

## Summary of March 2023 RSD17 Board of Education Meeting

### **Cougar Pride**

- **Burr Elementary School Select Chorus**

Students from the BES Select Chorus beautifully represented their school with songs for the Board and members of the community. All the students sang and three accompanied on their recorders for one song.

- **HKIS Student Council Shed Project**

HKIS Principal Eric Larson introduced four representatives from the HKIS student council who provided the Board with their proposal for a new shed to store recess equipment at HKIS. The students conducted surveys, presented their findings, and read an essay explaining current issues and how a shed would solve the problem. The students requested assistance from the Board for a portion of the cost and are planning fundraising efforts to raise the rest. Board Chair Suzanne Sack delegated to Superintendent Wihbey to work with the students moving forward and to advise the Board on any further assistance needed.

### **Report from Student Representatives**

Student representative Madison Moriarty reported on the Annual College Fair held April 5<sup>th</sup> allowing students to meet representatives from various schools. The High School is hosting the 8th grade class on April 18th, the National Honor Society Induction ceremony will be on April 19th and the World Language Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on April 20th. Madison reported that the Art Show is scheduled for April 21st, the Junior Prom will be April 28th and finally the Spring Musical "The Sound of Music" will run May 5th-6th.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Interviews are well underway for the HKMS Principal position. The Superintendent informed the Board that he will be meeting with the final two candidates in early April, and the final candidate will meet with the full Board at the May meeting.

### **Last Day of School/HKHS Graduation Date**

The district experienced two weather closures, moving the last day of school to Thursday, June 15, 2023. The Superintendent recommended that the last day of school also be the HKHS Graduation date, which the Board approved.

### **Facilities-Finance Subcommittee**

The committee met with representatives from Tecton as well as representatives from both towns to discuss the Master Plan. They are currently working on three presentation opportunities for the community regarding the plan, to be scheduled in May, June, and after the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

### **Student Transportation of America (STA) Contract**

The Board approved a 3 year contract renewal, which includes an incentive for the District to find local qualified drivers who will work at least 6 months or individuals willing to be trained by STA to potentially reduce some of the costs.

### **Updated Building Use Form**

The Board approved revised changes to the updated building use form after discussions regarding the continued unpaid use of the facilities by non-profit organizations such as Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts.

### **Eastern CT Health and Medical Cooperative Insurance Plan**

The Board approved the proposal for the District to join a health care cooperative that provides administrative services; however, all coverage, networks, and cost shares will remain the same.

### **ON OUR WEBSITE:**

The 2023-24 budget information is available on the [www.RSD17.org](http://www.RSD17.org) website under the BOE menu option [BOE Budget and Updates](#) and the RSD 17 Master Plan Information is also available on the website under the District Facilities menu option [RSD 17 Facilities Study and Master Planning Website](#).