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## **REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Virtual via Zoom Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

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## Motions

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes from the May 4, 2020 Region 9 Board of Education Special meeting with the following corrections:

- M. D'Agostino noted a correction on page 2 that the committee is recommending these changes
- M. D'Agostino noted a correction on page 4 C. Graziano advised consideration of an additional \$100,000 to the pension fund.

Move to approve the May 4, 2020 minutes as corrected. (D'Agostino, Williams). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: Move to add a new agenda item titled "Stipend Compensation Practices" under Discussion and Possible action as item VIII. A. (D'Agostino, Denny). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to rescind the administrative decision to withhold partial stipend payments to our highly valued coaches and employees regardless of membership in the JBEA and provide full stipend payment to all coaches through the completion of 2019-2020 fiscal school year in alignment with past practices. (D'Agostino, Denny). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to approve the recommendation of PKF O'Connor Davies as the new audit firm and direct the Director of Finance to finalize the agreement and sign on behalf of the Board. (D'Agostino, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to allocate 1% of the projected 2019-2020 unexpended fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$241,331.14. (Graziano, O'Brien). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to allocate \$100,000 from the 2019-2020 unexpended fund balance to the defined benefit Pension Plan on or after June 15, 2020. (D'Agostino, Williams). Motion passed 7-1. O'Brien opposed.

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Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to direct the Administration to expend the remaining \$876,166 originally budgeted in objects 270 and 271 to fund health insurance costs for 2019-2020. (D'Agostino, Graziano). Motion failed 2-6. Berry, Johnston, O'Brien, Graziano, Pampel and Williams opposed.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to direct the administration to expend \$100,000 from objects 270 and 271 to fund health insurance costs and to place the remaining \$776,166 into unexpended funds The projected Health Reserve Fund Balance will reflect approximately a 5 month reserve. (O'Brien, Williams). Motion failed 4-4. D'Agostino, Pampel, Denny and Graziano opposed.

Motion: The Region 9 Board of Education moves to direct the administration to expend \$300,000 from objects 270 and 271 to fund health insurance costs. The projected Health Reserve Fund Balance will reflect a 6 month reserve. (Denny, Graziano). Motion passed 6-2. O'Brien and Williams opposed.

Motion: To move agenda item IX., Public Comment, above item VIII F. on the agenda. (D'Agostino, Pampel). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: Move the Region 9 Board of Education approve a budget of \$24,351,255 for the 2020-2021 in accordance with CT Executive Order 7I. The budget represents an overall increase 0.9%. The apportionment for Redding is \$13,227,602 (54.32%) and Easton is \$11,123,653 (45.68). (D'Agostino, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: Move that the Region 9 Board of Education meeting be adjourned 11:24 p.m. (D'Agostino, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

Recorded and Submitted by Juliette Berry, Region 9 Board of Education Secretary