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REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, March 16, 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. Approval of min. of 2-02-2009, 02-10-2009, 02-24-2009 2
5. Athletic Director's Report (Written) 3
6. Student Representatives' Report: Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams
7. Presentation:
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. ABC – J. Manning
 - b. Policy - A. Halle
 - c. Personnel – A. Halle
 - d. Ag. Ed Advisory – L. Freund
 - e. HVRHS Building Comm.- P. Hart -
 - f. Long Range Planning Committee - P. Hart Meeting 2-23-09
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
9. Superintendent's Report: 4
 - a. Announcements
10. Assistant Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Professional Development
11. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Announcements
12. Director of Pupil Services Report: 5
 - a. Announcements
13. Principal's Report: (Written) 6
 - a. Announcements
14. Old Business:

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- a. Policy: Internet Acceptable Use: FILTERING 6141.323 3rd read 7
- b. Capstone Approval – Secondary School Reform 8

- 15. New Business:
 - a. Approve date for Public Hearing Tuesday, March 31, 2009
 - b. Field Trips: HVRHS Library – Athletics 9
 - Robotics Team – Hartford Convention Center 10
 - Robotics Team – Atlanta, Georgia 11
 - c. Approval of Coaches – Baseball and Tennis 12
 - d. ACORN – Extra Pay for Extra Duty 13

- 16. Public/Board members comments on agenda items

- 17. **Executive Session anticipated for Personnel Contracts**
- 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.

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, March 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was postponed to March 16, 2009, and was held at 6 :00 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was present: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Carol Kallstrom, Kent; Amanda Halle, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan. Stephanie O'Rourke was absent.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Ms. Freund, the agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Under public comment, Ms. Heidi Kearns distributed her letter to the Board and read aloud her concerns regarding the cut of the Freshmen Basketball team. Mrs. Ellen Underwood also cited the value of maintaining the Freshmen Basketball team.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the minutes of the February 2nd, February 10th and February 24th Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Student Representative Lynzie Adams reported on the various activities of the high school students including the FFA District Public Speaking Competition, the New York Farm show on Feb. 27th, the field trip by the Ag-Ed students to the Capital in Hartford; the Spring Splash fund raiser to be held on March 29th; the new sound system for the Library Media Center, the new inventory in the library; activities at the Career Center; the Art Exhibit at the White Gallery on May 15th; the special mention for the design and construction of the HVRHS Handbook covers; the music students field trip to New York City; the Spring Concert; the student play, "Anything Goes"; the update on student athletics.

Mr. Manning reported on the ABC Committee meeting held on March 3rd at the Lee H. Kellogg School. The next meeting of the ABC will be held on April 20th at the Cornwall Consolidated School.

Mrs. Halle reported that the 3rd reading of Internet Filtering will be done at this meeting.

Mrs. Halle reported on the Personnel Meeting that was held on February 26, 2009.

There was no meeting of the Ad-Ed Advisory Council.

Mr. Hart asked Mr. Herrick to report on the roof repairs as being overseen by the HVRHS Standing Building Committee.

The Long Range Planning Committee is in the process of measuring success, as reported by Mr. Hart.

Mr. Hart reported on the ongoing work of the Arboretum Committee placing plaques on trees and the tree signage.

Superintendent Chamberlain recognized the hard work and efforts of the Board members, as March is “Board Appreciation Month”. Her written report contained information on the non-certified negotiations for North Canaan, Salisbury and Region One that are in progress. She updated the Board members on the search for Director of Pupil Services and Supervisor of Special Education. She remarked on the information forthcoming from the State and federal government in the Stimulus Package. She attached a copy of legislative “Advocacy Update” from CABE. The Grade 4 Arts Day, held at Hotchkiss School was a great success.

Superintendent Chamberlain accepted the resignation of HVRHS teacher Paul Nikolsky

Assistant Superintendent Goncalves reported on the CMT and CAPT activities; teacher observations. She reported on the anticipated teacher openings; Pro-Traxx training for CEU records; Grade level meetings; professional development plans; an update on the renovation of the Clark B. Wood building with Jack Mahoney; meetings with HVRHS Department Chairs and the committees under NEAS&C.

Mr. Herrick reported on the current and anticipated finances for HVRHS, RSSC and Pupil Services.

Mrs. Terry submitted a written report highlighting new regulations under IDEA, the IEP’s and Student Transistion.

Dr. Foster submitted a written report highlighting faculty meetings and their activities, Department meetings, Maintenance Dept. report, the FFA Faculty Breakfast, the Pep Rally was a huge success and thanked Coach Roach for his efforts, the Mardi Gras theme from the Cafeteria and the upcoming field trips, and leadership conferences.

