

REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 21, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

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Attendance: Region 9 Board of Education members – D’Agostino, Gombos, Hancock, Hocker, King, Lewis

Administration: McMorran, Pin

Others: Approximately 10 members of the community and a representative of the local newspapers

Mr. Hocker called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. in the Joel Barlow High School Media Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 regular meeting. Gombos, King. Approved. Unanimous.

Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education approve the minutes of the July 14, 2015 special meeting. Gombos, Hancock. Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Grey, Redding: Still missing the administrative report on Special Education.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

C. Gombos: Please find a place on every agenda for the Special Education report so that it is not forgotten.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TRANSFER OF UNEXPENDED PROJECT FUNDS IN CAPITAL FUND

Mr. D’Agostino reported that the Fields and Facilities Committee has been working on the Capital Plan format. Discovered a surplus in unallocated funds that were not used for specific projects. The committee recommends that the total sum of \$65,697 of unexpended Capital Plan funds be transferred into the unallocated balance of the Capital Reserve.

Motion: move that the previously allocated but unneeded sums totaling \$65,697 be shown in the Capital Plan as unallocated. D’Agostino, Hancock. Approved. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$540,647 FOR PORTION OF COSTS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hocker explained that this item is null and void as a result of the unanimous “nay” vote at the District meeting immediately preceding this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Mr. D’Agostino presented the draft of the Five-Year Capital Plan that adds priority ranking and condition rating. Discussion followed. Mrs. Gombos and Mr. Hancock applauded Mr. D’Agostino for his work on the plan.

Motion: move that the Five-Year Capital Plan as presented be approved with the word “draft” removed and the date of approval added. D’Agostino, Gombos. Approved. Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Gina Pin, Interim Principal: Shared information on new hires, internal transfers, and positions still to be filled. She reported that the Select Choir sang on stage with the band, Foreigner, at a recent concert held at the Xfinity Theater in Hartford. Graduation ceremony was held on June 17th at O'Neill Center at Western CT State University. Jackie Whiting was selected as JBHS Teacher of the Year. She also reported on the activities of the students in the Extended School Year Program.

Tom McMorran, Superintendent: Served as a group team leader at Harvard Graduate School of Education Summer Institute Leadership Program involving vision last week. 170 principals from around the world participated.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities & Fields Committee: Mr. D'Agostino reported on the Five-Year Capital Plan work earlier in the meeting.

Building Committee: The committee did not meet, but Mr. Hancock reported that he was on the roof recently to check on progress of the project. Water-proofing work should be finished by the end of this week. Then they will move on to metal flashing work. Plans called for two skylights to be removed and covered over, but the preference had been that the skylights remain. Looking into how this was taken out of the plan and what the cost would be to keep them.

Audit Committee: Mr. King reported that he is trying to schedule a meeting. Next meeting will include the auditor and give him areas to focus on such as the Student Activity Fund. Requested Board members to email him with any other areas of focus they would like considered.

Negotiations Committee: Mrs. Gombos reported that negotiation have been completed with the non-certified association of employees. Process-wise the Board cannot talk about the agreement or vote on it until the association members vote and accept the agreement when they return to work at the start of the new school year. The negotiations committee was pleased with the agreement reached.

PUBIC COMMENT

D. Grey, Redding: Questioned why the stage floor was on the Capital Plan since she thought the work had been done last year, and she asked if Barlow Drive was going to be repaved. She also questioned the amounts on the Capital Plan for the turf field.

Mr. D'Agostino said that the stage floor was not addressed through the Capital Plan last year. It had been repaired through the operating budget. It is on the Five-Year Capital Plan because at some point it will need a total redo.

Mr. Czudak said that some repair work will be done on Barlow Drive for the current year. It will not be repaved completely until there is enough funding to do a thorough job.

There was also discussion about the amount listed on the Five-Year Capital Plan related to the turf replacement for the stadium field, including whether future consideration will be given to charging fees for sports teams that use the turf fields.

