Regional School District 12
Business Meeting Minutes
Shepaug Valley School
March 27, 2017

The Business Meeting was called to order at 10:37 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2017, by Chairman James Hirschfield. Present were Board members: Anthony Amato, Valerie Andersen, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Rebecca Devine, Michelle Gorra, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, Michael Sinatra and Peter Tagley. Patricia E. Cosentino, Ed.D., Superintendent, and Robert Giesen, Director of Finance and Operations were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: Education Meeting, March 20, 2017

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Cosentino reported that the State Education Committee passed and moved the AgSTEM out of committee on Friday, March 24th. Dr. Cosentino attended the meeting with Mrs. Gallo and Mrs. Fildes. She will find out where the bill goes next. Dr. Cosentino reminded the Board of their Retreat on Monday. Dr. Cosentino reported that Kristyn DeSousa, elementary teacher at BS, will be on maternity leave beginning August 24, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

Rebecca Devine left the meeting at 10:37 p.m. and returned at 10:40 p.m.
Stephanie Kolnick left the meeting at 10:39 p.m. and returned at 10:42 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building – No report.

Education/Curriculum – Mrs. Gorra reported that the next meeting on April 17 will include Ally O'Hara to present on Special Education; Todd Dyer on RAMP; Dr. Cosentino will present on Roles and Responsibilities.

EdAdvance – No report.

Facilities – Mr. Cava reported that the crack in the pool is not structural, but the corner will eventually fall off. Consultant gave option to either wait or repair with bands. Mr. O'Leary does not want to put bands on because it requires putting holes into the concrete. Consultants said the pool is in very good condition for a pool of that age.

Finance – Mrs. Andersen reported that the committee met for budget workshops in February. They agreed on the proposed line items listed on tonight's agenda to be expended from the lease funds. A total of $163,000 has been returned to the towns.

Long Range Planning – Mr. Brown reported that the committee met March 8. They examined results of the surveys with good conversations and will prepare something on the benchmarks in the future. The Planning Facilitator suggested that they wait to do the strategic plan until next year since AgSTEM is in limbo. The strategic plan needs to be done either with it or without AgSTEM. Mrs. DeBrito has more study information on the International Baccalaureate and may have some conclusive information for the Board after the next meeting. The information from the surveys will be synthesized and presented to the Board and then to the community.

Negotiations – Mr. Cava reported that they are about to commence negotiations with the nurses bargaining unit.

Policies & Bylaws – Mrs. Gorra reported that the committee met last Monday.

Mrs. Andersen requested that tuition be considered at the May 15th meeting. Some requested it be sooner. Finance meets May 1. Chairman Hirschfield asked the Superintendent to check schedule and put it on an upcoming agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: made by Gregory Cava, seconded by Anthony Amato, to transfer $213,614 from the approved fiscal year 2016/17 budget appropriations into the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cava explained to the new board members how the 1% fund account works.

VOTE: unanimous.

MOTION: made by Gregory Cava, seconded by Alan Brown, to authorize an expenditure of an amount not to exceed $84,500 from the Elementary Capital Non-recurring Fund as detailed below.

Location	Item	Amount
Booth Free School	Replace/Repair /Coat Stairs	$ 6,500
Booth Free School	Replace exterior PA system	3,000
Booth Free School	Replace outdated doors and hardware	6,000
Burnham School	Repair concrete and brick stairs	17,000
Burnham School	Repair fire door magnetic hold	4,000
Burnham School	Replace outdated doors and hardware	6,000
Burnham School	Repair exterior PA system	1,500
Washington Primary School	Replace concrete stairs in rear of building	3,000
Washington Primary School	Painting of block stairwell	12,000
Washington Primary School	Replace heat loop circulator	8,000

Washington Primary School	Replace outdated doors and hardware		6,000
Washington Primary School	Repair exterior PA system		3,000
Washington Primary School	Sidewalk by gym		8,500
		Total	$ 84,500

VOTE: unanimous.

MOTION: made by Gregory Cava, seconded by Michael Sinatra, to authorize the expenditure not to exceed $337,500 from the 1% Capital Reserve Fund for Capital Improvements from the 2017-18 budget as detailed below.

Location	**Item**	**Amount**
Shepaug Valley School	10,000 gallon water tank replacement	$105,000
Shepaug Valley School	Replace pool roof top heating unit	175,000
Shepaug Valley School	Carpet extractor and walk behind smart vac	18,500
Shepaug Valley School	Convert cafeteria to LED	27,000
Shepaug Valley School	Replace outdated doors and hardware	12,000
	Total	$337,500

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: made by Anthony Amato, seconded by Michael Sinatra (Gregory Cava accepted friendly amendment), to add an item in the amount of $23,500 for a scoreboard for the main athletic field at Shepaug Valley School to bring the expenditure total not to exceed $361,000.

Discussion followed. Valerie Andersen articulated that a process should be followed for this item however worthy.

VOTE: In favor: Anthony Amato, Alan Brown, Gregory Cava, Rebecca Devine, Michelle Gorra, James Hirschfield, Stephanie Kolnick, Jennifer Pote, Lisa Roush, Michael Sinatra and Peter Tagley.

Opposed: Valerie Andersen.

Abstained: No abstentions.

Motion passed (11 – 1 – 0).

ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: made by Peter Tagley to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Debby Bliven