

REGION ONE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 14, 2009
HVRHS Library – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda 1
3. Introduction of new teachers
4. *Communications to the Board: written/Oral*
15.i President Obama’s speech to students, Sept. 8, 2009
5. Request from 21st Century Fund ref: Clark B. Wood Bldg. 2
6. Approval of min. of 6/1/09, 6/22/09, 8/13/09 3
7. Athletic Director’s Report: Dan Carroll 4
8. HVRHS Student Representative’s Report: K.Riley, L. Adams
9. Committee Reports:
 - a. ABC – J. Manning – none
 - b. Policy -A. Halle - none
 - c. Personnel – A. Halle
 - d. Ag. Ed. Advisory – L. Freund
 - e. HVRHS Building Committee – P. Hart - Gym Floor
 - f. Long Range Planning Committee - P. Hart
 - g. Arboretum – P. Hart
10. Superintendent’s Report-Written 5
 - a. Opening Day
 - b. Enrollments
 - c. Legislative Updates
 - d. Announcements
11. Assistant Superintendent’s Report: 6
 - a. Announcements
12. Business Manager’s Report
 - a. Business Software
 - b. Announcements
13. Director of Pupil Services Report: 7
 - a. Special Ed Monthly Report - C. Gross
 - b. Announcements
14. Principal’s Report: (Written) 8
 - a. Maintenance Dept. Report 8a

- b. Announcements
- 15 New Business:
- a. Approval of Athletic Director Hire 9
 - b. Approval of Coaches 10
 - c. Approval of Board Meeting dates for 2010 11
 - d. Approval of Policy on Tuition 12
 - e. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty 13
 - f. Ag-Ed Student
 - g. Approval of Co-Op Hockey 14
 - h. Career Pathways - Course Proposal 15
 - i. Discussion of President Obama’s Speech – see relocation on agenda**
 - j. Approval of Field Trip to Indiana for FFA National Convention**
 - k. Approval of Copier Lease**
16. Old Business (none) Approved at the 9/14/2009 meeting
- 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.

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, September 14, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Region One Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 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; Philip Hart, Cornwall; Laura Freund, North Canaan; and Amanda Halle, Salisbury.

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

Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved as amended: item 15.i Discussion on President Obama's speech to students on September 8, 2009; item 15.j Approval of Field Trip to Indiana for National FFA Conference; 15.k. Approval of Copier lease; item 15.i Discussion of President Obama's speech was relocated to follow item 4. Communications to the Board.

Ms. Goncalves introduced the new teachers recently hired for positions at HVRHS.

The following people in attendance spoke on the viewing of President Obama's speech to students on Tuesday, September 8, 2009:

George Faccin, Salisbury	Robin O'Connor, Lakeville
Fran Besmer, Kent	Anne Zinzer, Cornwall
George Mathese, Salisbury	Majorie Reed, Salisbury
Johann Winzler, Salisbury	John Miller, Cornwall
Emory Roth, Salisbury	Marie Prentis, Cornwall
Judy Gott, Salisbury	Peter Busby, Cornwall
George Anastasio, Falls Village	Norma Lake, Cornwall
Al Dneutis, Salisbury	Paul Barons, Cornwall
Dave Cadwell, Cornwall	Jerry Doolittle, West Cornwall
Lynn Streeter, Cornwall	Marilyn Yerks, Sharon
Lorraine Faccin	

Board member Gale Toensing read into the minutes a statement to the Board of Education regarding the airing of President Obama's speech to students on September 8, 2009. (see attached). Also Philip Hart read a statement aloud to the audience. Superintendent Chamberlain read aloud her statement concerning the issue. (see attached).

Former Principal of HVRHS, Jack Mahoney representing *21st Century Fund*, made a request for funding for the Sci-Tech Building in the amount of \$30,000, to be garnered from the unexpended fund balance from the 2008-2009 budget. A discussion took place on the cost of future maintenance of the building (per S.Herrick, up to \$8,000/year). **Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. O'Rourke, the Board unanimously approved funding in the amount of \$30,000 to be given to continue the renovation of the Sci-Tech Building, pending final audit of the 2008-2009 budget.**

Upon a motion by Mrs. O'Rourke, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the following meetings as submitted: June 1, 2009, June 22, 2009 and August 13, 2009.

Dan Carroll, HVRHS Athletic Director, gave his monthly report (written copy also submitted).

Both Student Representatives, Kara Riley and Lynzie Adams reported: field trip made this summer to Denver, Colorado, highlighting the Univ. of Colorado at Denver; Ag-Ed competitions at Goshen Fair and the Big E; Envirothon team placing 10th in the nation, with each student receiving \$1,000 scholarship; AFS students currently studying at HVRHS and those HVRHS Students studying abroad; the success of the Academic Bowl team; Freshmen Orientation was a success; two good assemblies held on the first day of school; new Civics curriculum; success of the first Student Dance of the year; activities at the Career Center; availability of the Art Garage for students; upcoming CROP Walk; HVRHS Open House to be held Tuesday, Sept. 15th; welcome to the new German teacher; activities of the Music Department; Art Department activities; Spirit Week; PBS awards for students.

