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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Joel Barlow High School - Library Learning Commons

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June 27, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: D'Agostino, Johnston, O'Brien, Graziano, Thompson

Remote: Denny, Lehberger, Pampel

Administration: McKinnon, Scrofani (remote)

Others: the videographer

CALL TO ORDER

M. D'Agostino called the Region Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Region 9 Board of Education Meeting, as submitted. (Johnston, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education recess to Executive Session to address issues related to School Security and invite Dr. McKinnon to present. (O'Brien, Thompson). Approved. Unanimous.

The Meeting recessed to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

The Meeting returned to Public Session at 8:25 p.m.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve building modifications related to school security as presented to the Region 9 Board of Education Executive Session, not to exceed \$130,000, and authorize the Superintendent to fund the expenditure using fiscal year 2021-2022 unspent funds. (O'Brien, Johnston). Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR UNSPENT FUNDS

M. D'Agostino said that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jason McKinnon and Director of Technology & Digital Learning, Sara Scrofani, had been working on the close of the FY 2021-2022 budget. S. Scrofani presented a memorandum to the Board that first gave a recap of financial Motions passed at the June 21, 2022 Region 9 BOE Regular Meeting and then detailed the current status of unexpended and encumbered funds. She said that they could identify approximately \$482,784.02 in unexpended funds and \$2,550,243.43 in encumbered funds. S. Scrofani was asked for an estimated dollar amount of what might be returned to the towns, but she replied that she is still waiting for some final numbers and did not want to speculate on that amount. A discussion followed that included: next year's numbers for healthcare; anticipated increases in claims; the fact that claims have been low for the past two years; and, that some unencumbered funds will be used.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to transfer all encumbered funds in the Medical Insurance Object Lines 270 and 271 of the 2021-2022 Operating Budget into the Health Benefits Account. (Johnston, O'Brien). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to transfer \$491,885 from 2021-22 fiscal year unspent funds to the Region 9 Capital Reserve Fund. (Graziano, Johnston). Approved. Unanimous.

M. D'Agostino gave a recap of the problems with the water cooling tower, saying that the components are corroded and have been compromised by excessive mineral deposits. The lifespan of the unit has been negatively impacted by the water quality and lack of necessary treatment to condition the water supplying the tower. Replacement of the fill and components is essential to ensure the new water-cooled chillers can meet the cooling demands of the building at maximum efficiency. He said that he had presented a proposal for the repairs needed on the water cooling tower to the Redding ARPA Working Group and the Easton First Selectman; the Redding group approved the proposal, but the Easton BoF decided to earmark their funds to support their new EMS building project. M. D'Agostino explained that the ER9 District has sufficient unspent funds to pay for the repairs, and in this way, the cost will be split between the two towns. He also detailed that the State of Connecticut approved ezIQC Program had been used to develop the scope of work and obtain a Price Proposal.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept the Price Proposal from Millennium Builders for replacement fill and components for the HVAC Water Cooling Tower using the State Approved ezIQC Program not to exceed \$85,000, and authorize the Superintendent to fund the repair using 2021-2022 fiscal year unspent funds. *Note: This proposal Includes shipping costs (\$2,800) to be invoiced separately. (Pampel, Lehberger). Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to finalize the close out of the 2021-2022 fiscal year and direct him to return any unspent funds back to the Towns of Redding and Easton based on the apportionment percentage calculations for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Easton's share: 48.47%; and Redding's share: 51.53%. (O'Brien, Thompson). Approved. Unanimous.

M. D'Agostino said that he hopes that the District will be able to give additional funds back to the towns. S. Scrofani said that right now there are still too many open Purchase Orders to give a final number, but

that in August they will have the number. T. Johnston added that the anticipated amount will be lower than it was last year.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POLICY REVIEW

1. Second Reading - Adoption of Shipman & Goodwin Policies
2. Second Reading - Repeal of Certain Existing Policies

K. Thompson said that the Policy Committee had followed up with Shipman & Goodwin regarding the questions and changes that occurred during the June 21, 2022 Region 9 BOE Regular meeting. She reported that Shipman & Goodwin: recommended that the Board not vote on administrative regulations. Recommended tabling the administration of medication policy as it is currently being revised; are not in alignment with revisions to the health assessments & screenings policy, so it will be revisited; recommended approving policies with appropriate pronoun/noun replacement as recommended by the committee and Board counsel to conduct final legal review. She also reported that Dr. McKinnon wants to further review the policy regarding parent/teacher communication, so that policy will be tabled for now. It was decided to table the policy regarding search and seizure in order to allow for further review by the administration.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept for a Second Reading to adopt the following 56 policies subject to final review of Board counsel. (Lehberger, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

