

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, February 23, 2015

BRS Library Media Center

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Hamilton, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Margaret Hamilton, Chair; Ms. Lisa Connor, Dr. Steve Fleischman, Vice Chair (7:18 PM); Mr. Matthew Gilbride, Ms. Chris Jaffe, Secretary; Mr. Carl Lindskog, Ms. Keri Matthews, and Ms. Emily Melnick.

STAFF: Dr. Guy Stella, Superintendent; Al Pullo, Director of Business Services/Operations; Gina Prisco, Principal; Nancy White, Assistant Principal; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Laurence Grotheer, BOS Liaison; Teresa Nakouzi, WEA; Tim Kelley, PTO; and Dr. William Silverberg, community.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dr. Silverberg asked the Board to evaluate and consider a formal PK program open to all students in Woodbridge.

CONSENT AGENDA – All items were extracted.

Ms. Connor noted a correction on Page 2 of the January 20, 2015 minutes, under Motion 5. She was the maker of the motion not Dr. Fleischman.

MOTION #1 – MEETING MINUTES

Move that we approve the January 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes as amended.

Ms. Connor

Second by Mr. Gilbride

IN FAVOR: Ms. Connor, Mr. Gilbride, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Jaffe, Ms. Matthews and Ms. Melnick

ABSTAIN: Mr. Lindskog

MOTION PASSES 6-0-1

REPORTS

PTO Report – Mr. Kelley indicated fund raising efforts were going well. The PTO donated \$3,000 for grade level appropriate playground equipment and \$2,000 for scholastic book money. The Grades 4/5/6 Bingo Social Night will be held in March.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Stella highlighted the possibility of holding webinars on report cards, the Chinese New Year Celebration at SCSU, the offerings of Chinese in the summer enrichment and extended day programs and the Read Across America program on March 6.

Differentiation Update – Ms. Prisco and Ms. White outlined the differentiation process for individual student learning. While it looks different in each classroom, differentiation is occurring throughout BRS at all grade levels.

Dr. Fleischman arrived (7:18 PM)

Instruction is tailored to meet individual student needs across the learning spectrum. Teachers know their students and work in small groups to ensure individual needs are being addressed. While some students may require more remedial scaffolding and others may be excelling, there is a natural progression for success at all levels. In addition, each teacher has a goal/objective related to differentiation and math that requires them to provide evidence of differentiation. A Math Consultant also provides guidance and support for differentiating lessons for the benefit of all students.

Technology Grant – Superintendent Stella noted this grant was designed specifically to support implementation of the common core standards and smart based assessments.

MOTION #2 – TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Move that we approve the 2015/16 School Technology Grant for submission to the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Dr. Fleischman
Second by Mr. Linskog
UNANIMOUS

BRS Building Upgrade Project – Superintendent Stella noted the installation of the sally port in North will occur during the spring break.

Facilities Committee – This meeting was cancelled due to snow.

Finance Committee – Dr. Fleischman noted this committee did not meet due to snow. The monthly financial reports were presented for approval.

MOTION #3 – 2014/15 BOE MONTHLY SUMMARY

Move that we approve the 2014/15 BOE Monthly Summary Financial Report through January 31, 2015 F1, as submitted by the Director of Business/Operations.

Mr. Gilbride
Second by Mr. Linskog
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MOTION #4 – 2014/15 COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Move that we approve the 2014/15 BOE Monthly Detail Financial Report through January 31, 2015, F2-5, as submitted by the Director of Business/Operations

Mr. Gilbride
Second by Mr. Linskog
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MOTION #5 – 2014/15 COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Move that we approve the 2014/15 BOE Combining Financial Statements through January 31, 2015, 6-7, as submitted by the Director of Business/Operations.

Mr. Gilbride
Second by Mr. Linskog
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ACES – No Report

CABE Liaison – Ms. Connor attended the Legislative Update and will attend the governor’s first budget hearing on Wednesday.

Upcoming Meeting Presentation (Social/Emotional) – Board members requested an executive summary be included as well as a copy of the actual survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (7:42 PM)
Mr. Linskog
Second by Dr. Fleischman
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Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board