

Suffield, Connecticut

Approved by Bd. of Ed.: 11/20/12

Board of Education Meeting
October 16, 2012

Call to Order

Board Chair, Sue Porcello, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Suffield High School Media Center. Present: Board members: Sue Porcello, Mary Lou Sanborn, Lori D'Ostuni, Robert Eccles, Jeanne Gee, Michelle Zawawi, George Beiter, and Scott Schneider; Superintendent of Schools, Karen Baldwin; Director of Fiscal Administration, Ed Basile; Assistant Superintendent, Jim Collin and observers.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

None

Suffield High School Student Rep

Student Rep, Alyssa Puia, reported on current events at Suffield High School:

- Special Advisory sessions are being held this week to complete the School Climate Survey. Students will also be working on completing their Student Success Plans.
- The FFA National Convention will be held October 23-27 in Indianapolis, IN.
- The Social Studies Department will hold a mock election during lunch periods on November 6. Also, the Registrar of Voters will come to SHS to register eligible students to vote.
- Spirit Night will be held on Monday, November 5.

Communications

A letter has been received from the Friends of the Windsor Locks Canal expressing their appreciation for the assistance of Suffield students in the clean-up efforts.

Approval of Minutes

Eccles moved, D'Ostuni seconded to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

MOTION #12-051: Gee moved, Sanborn seconded **to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:**

- A. Policies:
 - 9135 Bylaws of the Board – Board Administrator Relationship
 - 9322 Bylaws of the Board – Public and Executive Sessions
 - 9325 Bylaws of the Board – Meeting Conduct
 - 9325.2 Bylaws of the Board – Order of Business
 - 9330 Bylaws of the Board – Board/School District Records

- B. Financial Statements – August 31, 2012

Superintendent's Report

- Assistant Superintendent, Jim Collin, reported to the Board on work that is underway in the system in regard to continuous improvement. Included in the presentation was the use of Scientific Research Based Intervention to align curriculum and instruction. Later this month there will be a meeting of the Student Programs and Services Subcommittee where this topic will be discussed further.
- Superintendent, Karen Baldwin, updated the Board of Education on the new CT Accountability Framework. The presentation focused on the District Performance Index (DPI) for grades 3-8 and grade 10.

Chair's Report

- The chair was able to observe the Engineering Ambassadors assembly with Gr. 8 students last week.

Subcommittee Reports

- Policy – The following policies were placed on the table for the required 30 days:
 - 1330 – Use of School Facilities
 - 5141.21 – Administration of Student Meds in School
 - 4115.3 – Evaluation of Coaches
 - 9321 – Bylaws of the Board – Time, Place, Notification of Meeting
 - 9323 – Bylaws of the Board - Agenda Preparation and Dissemination
 - 9350 – Bylaws of the Board – Hearings
 - 9326 – Time, Place, Notification of Meeting (revised)
- Student Programs and Services – Board member D'Ostuni stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, at 6 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room.

Future Business

- Food Service Program Update
- Report on Updates to District Crisis Manual
- Discussion and Decision Making on Full Day K Programming and Common Core State Standards 2013-2014
- Building the Understanding of Theory of Action and Implementing District Goals
- Blum Shapiro Update
- Live Tech Lesson
- Calendar of BOE Meetings

Public Comment

None

Move to Executive Session

D'Ostuni moved, Sanborn seconded to enter executive session at 8:03 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Chair reconvened Executive Session at 8:08 p.m.

A personnel matter was discussed.

Gee moved, Eccles seconded to return to regular session at 8:42 p.m.

Regular Session

The chair reconvened the regular session at 8:42 p.m.

MOTION #12-052: D'Ostuni moved, Schneider seconded **that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Teamsters Local 671 and William Johnson through June 30, 2013 and such Agreement clarifies that he does not have access to health benefits as an active employee, notwithstanding his status as a retiree.** The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori D'Ostuni
Secretary

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