

Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 12, 2021 7:00 PM
Virtual

1. Call to Order

Sean Nugent; Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Other Members present: Dan Harris, Charles Raymond, Cindy Luty, Deborah Burke-Grabarek, Tom Turner, and George Carver.
Also present: Dr. Roy Seitsinger; Superintendent, and Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary.

Dr. Nugent explained that an executive session was held prior to the BOE meeting and that 3 actions must be taken in public forum.

1: Moved, to approve an addendum to the Superintendent's contract dated July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Luty/Harris. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

2: Moved, to approve the Superintendent's contract for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Turner/Harris. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

3: Moved, to approve the Superintendent's FY21 Performance as "exceeds expectations" as documented in the "End of Year Evaluation" letter dated July 12, 2021. Raymond/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Dr. Seitsinger thanked the Board for their continued support, guidance, and action.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

3. Consent Agenda

Accepted as presented.

4. Superintendent's Reports/Updates

ARP Update: an open community forum was held in June. Dr. Seitsinger held focus groups with faculty and staff. Preston must update and provide progress reports every 6 months.

A survey was created for parents and will be posted on the website tomorrow through August 10th. YBS survey results will also be used as informational input for the ARP application.

Letters of support are needed from the BOE, the First Selectwoman, the fire chief, and the PTO President. Dr. Seitsinger will request a BOE letter of support on August 9th.

Summer School Update: Dr. Seitsinger introduced Chris Pickett, Summer School Director, to the BOE. Chris explained that today, the first day of summer school, was a huge success. There was a good deal of positive energy from staff and students! Eighty three out of 95 participants were in attendance. Chris met with the entire staff at the end of the day to discuss what was positive and what needs work.

Cindy Luty asked what a typical summer school day will be like. Chris stated that math and literacy are high priorities but socialization is also extremely important after a year of hybrid and virtual instruction. Thursdays students travel to the Mystic Seaport for specialized learning and much fun.

Tom Turner asked when we will gage how much students have actually lost academically due to hybrid/virtual instruction. Chris said that a pre-assessment will be done this week and a post assessment will be completed the final week.

5. Expenditure/Projection Report

Bid Approval: PPMS parking lot bids were opened on June 28th. The bid was awarded to Pasteryak Asphalt LLC in the amount of \$161,890.00. They will begin work after summer school on August 12th and will have the job completed on August 24th. Mike House stated that he checked their references and was very pleased with their work.

Moved, to award the PPMS Paving Project to Pasteryak Asphalt LLC. Raymond/Carver. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Expenditure Report: currently the unencumbered balance is \$101,374.00. A large special education bill came in recently and changed the previously anticipated amount that would be turned back to the town. Mr. Spang will request quarterly special education reports so there are no such surprises in the future.

The auditors will return to Preston on Wednesday the 14th for the pre-audit. They will return in November for the complete audit.

6. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM. Luty/Burke-Grabarek. Unanimous. Motion Carries.