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## **SOUTHINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 9, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Southington Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the John Weichsel Municipal Center Public Assembly Room, 200 North Main Street, Southington, Connecticut with Executive Session scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER - EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL (DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS & FINANCE CONTRACT)**

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

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

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. Derynoski, seconded by Mr. Oshana:

**"Move to go into Executive Session, excluding the public and the press, for the purpose of discussing personnel (Director of Business & Finance contract), and upon conclusion reconvene to public session."**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Mr. Goralski declared Executive Session ended at 7:04 p.m.

#### **2. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE**

At 7:08 p.m., in Celebration of Excellence, the Board of Education recognized the following high school students who received awards from the Connecticut Arts Education Association Program.

- Emma Becotte won a Gold Key in drawing
- Abigail Legere won a Silver Key in drawing
- Alivia Barbour won a Silver Key in ceramics

The art students were presented a Certificate of Excellence from the Board of Education.

Mr. Horanzy, Art Department Chair, announced that the Annual Art Show will be held in the Southington High School Auditorium on May 15, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mr. Goralski called for a recess at 7:14 p.m.

### **3. RECONVENE MEETING ~ REGULAR SESSION**

Mr. Goralski, Chairperson, reconvened the regular session at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Student representative present was Miss Samantha Steeves.

### **4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Miss Steeves led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Goralski called for a moment of silence in memory of the following former employees:

1. Mrs. Marcia Riccio passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017. She was hired as a physical education teacher in September of 1976 and served as Department Chair at Southington High School for several years. Mrs. Riccio also was a coach for the Girls Soccer team at the high school. She retired May 2012 after 36 years of service.
2. Mrs. Sandra Schnell recently passed away while on vacation. She worked for the Southington Public Schools Food Service program beginning in December 1987 and retired December 2015 after 28 years of service.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ February 23, 2017**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Oshana, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to approve the regular Board of Education minutes of February 23, 2017, as submitted.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Clark abstaining.**

### **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **a. Communications from Audience**

There was no audience communication.



**b. Communication from Board Members**

- Board members discussed the local and state budgets at length.
- A synopsis was given of the legislative updates on education and how Governor Malloy's proposed budget would impact school districts and municipalities.
- Board members signed a letter that will be presented to Southington's state legislators and the general assembly with solutions to proposed House Bills. A small delegation of Board members and administrators will be going to the state to discuss.
- Board members discussed the open and transparent Board of Education budget process and the Finance Committee meetings, which the public is welcome to attend. There is nothing hidden as some people have erroneously stated in public.
- The Annual United Way Dinner and Auction is on March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Aqua Turf.
- The Board discussed the "Read Across America" program.

**c. Communication from Administration**

Administration reported on the following:

1. Revised Traffic Pattern – JAD: Mr. Connellan reported that the revised traffic pattern at DePaolo Middle School started this week and seemed to be working effectively.
2. Read Across America Days: Mr. Connellan stated that the schools do a fantastic job with this program with both adults and students enjoying it.
3. Healthy and Wise Committee: Mrs. DiNello reported that this committee was formed from the town Self Insurance Committee. Anthem funds totaling \$30,000 have been set aside for different activities for this program. Town and Board of Education staff were surveyed and the top items were healthy eating, managing weight, exercising, understanding the Anthem health plan and coping with stress. The committee will be publishing a calendar and a link on the district's website and on Facebook as Southington Healthy and Wise. She discussed the planned events that will take place. Southington High School students created the committee's logo and tag line "Live Smart." The first hike will take place at Crescent Lake on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Teachers Candace Patten and Jennifer Manware are representatives on this committee.
4. Extended School Year (ESY): Ms. Walsh reported that the summer program would run from July 5 through August 1, 2017 with programs at Hatton School for Grades K-5 and the self-contained programs and at the high school for the middle schools students and the self-contained students at the high school. Preschool extended year services will be at Hatton. These programs would be held four days during the week from 8:30 a.m. through noon.
5. Camp Rise: Ms. Walsh reported that Camp Rise would run for four weeks in the afternoon for significantly impaired students in partnership with the Southington Parks and Recreation. The program will take place at Recreation Park. Two weeks will be for students in Grades 2-5 and two weeks for Grades 6-12. Parents pay for the sessions. Camp Rise is also supported by community organizations.
6. Good Deeds Week: Mr. Pooler from the Southington YMCA requested that Board members complete a form with their promises of how they will participate in Good Deeds Week.

7. March - Board Member Appreciation Month: Mr. Connellan stated that he has worked with different Boards of Education over many years with the Southington Board of Education the most outstanding because it is bipartisan. Board members put in so much time, energy and effort as elected officials without pay to advocate for what is best for students.

**d. Communications from Student Representatives:**

Miss Samantha Steeves reported on the following:

- Surround Sound took place the weekend of March 11.
- Substance Abuse Awareness Night is March 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Southington High School with guest speakers presenting to parents.
- Winter sports were wrapping up a successful season and spring sports gearing up.
- DECA State Competition will be held next week.
- A True Colors Conference, which is a LGBT advocacy conference, will be held next week.
- Next week is World Language Week with a scavenger hunt and some world language trivia planned.
- The Unified Theatre Show is March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Southington High School Auditorium.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:

**“Move to approve the Personnel Report at presented.”**

**Motion carried by voice vote with Mrs. Lombardi abstaining.**

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Finance Committee Meeting ~ March 6, 2017**

**1. Painting Services ~ 2017-BID-15:**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi:

**“Move to award Painting Services bid 2017-BID-15 for Southington High School, Derynoski and Hatton Elementary Schools to Scholar Painting with additional areas to be added while staying within the budget line.”**

The majority of the work will be completed prior to year-end with a Purchase Order cut from current year dollars.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**2. Lawn Mowing & Trimming Services ~ 2017-BID-20:**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Clark, seconded by Mr. Derynoski:



**“Move to award the Lawn Mowing & Trimming Services bid 2017-BID-20, as recommended by the Finance Committee.”**

The Finance Committee consensus was to award Schmidt Lawn Care, Inc. five locations and SM Lawn Care & Maintenance two sites. Mrs. Clark stated that Mr. Oshana was not in favor of this recommendation. Mr. Oshana explained that safety comes first and that if a contractor has been involved in an injury of a person and has or had a lawsuit against them then it was a problem and the Board of Education should not be doing business with them. He encouraged the Board to continue to address this issue.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES – Mr. Brown, Mrs. Carmody, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Derynoski, Mrs. Lombardi, Mrs. Queen and Mr. Goralski. NO – Mr. Oshana. **Motion carried with seven in favor and one opposed.**

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Town Government Communications**

Mrs. Queen reported that the Community Turf Advertising Program was actively looking for potential advertisers and selling banners to appear above the bleachers around the Turf Community Field. The Southington Board of Education Advertising form was modified for this program (*Attachment #1*) and can be found on three websites: 1) Southington.org/recreation with the link on the main page, 2) on Southington.org under News, and on 3) [www.Southingtonschools.org](http://www.Southingtonschools.org) with a link under Athletics to Southingtonsports.com, which is not a Board of Education website. The 3x6 banners cost \$2,000 for a two-year commitment and \$2,500 for a three-year commitment. The Board discussed field rental funding and revenues to replace the fill. Mrs. Queen will update the Board on the revenues at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Goralski gave an update on the budget meetings:

- Board of Finance Workshop, March 21, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Board of Finance adoption of budget, March 22, 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- Town Council Public Hearing, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center
- Town Council adoption of budget, May 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center
- Board of Finance setting of the Mill rate on May 10, 7:00 p.m. Town Hall.

Mrs. Blanchard will provide the Board members with the budget dates and enter them on the Board of Education calendar.

Mrs. Queen noted that the state legislature has to propose their budget by April 27, 2017.

**b. Construction Update**

Mr. Romano reported that they are currently working on the entry card access system for the elementary schools and high school. They are working on the door hardware and pulling of cabling for the communication piece. Greenskies is still working on Hatton School's roof, which has to be completed by April 1, 2017. Painting will be done during the April vacation at the high school, Hatton and Derynoski with the balance to be completed during the summer. Mr. Romano reported on the building construction and outside work that will take place during the

summer. He stated that the roof leak at Plantsville School, due to the solar panels installation, has been repaired at no cost to the town.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Carmody, seconded by Mrs. Lombardi:

**“Move to add to the agenda Item 10.b ‘Common Language for All Board of Education Policies’.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**a. Policy Updates (5111, Students, Admissions; 5113, Students, Participation in Athletics and Other Co-curricular Activities; 6172, Instruction, Gifted and Talented Program) ~ Second Reading**

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

**“Move that the Board of Education approves Policies 5111, 5133, and 6172, as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**b. Common Language for All Board of Education Policies**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Queen, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

**“Move to amend all language within all current policies and regulations to align with the protective class language reflected within the notice of non-discrimination for Southington Public Schools.”**

Mrs. Queen explained why some policies and regulations were updated to reflect this language.

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Derynoski, seconded by Mrs. Clark:

**“Move to adjourn.”**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda Blanchard*  
Recording Secretary





## Southington Board of Education Advertisement Banner Proposal Form\*

ATTACHMENT #1

Please Print or Type

Agency/Business: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Product or Service to Be Advertised:**

3x6 banners displayed in the Community Turf Complex. The Facilities Advisory Committee is offering two options for local businesses. Option #1 offers a two-year commitment for \$2,000. Option #2 offers a three-year commitment for \$2,500.

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1) I want my banner(s) displayed for:

Two Years ☐Three Years ☐Other N/A2) **Location:** Location will be at the top of the home and/or visitor side bleachers and is subject to relocation at the discretion of the Superintendent. Below is a sample of how the banners will look:

## 3) I'm interested in a different form of advertising. Please describe:

Not Applicable

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved ☐Denied ☐

Checks payable to:

Southington Board of Education

Checks mailed to:

Office of the Superintendent

200 N. Main Street

Southington, CT 06489

Signature of Superintendent, Southington Public Schools

Date

\*Customized for Community Turf Advertising Program