



POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

The mission of Region 15, a collaborative community committed to excellence, is to educate every student to be productive, ethical, and engaged in a global society through proven and innovative learning experiences supported by its strong community whose decision-making is based on the best interest of all students.

Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, May 11, 2015

Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: Mr. Paul Babarik
Ms. Janet Butkus
Ms. Jennifer Connelly
Mr. John R. Cookson
Ms. Sharon Guck
Ms. Marion Manzo
Ms. Patricia S. Perry, Chairperson
Mr. Richard Spierito
Mr. Steven Suriani

ABSENT:

Also Present: Ms. Regina Lemerich Botsford, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Kelly Domogala, Student Representative
Mr. Liam Kuck, Student Representative

1. Ms. Perry called the May 11, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2. Ms. Domogala announced the following PHS activities and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Evan Gagnon Memorial Scholarship Pasta Dinner is scheduled for May 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.• The Student Council dance takes place on May 15 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.• A PHS Concert is scheduled for May 15 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.• AP Exams end on May 15.• Smarter Balanced assessments take place May 18 through 22 for the Junior Class. Mr. Kuck announced the following PHS activities and events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Field Day takes place on May 13.• A sports review was presented.	Student Representatives
3. Ms. Botsford introduced Mr. Christopher Wermuth as the Long Meadow Elementary School Principal Elect. Mr. Wermuth	Presentation Introduction of New Staff

<p>expressed his appreciation to the Board members.</p>	<p>Member</p>
<p>On behalf of the Board of Education Ms. Perry welcomed Mr. Wermuth to Region 15.</p>	
<p>4. Upon a motion by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Cookson, IT WAS VOTED “to approve the April 27, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Minutes April 27, 2015</p>
<p>Upon a motion by Mr. Babarik, seconded by Ms. Manzo, IT WAS VOTED “to approve the May 5, 2015 District Meeting minutes as presented.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Minutes</p>
<p>5. Mr. Babarik announced the following Finance and Facilities Committee meeting date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, May 13, Finance and Facilities Committee Central Office 5:30 p.m. 	<p>Finance and Facilities Committee</p>
<p>6. Mr. Suriani noted and reviewed the four policy updates and the math textbook on the agenda as a first presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Suriani announced the upcoming meeting date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, June 8, Policy and Curriculum Committee Pomperaug High School Media Center Conference Room 6:00 p.m. 	<p>Policy and Curriculum Committee</p>
<p>7. Ms. Connelly expressed her appreciation to Ms. Jane Sarjeant, Director of Fine Arts, and the art and music teachers for coordinating the Referendum Day art and music presentations. Ms. Connelly expressed her appreciation to the PTO’s for all their work on Referendum Day.</p>	<p>Liaison to the PTO Advisory Council</p>
<p>8. Ms. Botsford noted that the Board received the May 11 Personnel Report.</p> <p>Ms. Botsford announced that Ms. Lucy Jiang, PHS Senior student, has qualified for an AP Merit Scholarship.</p>	<p>Superintendent’s Report</p>

Ms. Botsford announced that the Region has received a \$99,800 PURA grant. This grant will provide additional access to video that can be used for instructional and communication purposes. The grant does not supplant any funds planned for technology; it provides for enhanced materials to be used for instruction and communication. Ms. Botsford expressed her appreciation to Ms. Lyman and Mr. Sage for their work in securing the grant.

Mr. Babarik expressed his appreciation and questioned the effect the grant will have on the technology budget. In response, Ms. Lyman noted that the grant money will fund equipment not funded by the budget. The equipment will allow the Region to live stream video and anyone who has an access code will be able to access the video presentations, such as graduations and concerts. The equipment will also allow teachers to create a video channel for their classroom, which will allow video uploads for instruction. Students will be able to upload their videos that they create.

Mr. Babarik asked that this topic be discussed at the Finance and Facilities Committee. Ms. Guck noted that the grant is not designed for upgrading the infrastructure.

9. Ms. Perry announced the following meeting dates:
 1. Tuesday, May 12, Pension Committee
Central Office; 2:00 p.m.
 2. Wednesday, May 13, Finance and Facilities Committee
Central Office; 5:30 p.m.

Announcement of Future Meetings

Ms. Perry noted that the possibility of canceling the May 26 Board meeting. She asked Board member to email her with any concerns.

10. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson , seconded by Mr. Babarik,
IT WAS VOTED
 "to adjourn the evening's meeting at 7:51 p.m."
 and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye."

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Connelly
Secretary

Gretchen I. Usawicz, Board Clerk