Recommended S&G Model Policies to Adopt		Recommended S&G Model Policies to Adopt	
1	Automatic External Defibrillators	29	Psychotropic Drugs
2	Deadly Weapons or Firearms	30	Section 504/ADA (Personnel)
3	Green Cleaning Programs	31	Sex Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace
4	Non-Discrimination (Community)	32	Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness
5	Pesticide Application on School Property	33	Attendance, Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism
6	Security and Safety Plan	34	Chemical Health for Student Athletes
7	Smoking	35	Child Sex Abuse or Assault Response and Reporting
8	Use of School Facilities	36	Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
9	Visitors	37	Education Stability Procedures
10	Volunteers	38	Food Allergies and/or Glycogen Storage Disease
11	Hold on Destruction of Records (Litigation)	39	Homeless Students

12	Retention of Electronic Records and Information	40	Non-discrimination (Students)
13	Uniform Treatment of Recruiters	41	Physical Activity and Student Discipline
14	Code of Conduct Governing Procurements Under a Federal Award	42	Pledge of Allegiance
15	Disposal of Obsolete or Surplus Equipment/Material	43	Restraint and Seclusion
16	IDEA Fiscal Compliance	44	Section 504/ADA (Students)
17	School Activity Funds	45	Student Discipline
18	Abuse or Neglect of Disabled Adults	46	Student Use of the District Computer Systems
19	Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug-Free Workplace	47	Suicide Prevention and Intervention
20	Athletic Coaches (Evaluation and Termination)	48	Use of Private Technology Devices by Students
21	Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting	49	Curricular Exemptions [1]
22	Code of Ethics	50	Homework
23	Employee Use of District Computer Systems	51	IDEA - Alternative Assessments
24	Employment and Student Teacher Checks	52	Parental Access to Instructional Materials
25	FMLA	53	Promotion and Retention
26	Nepotism	54	Social Media (Personnel)
27	Non-discrimination (Personnel)	55	Title IX Sex Discrimination (Students)
28	Plan for Minority Staff Recruitment	56	Title IX Sex Discrimination (Personnel)

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education accept for a Second Reading to repeal the following 48 existing policies. (Graziano, Thompson). Approved. Unanimous.

- 1 1600(a) - Firearms Prohibition Otherwise Lawful Possession of Firearms on School Property

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- 3 5131.7 - Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
- 4 0521 - Nondiscrimination.pdf
- 5 3524.1 - Hazardous Material in SchoolsPest Management/Pesticide Application
- 6 3516.4 - Sex Offender Notification
- 7 1331(a) - Smoke Free Environment
- 8 5131.61 - Smoking and the Use of Tobacco
- 9 1330(a), 1330 (b) Use of School Facilities
- 10 4112.6(a), 4212.6 Personnel Records
- 11 5125(c)Student Records; Confidentiality
- 12 3260 Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies
- 13 3453 - School Activity Funds
- 14 1331(a) - Smoke Free Environment
- 15 4115 - Evaluation of Athletic Coaches
- 16 4147.1-4247.1 - Bloodborne Pathogens
- 17 2300 - Code of Ethics Statement of Ethics for Administrators
- 18 5141.7 - Sports Concussions
- 19 4118.5-4218.5 - Acceptable Computer Network Use
- 20 4152.6-4252.6 - Family and Medical Leave of Absence
- 21 4111(c)-4211 - Recruitment and Selection
- 22 2111 - Equal Employment Opportunity

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- 24 4118.233-4218.233 - Psychotropic Drugs Policy and Regulation
- 25 2111, 4111.1 - Equal Employment Opportunity
- 26 4118.1(a) Sexual Discrimination Harassment in Work Title IX - Regulation
- 27 4118.1 Sexual Discrimination Sexual Harassment in Work Title IX - Policy, Appendix
- 28 4118.1 Sexual Discrimination Harassment in Work Title IX - Forms
- 29 4118.1 Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment
- 30 4118.114 - Pregnant Women In The Workplace - Regulation
- 31 4118.114 - Pregnant Women In The Workplace
- 32 5113 - Attendance, Excuses, Dismissal
- 33 5131.61 - Alcohol Use Drugs and Tobacco (including Performance Enhancing Substances)
- 34 5131.6 - Drugs and Alcohol - Regulation Dealing with Substance Abuse Situations
- 35 5131.6 - Drugs and Alcohol- Substance Abuse Referral Sources Appendix C
- 36 5131.61 - Smoking and the Use of Tobacco
- 37 5118.1 - Homeless Students
- 38 5000 Student Personnel
- 39 P5145.44 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment
- 40 6115 - Pledge of Allegiance
- 41 4118.5 - Acceptable Computer Network Use
- 42 5141.5 - Suicide
- 43 6141.321 - Internet/Wi-Fi Use, Filtering, and Student Owned Devices
- 44 6144.1 - Exempt Instruction

- 45 6154 - Homework
- 46 6159(c) Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program
- 47 1110.1 - Parent Involvement
- 48 5123 - Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

K. Thompson said that there are approximately 27 policies still under review by the Policy Committee awaiting either administrative or counsel approval in order to move forward for adoption.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

K. O'Brien thanked all the members of the committee, said that it was a huge, heavy lift and very time consuming reviewing every policy and she's sure the administration and the members of the BOE are very appreciative of it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education Special Meeting be adjourned. (O'Brien, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

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

Recorded by,
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