



POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

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Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, October 27, 2014

Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Connecticut

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

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

1. Ms. Perry called the October 27, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.	Call to Order Pledge of Allegiance
2. Ms. Domogala announced and reviewed the following PHS activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHS hosted the Math Competition on October 6. PHS won the first round of the competition.• The homecoming football game took place on October 10. Link Crew hosted the Freshman Tailgate. Interact held a canned food drive. PHS Interact has challenged Newtown High School and Trumbull High School in the food bucket challenge.• PHS hosted the Junior Ring Dance on October 18.• The NHS and the Interact Club hosted the October 17, 18, 24, and 25 haunted hayrides, and proceeds from the hayrides benefitted charities.• The Spanish Honor Society induction took place on October 22.• Practical law field trips for students have taken place at the Waterbury Court.	Student Representatives

- The PHS Theatre Company is presenting *In A Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories* on November 7 through 9 and November 14 through 16.

Mr. Kuck reviewed the following PHS events:

- A fall sports review was reviewed. The fall sports are coming to a close with recognition events for the athletes taking place.
- Spirit Week takes place during October 27 through October 31 concluding with the Spirit Week Dance.
- The first quarter is coming to a close.
- The classes are decorating walls on October 29.

3. Mr. Glenn Lungarini, Principal of Pomperaug High School, presented the Promoting Respect and Responsible Decision Making report, which included the following topics: parent and student feedback on substance abuse, teacher feedback on student behavior expectations, creating the learning environment for students ; modeling respectful behaviors, student focus groups, commitment to on-going support, parent education opportunities, Panther Pride week, and informed decision making. A copy of the presentation may be accessed on-line at:
www.region.org

Presentation
 Promoting Respect and
 Responsible Decision
 Making

Ms. Manzo expressed her appreciation for Mr. Lungarini’s presentation and his leadership at PHS.

Comments

In response to Ms. Guck, Mr. Lungarini stated that there is adequate staff to monitor hallways during transition times for students. Ms. Guck expressed her appreciation for having the students provide feedback.

In response to Mr. Babarik, Mr. Lungarini reviewed the opportunities for student feedback, including learning walks and discussion groups.

Mr. Suriani thanked Mr. Lungarini for his presentation and providing a plan that will guide decision making.

Mr. Spierto thanked Mr. Lungarini for providing opportunities for parents and staff to provide feedback, and for providing a plan that supports students.

Mr. Cookson commented on expectations of students, and he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Lungarini for his leadership.

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| <p>4. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Ms. Guck,
IT WAS VOTED
“to approve the September 22, 2014 regular
meeting minutes as presented.”
and passed with Mr. Babarik, Mr. Brennan, Ms. Butkus, Ms.
Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr.
Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye,” and Ms. Butkus abstaining.</p> | <p>Motion Made and Passed
Approval of Minutes
September 22, 2014</p> |
| <p>5. Mr. Babarik reported on the October 8 Finance and Facilities
Committee meeting. The agenda was devoted to a budget review
and all line items are on target. Following the meeting, the second
part of the Special Education review took place. Agenda items
included services offered to students, including guidance, health
services, psychological counseling, speech and hearing counseling,
nursing care, and special education teachers and paraprofessionals.
The special education budget was reviewed.</p> | <p>Finance and Facilities
Committee</p> |
| <p>Mr. Barbarik reported on the special October 22 Finance and
Facilities Executive Session, which was held to discuss security.</p> | |
| <p>Mr. Babarik reported on the September 23 Pension Committee
meeting. Agenda items included a review of the quarterly report
with the Bierne Management Group, a review of the Pension
account, and the return on investments.</p> | <p>Pension Committee</p> |
| <p>The next scheduled Finance and Facilities Committee is November
12 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a 7:00 p.m. workshop to review
athletics. Mr. Babarik reported that upcoming workshops will
review transportation, staffing and substitute costs.</p> | <p>Next Meeting</p> |
| <p>6. Mr. Suriani reported on the October 27, 2014 Policy and
Curriculum Committee meeting. Agenda items included the five-
year curriculum cycle review, annual curriculum review cycle,
summer curriculum review, the Digital Learning Committee status
report, and the changing role of the library-media program. Mr.
Suriani noted that he will be presenting to the Board updates from
the Digital Learning Committee.</p> | <p>Policy and Curriculum
Committee</p> |
| <p>Policy and Curriculum Committee meetings are scheduled for
November 10 and 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the PHS Media Center
Conference Room.</p> | |
| <p>7. Ms. Botsford reported that the Board received the October 27
Personnel Report.</p> | <p>Superintendent’s Report</p> |

