

## **Regular Board of Education Meeting – Approved Minutes**

**October 4, 2017, 7:00 p.m.**

**Town Hall Meeting Room**

Present Board Members: Jenny Emery, Mark Fiorentino, Lynn Guelzow, Melissa Migliaccio, Steve Royer, Ronald Walther, Rosemarie Weber, and Maddie Attianese (arrived at 7:52) and Sarah Cusano (Student Representatives).

Ronald Walther called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **I. Administrative Reports**

#### **I.A. Superintendent's Announcements**

- Dr. Addley's mentee from the UConn Executive Leadership Program, Mr. Roberto Medic, Principal of Plainville High School, was introduced to the Board.
- Budget update: The legislature did not override the Governor's veto and the Executive Order is in place. The district did not get its first deposit of the education cost sharing grant of over \$5M. The district is holding off on non-essential spending where we can. Also working cooperatively with the BOS and BOF and \$150K has been set aside in small capital funding. Dr. Addley stated this situation is a setback to the education system in the state.
- The district is rolling out a new mentoring program called Generations. There was a presentation given tonight in the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting.
- Applied for the recent state security safety grant for \$620K in new projects and \$370K for old non-reimbursed items.
- The CABE/CAPSS Convention will be held November 17-18. One board member is attending. Chris Tranberg and Alan Addley to present for the Equity Task Force.
- There will be no School on Monday in observance of the holiday.
- There is also no school for students on Tuesday due to professional development for teachers which will focus on math and literacy strategies at the elementary level; curriculum planning for differentiation at the middle school; and, NEAS&C planning at the high school.

#### **I.B. Student Representative Reports**

- Homecoming is next week and begins on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> with a pep rally outside followed by a dance from 7-10 p.m.
- Athletic records thus far this year: Girls' soccer 7-1; boys' soccer 8-0-1; field hockey 7-0; football 2-2; volleyball 6-3; boys' cross country 6-2; girls' cross country 7-1.
- PSATs will be held next Wednesday morning, October 11<sup>th</sup>, for sophomores and juniors.
- Hurricane relief efforts are being organized with NHS and student government. The first fundraiser is No Shave November where students put money in the person's jar who they want to shave a design in their beard. The second fundraiser is a competition between advisories to see who can raise the most money for a prize.
- The Drama Club production of *Our Town* will be held November 3-5.

#### **I.C. Teaching & Learning (15 min.)**

Mr. Christopher Tranberg, Assistant Superintendent, presented the District's gifted and talented efforts for students. The Board inquired how many students are identified as talented and gifted. There are 24 students who have been identified. The Board also inquired if the current program is effective and how it can be improved. Dr. Addley stated the district is committed to this issue. The Board requested Mr. Tranberg advise on how to objectively measure the effectiveness of our efforts as there is disagreement among board members.

### **II. Public Comment**

No public comments were made this evening.

### **III. Consent Agenda**

#### **III.A. Minutes**

A motion was made by Rosemarie Weber and seconded by Lynn Guelzow to adopt the consent agenda. This motion passed at 7:50 p.m. with one abstention (Melissa Migliaccio).

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **IV.A. Second Reading of Draft Policy 4118.211/4218.211 - Retaliation and Whistle Blowing**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended draft Policy 4118.211/4218.211, Retaliation and Whistle Blowing, to the Board for a second reading. There were no comments or revisions to this policy. This policy will move forward to a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

#### **IV.B. Second Reading of Draft Revised Policy 5131.6 - Drugs & Alcohol**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications/Subcommittee recommended draft revised Policy 5131.6, Drugs & Alcohol, to the Board for a second reading. There were no comments or revisions to this policy. This policy will move forward to a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

#### **IV.C. Second Reading of Draft Policy 6142 - Basic Instructional Program**

The Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee recommended draft Policy 6142, Basic Instructional Program, to the Board for a second reading. There were no comments or revisions to this policy. This policy will move forward to a third reading and approval at the next meeting.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **V.A. Annual Testing Report**

Mr. Christopher Tranberg presented the annual testing report to the Board, including CMT Science, CAPT Science, and SBAC 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and literacy. AP and SAT results were also presented. Lynn Guelzow requested the SAT participation rates for 2016 and 2017 as well as information on specific bands and where the goal is for each band (basic, below basic, etc.).

##### **V.B. Superintendent's Goals**

Dr. Alan Addley discussed his goals for the 2017-2018 school year with the Board and stated he creates his goals around the Board goals and one of his main goals is to work innovatively and creatively with the Board in these difficult times. Dr. Addley reviewed some of the goals under each category as follows: Goal #1 Student Achievement: Maintain SAT student achievement in the top 25% and increase Grades 3-8 student performance in SBAC Language Arts and Math; Goal #2 Professional/Personal Leadership: Expand opportunities for teacher and administrator leadership; Goal #3 Board and Community Relations: Increase Board member opportunities to be visible in the schools; Goal #4 Educational Leadership: Advance the district's ability to meet the needs of our highest performing students and promote innovation across the district; Goal #5 Business Matters: Provide a smooth transition for the Assistant Superintendent and Assistant Principal at the middle school; support minority recruitment; revise large capital planning, and, support the high school with their NEAS&C preparation.

**Addition to the agenda:** Ronald Walther took a moment to introduce Maddie Attianese as our new student representative stating Maddie excels in challenging classes, serves as Secretary for the Class of 2018 and is student representative to the Booster Club. She is also a member of the National Honors Society and wishes to serve the BOE to make a positive difference for her four younger siblings.

#### **VI. Miscellaneous**

##### **VI.A. Board Standing Committee Reports**

###### **VI.A.1. Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communication**

Rosemarie Weber stated this committee met this evening. Discussed the Eureka math program going down to the Kelly Lane grades – it will be re-visited this winter to assess the effectiveness of the program; steam collaborative activities – forming collaborative action teams such as computer programming/science/coding; professional development on October 10<sup>th</sup>: literacy and math at Kelly Lane and Wells Road; Star data at the middle school; and, NEAS&C planning at the high school. Also discussed three different policies on the nutrition program, food service and tutoring. Reported out on the mentoring program at Kelly Lane and reviewed the timeline and identified community groups that will be tagged for interest as well as a framework for the program. Will check back in January to see where the program is as far as applicants and training.

###### **VI.A.2. Finance/Personnel/Facilities**

Jenny Emery reported this subcommittee has not met.

##### **VI.B. Other Board-Related Reports**

###### **VI.B.1. CREC/CABE**

Mark Fiorentino reported CREC/CABE has not met.

###### **VI.B.2. Granby Education Foundation**

Jenny Emery stated the GEF will meet tomorrow night regarding their strategic plan.

**VI.C. Calendar of Events**

Ron Walther stated the Board will meet again two weeks. The middle school PAC meeting next week will be held in the evening.

**VI.D. Board Member Announcements**

Ronald Walther stated he wanted to respond to a letter which was published in the *Drummer* stating there are no scientists or mathematicians on the Board. He stated he has been an Engineer for 35+ years. He also recognized Lynn Guelzow as a strong supporter of math and science in the district.

**VI.E. Action Items**

Data count for gifted; SAT participation rates for 2016 and 2017; information on specific bands for the SBAC test and where the goal is for each band (basic, below basic, etc.).

**VII. Executive Session/Non-Meeting**

Ron Walther stated there was no need for an Executive Session this evening. A motion was made by Melissa Migliaccio and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Guelzow, Board Secretary