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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Held Remotely Pursuant to Revisions to FOIA

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Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Johnston, Graziano, Berry, D'Agostino, Denny, O'Brien, Pampel, Williams

Administration: McMorran, Pierson Ugol

Others: 7 members of the staff and public, and the recording secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

T. Johnston called the Region 9 Board of Education Regular to order at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Region 9 Board of Education Regular Meeting, the June 30, 2021 ER9 Joint Boards of Education Special Meeting, the July 6, 2021 ER9 Joint Boards of Education Special Meeting and the July 8, 2021 Region 9 Board of Education Special Meeting, with the following revisions: for June 22, 2021 meeting - page 3 should read "\$93,237 identified by the administration during the audit;" and, for July 8, 2021 - meeting text should read "before the gym floor is started;" and on page 4 the comment attributed to M. Pampel should be stricken. (D'Agostino, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

M. D'Agostino expressed appreciation to J. Berry, and wished her well.

C. Graziano said thank you to J. Berry. She thanked the Central Office and Barlow staff for dealing so well with all of the transitions.

M. Williams thanked J. Berry for her service to the BOE.

K. O'Brien thanked J. Berry, and said she hopes J. Berry enjoys her new home.

G. Denny echoed the other BOE members' comments.

T. Johnston thanked J. Berry and said welcome back to Dr. McMorran.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Interim Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tom McMorran, said that he had visited all five schools throughout the day and had spoken to staff and summer school teachers. To new families in the community he said that you've made a good choice. To the community he said that it's a challenge and a privilege to be back in the District.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Pierson Ugol, reported that the Departments of Public Health and Education for the State of Connecticut had just met that day and so there are not yet any COVID guidelines for schools for the Fall. She said that once the District has these guidelines, they can then distinguish between what is required and with what they have some flexibility. Dr. Pierson Ugol also said that they are now taking inventory of the PPE supplies.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER JULIETTE BERRY ON JULY 21, 2021 AND REPLACEMENT TO FILL VACANT SEAT.

T. Johnston explained that J. Berry had provided her resignation from the Region 9 BOE and that since J. Berry is from Easton, the Easton First Selectman chooses her replacement. He said that the replacement chosen is Sarah Lehberger. T. Johnston also said that on August 1, 2021, the Region 9 BOE will need to replace the Board secretary and adjust committee assignments.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: DISBURSEMENT/DESTRUCTION OF OUTDATED CHEMISTRY BOOKS

Dr. Pierson Ugol said that pursuant to BOE Policy 3260, a request to destroy the outdated chemistry books needed to be brought before the BOE. She said that the books were published in 2002 and do not have a resale market.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education instruct the staff to disperse and destroy the outdated chemistry books. (D'Agostino, Denny). Approved. Unanimous.

M. D'Agostino asked if there was another school district that may want the books. Dr. Pierson Ugol said that she would ask the STEM Department Chair, Mr. Schemm.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: EASTON LEARNING FOUNDATION GRANT APPROVAL

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept with gratitude and appreciation the Easton Learning Foundation grant of \$7,502.14 for the Augmented Topographical Mapping device. (Graziano, Pampel). Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: HEAD OF SCHOOL SEARCH UPDATE

T. Johnston reported that the Search Committee had met prior to the BOE meeting and decided to open up the search once again, and had discussed possible search consultants.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education administration accept the outlined proposal from JE Consulting with a base contract price of \$8,000. (D'Agostino, Williams.) Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING STAFF

Dr. McMorran read off the list of JBHS staff who had retired at the end of the 2020-2021 school year and the number of years they had worked at JBHS. They are: Barbara Bloom (21 years); Beverly Dobie (18 years); Mike Escady (38 years); Debbie Farrell (22 years); Annemarie Gorman (21 years); Laura Langoise (35 years); Susan Manley (21 years); Tom Smith (21 years); Karen Sullivan (19 years); and Dr. Pin (13 years). T. Johnston noted that the staff members had also been recognized at the Barlow graduation ceremony in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

J. Berry said thank you to everyone and wished the Board the best of luck in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the Region 9 Regular meeting be adjourned. (D'Agostino, O'Brien). Deemed approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Juliette Berry
Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education

Recorded by
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