

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, November 2, 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 10-05-09 2
5. Athletic Director's Report: Dan Carroll 3
6. HVRHS Student Representative's Report: K.Riley, L. Adams
7. Committee Reports:
 - a. ABC – J. Manning – min 10-27-09 4
 - b. Policy -A. Halle – min 10-22-09 5
 - c. Personnel – meeting
 - d. Ag. Ed. Advisory
 - e. HVRHS Building Committee
 - f. Long Range Planning - P. Hart – Next Step
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
8. Superintendent's Report-Written 5a
 - a. LCSA Student Awards 6
 - b. Legislative Update
 - c. Announcements
9. Assistant Superintendent's Report:
 - a. Announcements
10. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Announcements
11. Director of Pupil Services Report:
 - a. Special Ed Monthly Report - C. Gross 7
 - b. Announcements
12. Principal's Report: (Written) 8
 - a. Maintenance Report 9
 - b. Technology Update 10

- 15 New Business:
 - a. RSSC Proposed 2010-2011 Budget 11
 - b. Calendar of Budget Meetings
 - c. Basketball Coaches 12
 - d. Approval of AgEd Advisory Council Members 13
- 16. Old Business:
 - a. Parenting Request 14
- 17 Public/Board Comments on Agenda Items
- 18. Executive Session for discussion collective bargaining agreement (Non Certified).
- 19. 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 2009-10

1. Continue development and monitor implementation of the Long Range Plan.
2. Develop Board of Education priority criteria associated with stated goals of the Long Range Plan.
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.

Region One Board of Education
Monday, November 2, 2009

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

Also present were: Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain; Assistant Superintendent, Diane Goncalves; Director of Pupil Services, Carl Gross; Supervisor of Special Education, Martha Schwaikert; Principal, Dr. Gretchen Foster; Assistant Principal, Dr. MaryAnn Buchanan and Student Representative, Kara Riley. Absent: Business Manager, Sam Herrick

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hart made a motion to amend the agenda to add item 15.e. Use of Facilities- B. Gold and Principal Foster added "Winter Coaches" to 15. c Basketball Coaches. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Toensing and approved unanimously by the Board.

Under public communications, Mr. Bill Gold of Cornwall requested the Board to allow use of the gymnasium for adult soccer.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board approved unanimously the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting as corrected. The written monthly report submitted by Dan Carroll, Athletic Director was acknowledged.

Student Representative, Kara Riley gave her report citing the activities of students' paintings (Art Garage) hanging in the cafeteria; the motivational assembly for students with speaker Jeff Yelden; the field trip to Williamstown; competitions for the music students; the success of the Pep Rally; and update on the sports teams; the Homecoming Dance, the upcoming FFA Banquet and Turkey Olympics.

Mr. Manning reported on the recent meeting of the ABC Committee held on October 27, 2009. The proposed 2010-2011 RSSC budget was presented; health insurance was discussed noting that area insurance brokers will be invited to give a presentation on their services for Region One's broker on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Only one broker will be chosen for service.

Mrs. Halle reported on the Policy Committee meeting held on October 22, 2009. The consensus of the Committee on the airing of Presidential Speeches was that a "policy" was not necessary, whereupon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Ms. Freund, was unanimously approved: *For school-wide view of a presidential speech to students, the decision to show such speech to the student body will be made by faculty consensus. In regard to non-school wide view of political speeches, as in the past, teacher will exercise their academic freedom to determine what is appropriate to their curriculum.*

Mr. Hart reported that the HVRHS Standing Building Committee will take up the issue of repair of the high school roof at their next meeting. Mr. Hart also reported that the Long Range

Planning Committee will meet again to finalize editing of the “Plan” and conduct a workshop with the Region One Board to develop an action plan accordingly. Mr. Hart also reported that the Arboretum Committee held a memorial service in planting of a silverbell tree in memory of Kaelan Paton. He thanked Dr. Foster for the planning of a meaningful memorial.

Superintendent Chamberlain reported that **Teacher Education and Mentoring Program (TEAM)** will replace the BEST requirements for new teachers that were formerly in place. She also announced In-School Suspension law that has been extended to 7/1/2010; she announced the Litchfield County Superintendents’ Association student award recipients; she gave an update on the H1N1 Flu vaccine availability and listed guidelines. She announced the Housatonic Musical Theatre Society Annual Kitchen Tour to be held his Saturday, November 7, 2009; she gave an update on the Region One enrollments.

Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves reported on the Freshman Transition Committee; the Policies, Procedure and Protocol Committee; Professional Development Committee, the K-12 Curriculum Council. She announced that the State Dept. of Education meeting for District Facilitators is November 23, 2009.

Superintendent Chamberlain announced the criteria for a three year electricity consortium for Region One. She also stated that the HVRHS Ski program, although not funded by the Board, is covered by the school’s insurance.

Carl Gross, Dir. of Pupil Services gave his monthly report citing SRBI/RtI/LD Eligibility updated; IEP Documents update; Special Education attendance Protocol Update and Addressing Special Education – General Education Collaboration, Alignment, and Continuity.

Principal Foster announced that HVRHS has been asked by SERC to be a PBIS Model Site for the state, with an additional stipend of \$2,000 for their efforts. Nine HVRHS students performed at the Advanced level on the 2009 CAPT Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Science tests. Departmental meetings have continued to focus on the current draft of the Long Range Plan. Parent/teacher conferences were well attended. Other highlights of staff and student achievements were detailed in her written report.

The Maintenance Report and Technology Report were acknowledged as received.

The proposed RSSC 2010 and 2011 budget was distributed to Board members and a brief description was given.

The Board created a calendar of Budget/other meetings:

Tuesday, Dec. 1 st Spec. Meeting-Full Board	– 4:00 p.m.	HVRHS Library
Monday, Dec. 7 th (Reg. Meeting)	receipt of Pupil Services proposed budget	
Thursday, January 14 th	Budget Workshop	4:00 p.m. HVRHS Library
Tuesday, January 19 th	– Budget Workshop	4:30 p.m. HVRHS Library
Thursday, Feb. 11 th	– Budget Workshop	4:00 p.m. HVRHS Library
Tuesday, February 23 rd	– Budget Workshop	4:30 p.m. HVRHS Library
Monday, March 1, Reg. BOE		6:00 p.m. HVRHS Library

Thursday, March 11th - Budget Workshop 4:00 p.m. HVRHS Library (if needed)

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle the Board unanimously approved Parker Strong for Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach and Stephen Magyar for Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Halle, the Board unanimously approved James Jacquier and Benjamin Freund , James March and Dan Hayhurst, Bill Burlburt and Lynn Scoville, Mathias Kiefer, Eric Mendelsohn, Bruce Bennet, James Russin, Chris Crane, Jason Bresson, Scot Thorton to the Ag-Ed Advisory Council.

Mr. Bill Gold of Cornwall requested continued use of the HVRHS gym for adult soccer. A motion by Mrs. O'Rourke, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board recommended the administrators allow Mr. Gold to continue use of the HVRHS gym. Motion defeated.

In favor		Against	
Falls Village, Toensing	7	Salisbury, A. Halle	26
Kent, S. O'Rourke	18	Sharon, J. Manning	19
Cornwall, P. Hart	9	N.Canaan, L.Freund	21
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Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved the six weeks maternity leave (paid) followed by a parenting leave (unpaid, no benefits) beginning in March 2010 to the end of the school year in June 2010 as per the HVRHS Faculty Association contract.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved at the December 7, 2009 meeting.

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk