

The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of the agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at www.southingtonschools.org. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education meeting.

SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 26, 2016

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, Connecticut with Executive Session scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brian Goralski, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. Zaya Oshana, Mrs. Patricia Queen. Board members absent: Mr. David Derynoski and Mrs. Terry Lombardi.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Steven Madancy, Assistant Superintendent; and Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance (left at 6:43 p.m.).

MOTION: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Brown:

"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Unaffiliated Employees, Paraprofessional Negotiations, and Student Expulsion, and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, UNAFFILIATED EMPLOYEES, PARAPROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AND STUDENT EXPULSION

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 6:57 p.m.

3. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

At 7:06 p.m., in Celebration of Excellence, the Board of Education recognized the 2016 Connecticut State Science Fair Winners, 2016 eCybermission Winners and the 2016 Connecticut State Invention Convention Winners who were each presented with a plaque.

- **2016 Connecticut State Science Fair Winners:**
Alina Rivera, Anthony Sena, Avery Cowen, Benjamin Nagle, Betul Agirman, Brianna Pearson, Brooke Sobolewski, Daniel Messner, Dylan Sandow, Evan Kimmel, Faith

Kosior, Gavin Michaud, Kailey Keegan, Kathryn Clynes, Lucca Riccio, Matthew Maciejewski, Morgan Perschy, Olivia Benson, Samantha Kania, Sammi Bray, Timothy Nunn.

- 2016 eCybermission Winners:
Samantha Kania, Brooke Sobolewski, Olivia Benson, Benjamin Nagle, Anthony Sena, Gavin Michaud, Sammi Bray, Kathryn Clynes, Alina Rivera
- 2016 Connecticut State Invention Convention Winners:
Evan Kimmel, Daniel Messner, Timothy Nunn, Lucca Riccio

Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 7:28 p.m.

4. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION

The regular session was reconvened at 7:46 p.m. by Mr. Goralski, Chairperson.
Board members present: Mr. Robert Brown, Mrs. Terri Carmody, Mrs. Juanita Champagne, Mrs. Colleen Clark, Mr. Zaya Oshana and Mrs. Patricia Queen. Board members absent: Mr. David Derynoski and Mrs. Terry Lombardi.

Administration present: Mr. Timothy Connellan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Stephen Madancy, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Sherri DiNello, Director of Business and Finance; Mr. Peter Romano, Director of Operations; and Ms. Margaret Walsh, Director of Pupil Services.

Student Representative present was Miss Samantha Martins.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Martins led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ May 12, 2016

MOTION: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of May 12, 2016, as submitted.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications from Audience

There was no audience communication.

b. Communication from Board Members

The Board members reported on the following:

- Ms. Michelle Zommer was present to discuss Wall of Honor upgrades at the high school (*Attachment #1*) including fundraising ideas and starting an Alumni Association to help fund the upgrades. She pointed out that Mr. Brown created

the Wall of Honor, which recognizes distinguished Southington High School graduates, and has been self-funding it for the past ten years.

- Board members and administrators attended James Brino's Court of Honor induction as an Eagle Scout.
- The recent Southington High School Art Show showcased amazing student talent.
- In 1999, Southington High School was the first in the state of Connecticut to implement Project-Lead-the-Way and the first high school to be accredited for students to receive college credit from RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) after taking an exam. Southington has the highest rate of students staying in engineering after high school. Mr. Steve Carpenter, who implemented the Project-Lead-the-Way program in 1999, was retiring the end of this school year.
- Board members thanked the Veterans Committee, administration, and staff for a successful Military Luncheon event and partnership.

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

“Move to add Agenda Item 9.d ‘Student Expulsion 2015-2016-08’ to the agenda.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

c. Communication from Administration

Administration reported on the following:

1. Military Luncheon: Mr. Connellan noted that West Hartford was modeling their event after Southington's. He planned on putting together information on what Southington has done in partnership with the Veterans Committee over the last three years to share with other school districts. He thanked Debi Albaitis, Cathy Sheldrick and Jennifer Montone for all their work to make the event special.
2. Elementary Running Clubs: Mr. Connellan reported that the elementary schools initiated running clubs in collaboration with the Benjamin Buckley Memorial Foundation and Southington YMCA. On Saturday, May 28, a mile race for various age groups around Camp Sloper pond will take place.
3. JFK and JAD Author Visits: Mr. Madancy reported that on Monday, May 23 both JFK and JAD were visited by Roland Smith, an author of popular children's books. Because he was only able to meet with sixth grade students, the middle schools took advantage of the new technology in all the classrooms and live-streamed his presentation in the assembly into all the classrooms at once.
4. Postponement of the Community Engagement Event: Mr. Madancy reported that this event is being postponed to September.
5. End of Year Events:
 - May 31, AP Expo at SHS
 - June 1, UNICO Top 25 at Aqua Turf
 - June 2, Volunteer Luncheon at Hawk's Landing
 - June 4, Inter-district Science Grant culminating activity at Connecticut Science Center
 - June 8, the Vietnam Mobile Memorial travels through Southington via a portion of Route 10 going past Kennedy Middle School and Derynoski Elementary School, which will be incorporated in part of the school day with students going outside to pay tribute.

- June 9 is the next Board of Education meeting before graduation on June 10th.

d. Communications from Student Representatives

Miss Martins reported on the following:

- James Brino and Christopher Iverson were at the Oakdale Theater celebrating Class Night and could not attend the Board meeting.
- On Scholarship Night there were 114 students who received scholarships with a total of 252 scholarships awarded from 154 organizations and an overall \$300,000 in scholarships.
- The Southington Art Show was held showcasing the talent of students.
- Senior Prom was held on Saturday, May 21.
- Freshmen Orientation was held on Monday, May 23.
- The Military Luncheon was held with an incredible display in the lobby.
- Class Day is Friday, May 27.
- Youth Honor Day is June 1, 2016.
- May 31, is AP Expo at the high school at 6:00 p.m. and she will have a project on display.
- June 2 is the Unified Sports Banquet.
- The Rugby Team will be playing the state championship game on Saturday against Cheshire at 12:00 p.m. at Fairfield Ludlow High School.
- The Math Lab at the high school is an invaluable resource for students.
- The new Board of Education Student Representatives for the next school year are Samantha Steeves and Joey Martin.
- Mrs. DiNello announced that Samantha Martins will be attending Girls State this summer.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Government Communications

Mr. Goralski reported that he submitted a letter to Town Council Chairman Mike Riccio and Board of Finance Chairman John Leary regarding the Board of Education Budget and the State Legislature finalizing their budget. Mr. Goralski will be submitting a new, detailed letter to the entire Town Council and Board of Finance members on Friday, May 27 regarding taking action so the Board of Education can finalize their budget by June 23. He thanked Mr. Connellan and Mrs. DiNello for the thorough facts and figures included in the letter.

Mr. Goralski discussed the Farm Heritage Committee and the tour they took of the Pleasant Street area that would benefit the Ag-Science Program at the high school.

b. Construction Update

Mr. Romano reported that they are preparing for the Southington High School Atrium project and had a pre-construction meeting onsite with the sub-contractors. They developed a construction schedule that starts on June 13 and completes in early August.

c. Energy Management Policy ~ Second Reading

MOTION: by Mrs. Queen, seconded by Mrs. Carmody:

“Move to approve the Energy Management Conservation Policy, as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Appointment SAA Negotiating Committee

Mr. Goralski noted that this committee does not start their work until August and requested volunteers. Mrs. DiNello stated that the SAA (Southington Administrators Association) negotiations have a very condensed timeline with one or two meetings in August, meeting regularly in September and by late October they have mediation, if necessary, and arbitration would have to occur by mid-December. The committee members are Mrs. Queen, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Brown with Mrs. Carmody as the alternate.

b. District Performance Indicators

Mr. Madancy thanked the District Data Team members for their collaborative efforts on putting together a draft of the Performance Indicators with some of the indicators mandated by the state. The Performance Indicators are in the areas of 1) Academic Indicators; 2) Social, Emotional, Physical Indicators; and 3) 21st Century Skills Indicators. He asked that the Board review the draft indicators, provide feedback, and endorse them.

c. Obsolete Textbooks

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

“Move to approve the disposal of the outdated textbooks presented by the school administration, as submitted.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

d. Student Expulsion 2015-2016-08

MOTION: by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

“Move to expel Student 2015-2016-08 as stipulated by the Superintendent.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mrs. Champagne:

“Move to adjourn.”

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Blanchard

Recording Secretary

Wall of Honor Upgrades—2016—Board of Education Presentation

1. Part I—Wall of Honor Upgrades (Bob B)
 - a. Wall goes onto several interactive video screens around the building (entrance, café, front of auditorium)—include maps, announcements, events, Wall Honorees
 - b. Mobile Wall(s) to go to town businesses and public places (some for a donation)
 - c. Create a speaker's bureau—talk in schools and community events
 - d. Facebook and social media versions
 - e. Café—banners on walls, and in halls, of honorees
2. SHS Technology Upgrades—done as part of Wall Upgrade (Brian S)
 - a. Interactive video screens around building (see above)
 - b. Banners in parking lot—positive messages, and café polls
 - c. Large SHS signs at entrances to property
 - d. Knight (in some form) at SHS entrance—greet people, maps, schedules, events, Wall honorees
 - e. Bar coded signs around buildings—directions, etc.
3. Fund Raising and Alumni Association (Michele Z)
 - a. Letters to all past honorees to solicit ideas and funds (our plan is to ask for no funds from the Board of Education)
 - b. Solicit funds from town businesses and private donors to project (get moving Wall, get name on some objects)
 - c. Grants
 - d. Two Social Events—a kick-off “cocktail party” to publicize our project, and a huge dinner later to which all past honorees, public officials and members of the public are invited (and the media will be invited!)
 - e. Attach an SHS Alumni Association to Wall and Project—to unify past students, solicit nominations and funds, coordinate events, use social media, perhaps an annual Southington Magazine featuring people on the Wall

Induction ceremony is October 24, 2016 for new inductees.