Ms. Botsford presented the Average Daily Membership (ADM) report:

- The ADM is based on October 1 enrollment; which is the percentage of total student population from each town measured on October 1.
- The percentage determines the percent fiscal responsibility for total budget in the next fiscal year.
- Relative to last year, Southbury’s enrollment is down by 100 students.
- Relative to last year, Middlebury’s enrollment is down by 31 students.
- This results in a shift of fiscal responsibility of .2588 of 1 percent, approximately .25 of 1 percent moving from Southbury to Middlebury.
- Middlebury’s proportional share is 31.6 percent and Southbury’s share is 68.4 percent (both rounded) of next year’s budget.

Ms. Botsford reviewed the October 22 Middlebury Elementary School learning walk attended by Administrators. This is an opportunity to collaborate, share best professional practice, and provide feedback to the Principal. Ms. Botsford expressed her appreciation to Ms. Feltz and Ms. Lyman for the learning walk.

8. Mr. Cliff Becker, retired PHS teacher, expressed his thoughts on the \$20 per day pay cut for substitute teachers who are retired from Region 15.

Comments from Citizens

Mr. Ed Edelson, First Selectman of Southbury, congratulated the Board of Education, administration, staff, parents, and students for being ranked in the top 500 high schools in the U.S. by Newsweek.

Ms. Kim McNeill, Southbury resident, announced the new support group for parents of students who have 504 and IEP plans. The first meeting is scheduled for November 6.

9. Upon a motion by Mr. Babarik, seconded by Ms. Butkus, IT WAS VOTED
 “to approve the out-of-district transportation bid as presented.”
 and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Mr. Brennan, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”

Motion Made and Passed Approval of Out-of-District Transportation Bid

10. Ms. Perry announced the following meeting dates:
 1. Monday, November 10, 2014 Policy and Curriculum Committee

Future Business

Pomperaug High School Media Center Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

2. Monday, November 10, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
Pomperaug High School All-Purpose Room No. 103
7:30 p.m.

3. Wednesday, November 12, 2014, Finance and Facilities
Committee
Central Office

5:30 p.m. – Regular Finance and Facilities Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Workshop on Athletics

4. Monday, November 27, 2014, Policy and Curriculum Committee
Pomperaug High School Media Center Conference Room
6:00 p.m.

5. Monday, November 27, 2014 Board of Education Meeting
Pomperaug High School All-Purpose Room No. 103
7:30 p.m.

11. At 8:31 p.m. upon a motion by Ms. Butkus, seconded by Ms. Guck
IT WAS VOTED

“to move into Executive Session for the purpose of
a discussion regarding security and a discussion
of a personnel matter/pending litigation, and to
invite Ms. Botsford, Chief Viadero, and Attorney
Jarad Lucan to attend the session.”

and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Mr. Brennan, Ms.
Butkus, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Guck, Ms. Manzo, Ms.
Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”

12. There being no further business, the Executive Session and the
public portion of the meeting adjourned simultaneously at 10:10
p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Connelly
Secretary

Gretchen I. Usawicz, Board Clerk

Motion Made and Passed
Executive Session
For the Purpose of the
Discussion of Security,
Discussion of a Personnel
Matter/Pending Litigation

Adjournment



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Mr. Keith McLiverty, Director of Finance, Operations, and Transportation
Chief James Viadero, Middlebury Police Department
Jarad M. Lucan, Attorney at Law, Shipman and Goodwin

1. Ms. Perry called the Executive Session of the of the Board of Education to order at 8:35 p.m.
2. The purpose of the Executive Session was for the discussion of security and the discussion of a personnel matter/pending litigation.
3. There being no further business, the Executive Session and the public portion of the meeting adjourned simultaneously at 10:10 p.m.

Call to Order

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