

Board of Education Summer Retreat – Approved Minutes
August 27, 2018, 8:45 a.m.
Central Services

Present: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Sarah Thrall, Rosemarie Weber, Brandon Webster, Alan Addley, and Christopher Tranberg.

Melissa Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Superintendent’s Summer Updates

Superintendent Addley updated the Board on events taking place over the summer around the district and provided an update on recently received student achievement results. Highlights included updates on the summer projects around the district, student enrollment, addition of kindergarten teaching assistants, summer school programming, diesel purchasing agreement with the town, StopIt software, and results from the childcare survey.

Principals’ Roundtable

The Board held a principals’ roundtable discussion with all four principals. Building principals focused on school successes, challenges faced by each school and ways in which the Board might assist school administrators. The Board and principals also participated in a roundtable question and answer session. Highlights included student achievement, new programming at the primary school, intermediate teacher partnerships, the intermediate school six-day rotation schedule, middle school teaming and enrichment, and the upcoming NEAS&C high school accreditation process.

Executive Session

At approximately 10:15 a.m., the Board held an executive session to discuss the Superintendent’s 2017-2018 evaluation. At 11:15 a.m., the Board moved back into regular session.

Legislative Updates

The Board met with Attorney Tom Mooney to review new legislation following the 2018 session of the Connecticut General Assembly. Topics and new legislation discussed included student data privacy, administration of epinephrine, new curriculum requirements, mandated reporting requirements, and physical restraint and seclusion training.

The Board adjourned for Lunch

Executive Session – Negotiations Discussion

At approximately 1:00 p.m., the Board entered into an Executive Session to discuss upcoming contract negotiations with the GASA (Administrator Union; SEIU (Secretarial Union); and UPSEU (Custodial Union). At 1:30 p.m., the Board moved back into regular session.

BOE Governance and Self-Evaluation

The Board conducted a self-evaluation and reviewed the results of their online survey. Board members felt the meetings were generally very efficient. Committee assignments were established for 2018-2019. The Board agreed that the survey question regarding communicating with the community was more of the superintendent’s responsibility.

Board Strategic Planning

The Board reviewed FY19 budget priorities, the service delivery model for guidance, large capital items and the Board of Education Goals 2020. The Board noted the spread of responses to Questions #30 and #31 in their self-evaluation. It was also noted that parent comments reflected concern of class size and losing the teaching assistants in Kindergarten.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.