

The Regional District 13 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School. Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mr. Currilin, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Raczka, Dr. Shoemaker. Also present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Gourley.

Mr. Raczka called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board of Education meeting is April 26, 2006 at Korn School.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mrs. Adams, the agenda was unanimously approved.

On a motion by Dr. Shoemaker, second Mr. Hennick, the minutes to the March 22, 2006 Board of Education meeting were unanimously approved.

Communications: Mr. Hennick distributed a paper that answers some questions regarding a referendum.

Mrs. Flanagan received a letter about the two programs offered in the District and the potential savings to the District if only one program was offered and the District went to neighborhood schools at the elementary level. She also received an email about thin client technology and the savings it would be to the District.

Several Board members attended the high school production of "Beauty and the Beast" and said it was fabulous. Mr. Raczka thanked everyone involved in the production and said they did a great job.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Viccaro reported 40 students from the middle and high schools attended a Diversity Conference at Wesleyan. Students interacted with other students from the four consortium districts and attended workshops on diversity issues.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the Foreign Language Night, Light and Magnet Day at Brewster, and the Exchange Club Spaghetti dinner. The Exchange Club will be donating a Freedom Shrine to the high school in the future.

About 50 people attended the underage drinking awareness night. Students from the EDGE program at the high school gave a presentation. It was mentioned that the rate for underage drinking in Connecticut is 25% higher than the rest of the country.

Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Gourley, and Mr. Francis attended a workshop on the national management of a crisis situation.

Mrs. Viccaro attended the film at the high school "6 Million Paper Clips" about the holocaust. It is one of the "One Book One Community" activities.

Mrs. Viccaro stated the "Beauty and the Beast" play was great and they will be selling a DVD.

Graduation Date

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Mr. Hennick, the Board of Education unanimously approved to set the graduation date for June 21, 2006.

On a motion by Mrs. Golschneider, second Dr. Shoemaker, the Board of Education adjourned to attend the Public Hearing on the budget in the auditorium.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00pm.

Finalize 2006-07 Budget for the District Meeting: The Board discussed the Public Hearing and the budget. They decided to go to the District Meeting without making any additional reductions to the budget. Additional cuts are going to impact the educational program and the Board decided to wait and see what happens with the referendum before that step is taken.

Mr. Raczka thanked the administrators and the Board for all their work on the budget. Mr. Hennick and the Board thanked Mr. Raczka for the way he conducted the Public Hearing. They said he explained the budget items clearly and kept people focused.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks, second Dr. Ochterski, the Board of Education unanimously approved to go to the District Meeting with a \$30,753,955 gross Regional District 13 education budget for school year 2006-07.

Building Committee: Mr. Currilin stated the projects are nearing an end. As of March 31st, Haynes is not the contractor any more. Anything that needs to be finished will be done by the District.

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