C. Parkin, Redding: Commented that he thinks it is totally appropriate for the Board to set aside funding each year for the upkeep of the turf field and not go back to the voters for a large sum ten years from now. Asked that a copy of the Capital Five-Year Plan be added to the minutes so

that it makes sense to the public. With the roof issue, he expressed that he thought the mistakes with the referendum for two years in a row is an embarrassment and might negatively impact new people deciding whether to move to town. Feels the Region 9 Board of Education should be overseen by each town's Board of Finance. Because they are not, he feels it is something that should be kept in mind when the lower schools look to regionalize at some point in the future. He also felt that this meeting's agenda should be amended to include an item to put the full \$1,040,647 for the roof replacement project to a full referendum.

Mr. Hocker explained that this was put forward at the special meeting of the Board held on July 14. It does not have to be done again. Both courses of action were taken at the special meeting and were not regarded as mutually exclusive in order to keep the ball rolling. No further meeting is required to put the full amount to a full referendum.

Mrs. Gombos explained that the Region 9 Board is a policy board and a board of finance. Administrative personnel are expected to carry out administrative tasks to keep the Board's business moving. What happened is unfortunate. Safeguards and new processes and procedures will be put in place at Central Office so that the Board and the public are confident that this does not happen again. No one on the Board takes this lightly.

ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn: Approved. Unanimous. Hancock, Gombos. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Submitted by Catherine Gombos, Region 9 Board of Education Secretary

Recorded by Jackie Garvey.

Region 9: Five-Year Capital Plan

		Priority	Condition	Total	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Anticipated Funding From Capital Reserve Fund										
PHYSICAL PLANT										
Lower Gym - RTUs, Ventilation	3	B		80,000		80,000				
Water filtration system for chillers	3	B		36,000			36,000			
Remount/plumb RTU's in H building	3	B		50,000			50,000			
Boiler replacement	1	D		73,418	73,418					
Flooring replacements - music rooms	2	C		14,000		14,000				
Air conditioning for Cafeteria	2	C		150,000		150,000				
Replace/Upgrade Air conditioning in auditorium	2	C		160,000			160,000			
Replace stage floor	2	C		15,000		-		15,000		
Air Conditioning/Chiller	2	C		90,000				45,000	45,000	
Well Repairs & Upgrades	1	D		9,000	9,000					
Install RTU for band room	2	D		38,000		38,000				
Security Improvements - Phase II				-		TBD				
OUTDOOR FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT										
Turf Replacement for Stadium field (15 year)				319,999	53,333	53,333	53,333	53,333	53,333	53,333
Repave Barlow Drive & Junior Parking Lot	1	D		150,000			150,000			
Resurface/removal of Old Tennis Courts	2	C		-			TBD			
				1,185,417	135,751	335,333	449,333	113,333	98,333	53,333
Anticipated Funding From Bonding										
Roof Restoration/Replacement				1,040,000		1,040,000				
Replace running track	3	C		326,400			326,400			
				1,366,400	-	1,040,000	326,400	-	-	
TOTAL				2,551,817	135,751	1,375,333	775,733	113,333	98,333	53,333
PRIORITY RANKING:										
1. Work needed to meet maintenance related Statutory obligation and due diligence requirements; Ensure the health and safety of students and staff; Prevent serious disruption of building activities and/or may incur higher costs if not addressed in a year.										
2. Works that affect the operational efficiency of the buildings/grounds; Are likely to lead to deterioration and therefore higher future repair costs										

If not addressed between 1 to 2 years.

3. Works that have minimal affect on the operational efficiency of the building, but are desirable to maintain the quality of the building/grounds.
Are likely to require rectification within 3 years.

Condition Rating:

B. In good condition operationally, benchmarked against industry standards.

C. In reasonable condition meeting the operational needs of the building.

D. Meets only the minimum operational requirements.