

**REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Monday, May 4, 2009**  
**HVRHS Library – 6:15 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
4. Presentation: China Field Trip
5. Approval of min. of 4-06-09 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:
  - a. Late Opening Time- Winter Storms
  - b. Search Updates
  - 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 – May 4
  - b. Announcements
14. Principal's Report: (Written) 5
  - a. Announcements

- 15 New Business:
  - a. Director of Special Education/Recommendation for Hire 6
  - b. Field Trip Approval- Florida – Music Dept. 7
  - c. Textbook Approval - Mathematics 7a
  - d. Technology Plan – Approval 8
  - e. Survey – Leadership 9
  - f. Department Chair Job Description
  
- 16. Old Business
  - a Guidance Counselor Job Description
  
- 17 Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items
  
- 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.***

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**Town Votes**

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

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**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.

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Region One Board of Education  
**Monday, May 4, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. in the HVRHS Library. A quorum was present: Chairman, Judge Manning, Sharon; Gale C. Toensing, Falls Village; Amanda Halle, Salisbury; Philip Hart, Cornwall and Laura Freund, North Canaan. Stephanie O'Rourke, Kent was absent.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mr. Hart, the agenda was approved as submitted.

Superintendent Chamberlain reported the receipt of a letter from Louis Allyn, East Canaan, requesting the administration to attempt to reach a zero increase for the Region One budget, 2009-2010. Ms. Laura Freund reported receipt of a letter from office of Senator Tom Gaffey advising that legislation regarding a uniform school start date has been withdrawn.

A presentation on their field trip to China was given by Molly Lovejoy, Rachel Freund, Jesse Edholm and Chelsea Burns.

The minutes of the April 6, 2009 Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved from a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart.

The Athletic Director's written report was acknowledged as received.

Kara Riley gave the student activity report including "The Blue & Gold at the White" art exhibit by HVRHS students, an upcoming visit by guest artist on May 15<sup>th</sup>, HVRHS Ag-Ed Equine group placing 1<sup>st</sup> at CT States; Ag-Ed Open house will be held May 13<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup>, The NHS Induction will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m., the Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser will be held on June 6, 2009, the Gong Show will be held on June 5, 2009, and Cinco de Mayo will be celebrated on May 5, 2009.

Mr. Manning reported that the ABC Committee will be meet Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 5:30 at Cornwall Consolidated School.

Mrs. Halle reported that the Personnel Committee met on May 4, 2009.

Mrs. Halle reported that a Policy meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Ag-Ed Report – none

HVRHS Standing Bldg Committee will schedule a meeting upon receipt of the final bids for the gymnasium floor.

Mr. Hart reported that the Long Range Planning Committee will meet on May 18, 2009.

Mr. Hart reported that the Arboretum Committee will meet June 3, 2009.

Superintendent Chamberlain reported that the district will return to "90 Minute Delays" regarding inclement weather. This will parallel the other area school districts. The search for the Director of Special Education has been completed. She and the administration are working very closely with the TAHD regarding daily update on the Swine Flu issue. Superintendent Chamberlain reported on the recent statistics for racial student count in Region One. She distributed a press release from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation regarding the endowment funds available for students/education.

Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves reported on the success of the spring Mini-Workshops that were held; these workshops will continue in the fall. Plans for the August Professional Development days are nearing completion. Interviews for teachers in Guidance, science, math and Title I are in progress.

Mr. Herrick reported receipt of the lawn mowing bids that will render significant savings. Meetings for the teachers and staff regarding the HSA health plan are taking place. Health Insurance premiums are being reviewed from Anthem BC/BS and United Health Care.

Mrs. Terry distributed her Special Education Report for May and answered questions regarding the charts showing statistics for students with disabilities. Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously amended the agenda to under New Business, add item g. Approval of IDEA Grant.

Dr. Foster submitted her written report to the Board and verbally highlighted those areas of importance. She also reported on the "7<sup>th</sup> Grade Night" that was recently held at the high school. The Science Fair will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Summer Reading Program will again take place this year.

Dr. Foster announced that former State Commissioner of Education, Ted Sergi, will be the guest speaker for the 2009 High School Graduation ceremony.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved Carl Gross to serve as Director of Pupil Services, replacing Mrs. Theresa Terry, who will retire on June 30, 2009. Mr. Gross will begin his duties on July 1, 2009 with a salary of \$116,000/yr.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Krupa's request for this music students to travel to Orlando, Florida, February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The Board unanimously decided to "table" the textbook request for approval from Dr. Scott Fellows, *Calculus of a Single Variable*.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Halle *the Educational Technology Plan* to be submitted to the State Department of Education June, 2009 was unanimously approved.

Dr. Foster submitted a request to the Board, from the recommendations of the NEAS&C (Accreditation) to respond to a survey (on the Internet) regarding the autonomy of the Principal of HVRHS to lead the school. Dr. Foster will issue the "link" needed by Board members to pull up the survey and submit their responses.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle the Board unanimously gave authorization to Mrs. Terry, Director, of Pupil Services to apply for the IDEA Grant.

The job description for the Guidance Counselor will come back to the Board a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and approval at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Approved as submitted at the June 1, 2009 meeting.**

Lucille A. Paige  
Board Clerk