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## REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Joel Barlow High School - Library Learning Commons

April 25, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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## Minutes

## ATTENDANCE

Board members: D'Agostino, Johnston, Denny, Lehberger, Pampel, Thompson

Remote: O'Brien, Graziano

Administration: McKinnon, Pierson Ugol, Almeida, Scrofani

Others: 13 members of the staff and public, the recording secretary and the videographer

## CALL TO ORDER

M. D'Agostino called the Region 9 Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. Meeting was broadcast live on Channel 78.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was decided to table the Minutes of the March 16, 2023 Regular meeting with Budget Presentation until the next Regular BOE meeting.

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 21, 2023 Regular meeting as submitted. (Lehberger, Pampel). Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 28, 2023 Special meeting as submitted. (Pampel, Denny). Approved. 7-0-1. (Graziano abstained).**

## STUDENT COMMENT

JBHS Student Government Representative, Owen Fellows, read from, *Noteworthy News*.

Highlights included: Priti Kiefer and Dylan Winegar were novice finalists at the recent Yale-Osterweis debate tournament; Griffin Ellis and Natalie Gilbert are CS High School Arts Award recipients; Decade Dance on March 23 had 175 attendees; School Counselor, Henry DelAngelo, will attend the New England Association of College Admissions Counselors Annual Meeting & Conference; and, Emily Bruce, Ava Kulikowski, Ian Lent, Scott Romero and Spencer Thomas all made All-State for their respective sports.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jason McKinnon, reported that there will be a Facebook Live event this Thursday for the purpose of discussing strategic priorities; he said that there is still feedback to be gathered from a critical group of friends. He said that there is a dashboard under construction which will bring strategic priorities to life. Dr. McKinnon thanked everyone for their support during the budget season.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Stephanie Pierson Ugol, reported on the upcoming visit from the Tri-State Consortium which will take place on May 23-25 and will focus on strategic planning. She said the team will visit all five buildings in ER9 and will interview students, teachers, parents and Board of Education members. Dr. Pierson Ugol said that the visiting team will provide feedback on the final day of their visit within the context of a “fishbowl” format and then will send a final report within six weeks.

Director of Finance, Operations & Technology, Sara Scrofani, reported that: the health claims are trending within what are normally seen; next month there will be a more lengthy financial report; and, the audit will be done next month.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS OF FIELD TRIPS

JBHS students who had been on recent school trips spoke about their experiences to Disney World with the music department; France, with the French Department; and, Spain, with the Spanish Department. The students all said that the experiences were extremely valuable, that they learned a great deal about themselves and that they developed new friendships from the trips.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF INVOICE

**Motion: Move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve payment of the second progress payment for invoice 697881 from Field Turf in the amount of \$11,400 for the proposed field improvement Capital Project. (Lehberger, Denny). Approved. 7-0.**

M. D’Agostino said that the project had received approval from the Conservation Committee, that tomorrow evening is the Zoning Commission meeting, and that Chris from Field Turf is at the Planning Commission meeting tonight.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: RECOMMENDATION FROM SUPERINTENDENT FOR NON-RENEWALS

**Motion: Move that the contract of employment of Marcia Callen not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person in writing of this action. (Johnston, Denny). Approved. 7-0.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

M. Pampel said that they had a Curriculum Committee meeting that day and discussed AP and UCONN course offerings.

S. Lehberger said that there is some policy work that the BOE needs to resume.

M. D'Agostino said that there are openings for additional Board Recording Secretaries.

Dr. McKinnon agreed with earlier BOE member comments that after working hard on the budget, they now need to get back to school-driven work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by M. Pampel and seconded by S. Lehberger to adjourn the meeting. Absent any objections, the meeting was adjourned by M. D'Agostino at 8:33 p.m..

Submitted by Karen O'Brien  
Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education

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