

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2018
Stella Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order (7:10 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Dr. Steve Fleischman, Ms. Maegan Genovese, Secretary 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: Brad and Beth Cohen, B&B Transportation; Pua Ford, Patrick Reid and Bettina Thiel, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Due to the lack of a quorum, no action would be taken.

REPORTS

Committee Priorities / Schedule of Meeting Topics – it was agreed the World Language presentation would be moved to the Curriculum Committee.

WBOE Goals – Board members were asked to review the possible goals developed at the July Board Retreat which would be adopted at the September meeting.

PTO Update – No Report

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Gilbert highlighted the successful PTO Book Fair, PTO funding of the water bottle refill stations and the new climbing wall in the South Gym, the Robotics/Legos team selection for the CABE/CAPSS Convention, the independent facilities assessment, completion of the summer programs, the new electronic registration process, new teacher hires – Heather Minardi, STEAM; Jason Nolan, Grade 4, Kathy Marlor, Special Education and Kristina Conroy, Grade 5; relocation of the Business Office to Town Hall, the special appropriation request to the BOS for funding of unanticipated special education costs, Responsive Classroom training for staff, administrative attendance at the UConn Confratute and the awarding of a transportation contract to B&B Transportation.

MOU – The annual agreement for retention of the SRO will be signed by the Chair of the Board and the Police Commission. The agreement is basically the same as last year and no content changes were made.

BRS Report – Ms. Prisco noted the Kindergarten bus ride and orientation held earlier in the day, the new Swift K12 alert system and completion of summer curriculum work. Ms. Sherman apprised the Board of the new Instagram Account BRSOwls. This is a private account, which users must request approval. Ms. Mammen informed the Board of the recent NAEYC accreditation for the PreK program.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations –

World Language – This presentation will be given to the Curriculum Committee. What is being done to meet the needs of advanced students; how does our curriculum align with the middle school---what are the differences, redundancies, the number of study units per grade, and how students from Bethany and Woodbridge are integrated in classes given the different knowledge levels.

SBAC – Similar structure to past presentations; student cohort growth and categories, movement in and out of ranges, identification of expected outcomes and what are the next steps for Grades 2 through 6 in math.

Open Choice – Impact on budget, funding allocation explanation, current enrollment versus current population/school capacity, enrollment increases over the last five years, what is our philosophy to ensure student success, current breakdown of diversity population versus five years ago and eligibility process.

Teacher Evaluation Plan Overview – Reminder of what we do, inclusion of staff survey answers, definition of categories that people slotted into, what the outcomes look like, does the evaluation process include feedback from parents, what are the things we are looking at and how do they feed the process.

Facilities Committee – No Report. The next meeting will be September 24 at 6:00 PM.

Finance Committee – No Report.

Curriculum Committee – No Report. The next meeting will be September 20 at 4:30 PM in the District Office.

Policy Committee – No Report. This Committee will commence review of all policies beginning in October.

Ad Hoc Enrichment Committee – The next meeting will be held August 29 at 6:30 PM with a presentation from Bonnie O'Regan from the Connecticut Association of the Gifted.

CABE Liaison – Ms. Genovese encouraged Board members to attend the CABE/CAPSS Convention in November.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to lack of quorum, action on awarding of the transportation contract was deferred to next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Meeting Adjourned 7:58 PM

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board