

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Record of Proceedings

Regular Meeting

May 22, 2018

Mrs. Willerup called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Roll Call:

**Members present:** Mmes. Tara Willerup, Lydia Tedone, Susan Salina and Jennifer Batchelar. Messrs. Mike Goman and Todd Burrick.

**Members absent:** Messrs. Tom Frank and Jeff Tindall

**Also present:** Superintendent Matt Curtis, Assistant Superintendent Sue Homrok-Lemke, Business Manager Burke LaClair, Director of Personnel Neil Sullivan, Student Representative Isabelle Dorman and Recording Secretary Katie Wilde.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Curtis introduced the Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year Maryann Lindquist, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher at Latimer Lane School. Andy O'Brien, SHS Principal, spoke about the seniors receiving the CAFE Student Leadership Award. Isabelle Dorman and Dylan Fitch both served as BOE student representatives. Anjanette Belmonte, HJMS Assistant Principal, spoke about the 8<sup>th</sup> graders receiving the CAFE Student Leadership Award, Sofia Hanna and Alexander Vargas. Mr. O'Brien introduced the CAS Scholar Athletes Elise Hidebrandt and Nicholas Ratajczak and the CAS Art Award recipients Grace Oliver and Maria Hodson.

Board members noted each artist with framed artwork in the BOE conference room. Each of these 13 pieces of artwork will remain on display in the conference room for 2 years. The following students received a certificate from a board member: Julia Sica, Laura Hinojosa Silva, Evan Angelo, Samantha Sinacori, Kelly Gutsfield, Jackson Skehan, Josephine Naples, Cora Muser, Andrew Gatton and McKenna Brown. Unable to attend were Grace Rodner, Johanna McIlveen and Jeffrey Von Pechmann.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Dorman reported on Relay for Life and the 4 teams from SHS who raised \$11,466. She spoke about the elementary school Camp Jewel trips, the HJMS art show and cabaret, and the SHS art show.

Ms. Tedone reported on the CAFE Legislative Wrap-up, noting that Mr. Frank and Mr. Sullivan were also in attendance. She briefly reviewed the list of education related bills, noting that the six task forces in place will continue to move forward.

Ms. Lemke reported on the HJMS Unified Theater performance that took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Sullivan stated that the security consultant will be visiting HJMS and Latimer Lane schools next week. Mr. LaClair noted that the two BOE capital projects were approved at referendum. He briefly discussed the next steps for the HJMS project. Mr. LaClair also discussed the next steps for additional school security

Recognitions

Public Audience

Communications

measures. Ms. Willerup noted that Cris Noble is the recipient of the 60 Over 60 volunteer award. Chris and her husband Steve film the BOE meetings for SCTV.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

A. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2018 Executive Session

Ms. Salina: MOVE to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 executive session.

Mr. Goman: Seconded. So moved. Ms. Tedone and Mr. Burrick abstained.

B. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

Ms. Salina: MOVE to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 regular meeting.

Ms. Batchelar:Seconded. So moved. Ms. Tedone and Mr. Burrick abstained.

C. Personnel

Mr. Burrick: MOVE that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Carla MacNeil effective June 30, 2018.

Ms. Tedone: Seconded. So moved.

Mr. Goman: MOVE that the Board of Education approve the part time (.5 FTE) leave of absence for Amanda Tornaquindici commencing August 27, 2018 through June 30, 2019 with a guaranteed full time position upon her return.

Mr. Burrick: Seconded. So moved.

Ms. Batchelar:MOVE that the Board of Education accept the retirement of Jane Perkins effective June 30, 2021.

Ms. Tedone: Seconded. So moved.

D. SEPTO Spirit Award Scholarship

Ms. Tedone: MOVE that the Board of Education approve the SEPTO Spirit Award to be disbursed beginning in 2018.

Ms. Salina: Seconded. So moved.

E. Acceptance of Gift to Cultural Enrichment Committee

Ms. Batchelar:MOVE that the proposed gift of funds from all the elementary school parent-teacher organizations to provide cultural programming to elementary school students be accepted.

Mr. Goman: Seconded. So moved.

F. Approval of Fee Schedule for Use of Public Schools

Mr. Burrick: MOVE that the Board approve the textbook adoptions for the 2018-

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Personnel

SEPTO Spirit Award Scholarship

Gift to Cultural Enrichment Committee

Fee Schedule for Use of Public Schools

2019 school year as submitted by the administration.

Ms. Batchelar:Seconded. So moved

## INFORMATION AND REPORTS

### A. Vision of a Graduate Update

Mr. Curtis discussed why the district is looking to define the Vision of a SPS Graduate. Next year the BOE will establish their new set of 5-year goals for 2019-2024. The Vision of a Graduate (VoG) will ensure a more meaningful and coherent K-12 district vision as the goals are developed. The objective of the work is to achieve readiness for every student by developing a shared vision among all key stakeholders regarding the knowledge and skills that all students need to be successful in work, citizenship, and life.

Mr. Curtis reviewed the process for the VoG work and the outcomes to this point. A group of 8 district colleagues and administrators have been taking part in professional development around the concept of the VoG. The District Leadership Team then became engaged in learning about the VoG. In April, principals held professional development with all staff on why/how to design a VoG and then each teacher created their own version of a VoG. This was done in an effort to leverage this work in a different way than we have in the past. Ms. Murray is now running a 35 member VoG Taskforce.

Mr. Curtis addressed the visual concept for VoG. This rendering of a tree has the big ideas outlined in the tree trunk and leaves. These are the competencies we want our students to experience. Assigned to each competency are the attributes necessary for a positive outcome. Mr. Curtis reviewed the next steps in the process. He stated that the full faculty will be presented with the Vision of a SPS Graduate at Convocation in order to build momentum and excitement around this work. The board will receive the finalized visual product in the fall as part of the work to create our next iteration of a District Strategic Plan and goal setting

### B. Policy Second Reading

Mr. Sullivan summarized the revised policies, noting that they were reviewed at the last board meeting. Most of the revisions are a result of state legislation. The board will vote on the policies at their next meeting.

## PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Goman: MOVE to enter executive session at 8:09 p.m. to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent.

Ms. Tedone: Seconded. So moved.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Goman: MOVE to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Vision of a Graduate Update

Policy Second Reading

Public Audience

Executive Session

Adjournment

Mr. Burrick: Seconded. So moved.

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Todd Burrick  
Secretary

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Katie Wilde  
Recording Secretary