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Board of Education

Regional District 13

April 11, 2007

The Regional District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Coginchauag Regional High School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Raczka, Dr. Shoemaker. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Melnik.

Mr. Raczka called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Adams, the agenda was approved as amended to include a field trip request.

On a motion by Mrs. Flanagan, second Dr. Shoemaker, the minutes to the March 28, 2007 Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved.

Communications: Mr. Raczka read a letter from Ernie Judson. Mr. Judson was writing as a representative of the District 13 Parents for Good Schools organization to express their support for the budget.

Mr. Raczka stated his term of office is up in June and he will not be running for re-election.

Mr. Currlin and a student from Strong School met with the Historical Society to show the two signs that were designed for Strong School. The students at Strong will now vote on which sign they would like to have for their school.

Mrs. Flanagan met with the Democratic Town Committee to answer questions they had on the education budget.

Mrs. Golschneider said the new sign at the corner of Maiden Lane and Pickett Lane looks great.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro reported the insurance brokers have been working hard to get the District better costs for the health and dental insurances. She received new numbers this morning and will be sharing the cost savings at the public hearing.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the Strong School Reads program and stated about 50-60 people participated.

The Local Wellness Council sponsored the program "The Secret of Parenting" with Dr. Anthony Wolfe held on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended.

The Superintendent's Advisory Council met last week and discussed the issue of foreign language instruction. They started late and met only twice this year, but hope to meet about five times next year.

Mrs. Viccaro attended a Rotary Club Luncheon where Jennifer Bufithis-Hurie was honored as the student of the month.

The Chamber held their meeting at Strong School this morning. Nancy Wyman talked about the State budget.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the career expo at Wesleyan. It is sponsored by the consortium, with Northeast Utilities and Liberty Bank. There were 81 businesses represented and 8 high schools participated.

The Board of Education adjourned to the Public Hearing in the auditorium at 7:50pm.

The Board meeting reconvened at 10:25pm.

#### Set Graduation Date

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved to set the graduation date for June 20, 2007.

Field Trip Request: This request is for Mrs. Michael and 3 students to attend the PEYA Award ceremony in Washington, D.C.

On a motion by Mrs. Adams, second Mr. Currin, the field trip request to the PEYA Award ceremony in Washington, D.C. was unanimously approved.

Finalize 2007-08 Budget for the District Meeting: The Board discussed waiting to hear about the State's budget figures before finalizing the budget for the District Meeting. It was decided that waiting wasn't the best option. If the District does get more money it can be put into the fund balance.

The Board said they did not hear anything at the public hearing that they feel they should add or delete from the budget. They would like to go to the District meeting with the figure that was mentioned at the public hearing.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Currin, the Board of Education unanimously approved to go to the District Meeting on May 7, 2007 with a \$31,765,362 gross Regional District 13 education budget for school year 2007-08 followed by a referendum on May 8, 2007.

Policy Committee: Mr. Hicks reported the committee discussed the following policies and is making revisions: Political Campaign Literature Policy; Gifts and Memorial Policy and Non-resident Tuition Policy. They also discussed a CIAC Chemical Health Policy.

Magnet School: Mr. Hicks reported the committee is discussing the seat commitment at the Thomas Edison Magnet School. Madison is sending one student and then will pull out of the magnet school. Wallingford is interested and is sending 7 students. Berlin, Waterbury and Wolcott are also interested in joining. The committee also discussed bringing back the grade 6 lap top program because the new bid is coming in lower and is more affordable.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education unanimously approved to adjourn.