The minutes of the Personnel Committee for the July 6, 2009 meeting were distributed to the BOE members. A meeting for reviewing policies will be scheduled this week. A meeting of the Ag-Ed Advisory Council will be held on Monday, Sept. 28th. Mr. Hart and Mr. Herrick reported on the Gym Floor replacement and distributed a cost outline for the project. Mr. Hart reported that a meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee to edit the final report was held on September 9th. Mr. Hart reported that a Silverbell Tree will be planted on the campus in memory of Kaelan Paton, HVRHS student, who passed away this spring.

Superintendent Chamberlain gave her written report, highlighting the steps to be taken regarding the H1N1 flu virus from recommendations coming from the State Dept. of Education and the Torrington Area Health District. The school nurses and Principal have all been alerted.

Ms. Goncalves, Asst. Superintendent, gave her written report, highlighting some of activities that took place during the summer. She cited the outstanding efforts of Damon Osora, English Dept. Chair, and Principal Rima McGeehan, made with middle school and high school language arts curriculum.

Ms. Goncalves also thanked Dr. Scott Fellows and Principal, Karen Manning for the hard work they performed over the summer with middle school and high school math teachers relative to the math curriculum.

Mr. Herrick gave an update on the RFP process that is underway for the financial software for the district's accounting and payroll functions. A pilot test will be undertaken with the program QuickBooks to see if it is compatible and if it is able to provide the required functions of a municipality. He will report back to this Board the results therein.

Mr. Herrick reviewed the efforts being made to upgrade the copiers on campus including costs, savings, and feasibility.

Mr. Herrick presented a spreadsheet outlining the parameters of the upcoming 2009-2010 member town tuition assessments as it pertains to each of the six towns, their anticipated enrollments, and projected expenditures.

He also reported that the district's employee benefits broker is soliciting bids for Group Life Insurance.

Martha Schwaikert, Supervisor of Special Education, reported on the successful opening of school and programs set up for the special education students for the coming year.

Carl Gross, Director of Pupil Services, reported on the PPT/IEP Guidelines shared with Principals and the items in place to address special education student absenteeism/truancy. He announced the new Occupational Therapist, the Assistant Occupational Therapist under contract. He explained the use of the AARA funding, purchased services for home-school liaison.

Mr. Gross reported that recruitment for a 1.0 math interventionist and a 1.0 school psychologist and a .5 school-to-work transition coordinator, also funded by AARA and underway.

Dr. Foster proudly announced that Mark Burdick, who was present, was elected Teacher of the Year. She also announced that the AFS Annual Picnic was a great success. Dr. Foster's written report containing more detail was included in the BOE packet. Dr. Buchanan reported that the PBS program that began at HVRHS is now being conducted at the K-8 schools, with the same success.

The Maintenance Report was acknowledged as received in the BOE packet.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the hiring of Daniel Carroll for Athletic Director, at Step 6-8, \$61,502/yr.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the hiring of the coaches listed on the attached sheet.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mrs. Toensing, the Board meeting dates for 2010 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously approved the Policy 5119, TUITION STUDENTS as amended.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the following teachers for Extra Pay for Extra Duty:

Small Dept. Chair	Thomas Krupa
Spec. Ed. Dept. Chair	Janice Stowell
White Oak Yearbook	Kim McLeod
9 th Grad Advisors	Jacquie Rice and Rhonda Rinninsland
Student Council Advisors	Larry Peck and Sharon Veatch

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mrs. Freund, the Board unanimously approved the registration of an out of district Ag-Ed student (Mass.) in the HVRHS Ag-Ed Program, that is in compliance with Policy 5119 Tuition Students as amended at this meeting.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the Co-Op Hockey Program as presented.

Dr. Foster presented a new course proposal, Career Pathways. She gave a brief overview and will bring it back to the next meeting demonstrating how it meets National Standards and State Frameworks.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freund, seconded by Mr. Hart, the Board unanimously approved the field trip by the FFA students to travel to Indiana for the National FFA Convention, October 20th to October 24th, 2009.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Halle, seconded by Mrs. Toensing the Board unanimously authorized Business Manager, Sam Herrick, to enter into an new 4-year lease agreement for new copiers on the campus.

Mr. Hart asked for a consensus from the Board members to communicate to the public the responses by the Principals and Administrators to the concerns voiced about President Obama's speech on September 8th. A consensus was obtained.

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Mrs. Toensing asked that the BOE develop written "Board Priorities" for guidance in Board activities and behavior.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Toensing, seconded by Ms. Freund, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Board Clerk