

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order (7:01 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Todd Jokl, and Ms. Lynn Piascyk.

STAFF: Mr. Robert Gilbert, Superintendent; Cheryl Mammen, Special Services Director; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Joi Prud'homme, PTO; Teresa Nakouzi, Student Council representatives and family members.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

As a quorum was not present no action could occur.

REPORTS

PTO Update – Ms. Prud'homme noted the very successful spring Book Fair, the BRS Owl Fun Run on May 2, digital pep rally as well as the opening of pledges as part of the Boosterthon, special activities inclusive of poetry in motion, the first Earth Ballon and Birds of Prey, the upcoming Book Swap, tee shirt sales during Artsweek and family night at Quassy on May 17 on collaboration with Bethany Community School.

Student Council – Ms. Nakouzi introduced each of the student representatives who shared the various activities conducted throughout the year including pennies for puppies which raised \$600 for K9 first responders/therapy dogs, meals for families at New Haven Hospital, the making of lotus lanterns and sharing of Korean culture at the Senior Center and the overall generosity and spirit to volunteer their time to help people in need in their community. It was noted that the students were recently recognized by the Town of Woodbridge at the annual Human Services Tea. Teacher advisors include Ms. Nakouzi, Ms. Green, Ms. Heagney and Ms. Widmeyer.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Gilbert highlighted the Town Budget hearing with the board of Finance maintaining our 3.6% budget increase for the coming year; attendance at minority recruitment fairs, attaining final approval by the Board of Selectmen on commencement of HVAC work at BRS, professional development for Teacher Assistants on the two minimum dismissal days, the PTO/Superintendent Academy on Special Education and initiation of the parent/staff/student survey following April break.

BRS Report – Ms. Prisco noted Kindergarten Orientation on May 7, Smarter Balance Assessments will be occurring from May 7-17 with Science NGSS testing on May 22, Grade 2 curriculum unit on local government and the interdisciplinary unit study on plants.

Communication Update – Superintendent Gilbert reviewed the various forms of communications utilized to maximize efficiencies and keep parents as well as the community-at-large informed. In addition to the district web site, standard methods include the Principal eblast, the Superintendent's Parent Newsletter and the *Woodbridge Town News*. New this year is the inclusion of Instagram and the switch from Honeywell Instant Alert to the Swift K-12 Alert system, which links directly to Powerschool and our online registration process. We continue to strive for viable visibility in all areas, be it district, building or individual classrooms. In the coming year, Kindergarten registration will be online and a standardized overview of math will be developed.

Dr. Jokl left the meeting (7:58 PM)

Upcoming Meeting Presentations – TAG Identification Process may not occur until June; in addition to the Strategic Plan Update the revised Teacher Evaluation Plan will also be presented.

Facilities Committee – No Report

Finance Committee – No Report

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Piascyk noted the minutes of the April 11 meeting were in the packet inclusive of the informative presentation on Special Education. She also indicated that the televised broadcast of meetings via YouTube is beneficial to parents as well as the community in promoting the work of the board, administration and staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ADJOURN: (8:03PM)

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board