, 2009 meeting.