

Regional School District 13  
Board of Education  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of Monday, March 1, 2010

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Board members present: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Currlin, Mrs. Flanagan, Ms. Gara, Mrs. Golschneider, Mr. Hennick, Mr. Hicks, Dr. Ochterski, Ms. Parsons. Also Present: Mrs. Viccaro, Mr. Muschell

Mr. Hennick called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Mr. Hennick explained to the Board the purpose of this meeting. In addition, he stated that it would not be held in public session as previously mentioned, as the subject of the meeting was not present. Mr. Hennick also introduced Victor Muschell to the Board as the procedural attorney in this matter.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Currlin, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session for the purpose of discussion concerning the dismissal of a certified teacher and Board consideration of report of hearing panel appointed pursuant to Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Board of Education moved into open session.

On a motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mrs. Adams, the Board voted unanimously that the employment contract of Marisa Thurston, a tenured teacher, be terminated effective immediately for due and sufficient cause in accordance with Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the recommendation of the Impartial Hearing Panel dated February 19, 2010 and based on the panel's written findings contained in its report that concluded she deliberately and without permission posted final examination questions and answers on her web site for her students to see prior to their final exams in violation of the school district's policies and the Connecticut Department of Education's "Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers".

On a motion by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mrs. Golschneider, the Board of Education voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Hicks, Secretary  
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