The Policy Internet Acceptable Use: FILTERING, 6141.323 will undergo suggested changes and come up for a 4th reading at the April Board meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved Capstone Experience Advisory Committee, under the State Board of Education, Secondary School Reform Program.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board unanimously approved to hold the Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Proposed Region One Budget on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 133 at HVRHS.

Upon a motion b Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the field trip for an overnight stay at HVRHS Library by the Girls Softball team was unanimously approved.

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Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle the student field trip to Hartford by the Robotics Team was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the field trip to Atlanta, Georgia by the students of the Robotics Team was unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the list of coaches were unanimously approved pending final coaching certification by all on the list.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the extra pay for extra duty stipend divided between Mr. Osora and Mr. Looney was unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle the Board unanimously moved into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of personnel, and asked Superintendent Chamberlain and Dr. Foster to attend.

The Board moved into open session at 7:40 p.m. Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations of the Personnel Committee for the proposed salaries for administrators, the executive secretary, the Occupational Therapist, and the Physical Therapist.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the April 6, 2009 meeting.

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Region One Board of Education

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, March 16, 2009
5:00 p.m. – HVRHS Library

Agenda

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

Region One Board of Education
Special Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2009

The Region One Board of Education held a special budget workshop on Monday, March 16, 2009, at 5:00 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; Business Manager, Sam Herrick; Director of Pupil Services, Theresa Terry; Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster.

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Peter Peterson, HVRHS Maintenance, commented on his busy daily schedule and gave an example of what duties he undertakes on a daily basis which will be affected by the loss of daytime personnel. Mr. Al Gould, HVRHS Night Custodian, commented on the needs of the campus not being met with one less man on day shift. Mr. Kevin Wheeler, Custodian, commented on the personal aspects of the personnel reduction.

Original motion: Region One Board Special meeting on **February 10, 2009**: Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle moved to accept the overall 2009-2010 budget increase of 1.99% (for the 2009-2010 proposed budget). Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle moved to table the previous motion by Ms. Freund; motion carried unanimously on **February 10, 2009**. At the Region One BOE meeting of **February 24, 2009**, upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board unanimously moved to maintain the "tabled" status for a vote upon the proposed 2009-2010 Region One Budget until the next budget workshop, **March 16, 2009**. ***On March 16, 2009, upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Region One Board activated the "tabled" motion to read: The Region One Board of Education voted to accept the proposed Regional School District budget to increase not more than 1.99%.***

Mrs. Toensing wanted the record to show that she opposed this budget at this time due to the reduction in manpower in the HVRHS Maintenance Dept. She felt that the written letters of communication from the public, along with public comment from the community members who attended the budget workshops and the recommendations from Fire Marshal MacMillian constituted public input on this budget, which she felt was being ignored.

In favor:

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| S. O'Rourke, Kent | 18 |
| A. Halle, Salisbury | 26 |
| P.Hart, Cornwall | 9 |
| L.Freund, N.Canaan | 21 |
| J. Manning, Sharon | 19 |
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Opposed:

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| G. Toensing, Falls Village | 7 |
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Under public comment, Mrs. Mary Wheeler asked the Board to reconsider the shift change for her husband as it affects their family.

Mr. Manning declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the April 6, 2009 meeting.

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REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Room 133, HVRHS
(Immediately following the Public Hearing that begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Board Discussion on Public Hearing on 2009-2010 Proposed Region One School Budget
3. Establish 2009-2010 Budget for Referendum
4. Adjourn

Region One Board of Education

**Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2009
(Following the Public Hearing)**

A special meeting following the Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 7:51 p.m. in Room 133, HVRHS. A quorum was present: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Stephanie O'Rourke, Kent; Amanda Halle, Salisbury; Gale C. Toensing, Canaan; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board moved to approve the 2009-2010 budget for *Housatonic Valley Regional High School* in the amount of **\$8,084,439**.

In favor:

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| J. Manning, Sharon | 19 |
| S. O'Rourke, Kent | 18 |
| L. Freund, N.Canaan | 21 |
| P.Hart, Cornwall | 9 |
| A. Halle, Salisbury | 26 |
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Opposed:

G. Toensing, Canaan 7

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Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously moved to approve the 2009-2010 budget for *Pupil Services* in the amount of **\$5,166,344**.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board moved to approved the 2009-2010 budget for RSSC in the amount of **\$891,733**.

In favor:

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| J. Manning, Sharon | 19 |
| S.O'Rourke, Kent | 18 |
| L.Freund, N. Canaan | 21 |
| P. Hart, Cornwall | 9 |
| A. Halle, Salsibury | 26 |
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Opposed:

G. Toensing, Canaan 7

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The total combined net amount of the 2009-2010 Regional School District One Budget is **\$14,142,516.**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Special Meeting was unanimously declared adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk

Approved as submitted at the April 6, 2009 meeting