

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Alexander Oliphant, Vice Chair Mary Tomasi, Donna Antonacci, Margo Gignac, Christopher Rivers, Rosemary Gignac.

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Interim Superintendent Dr. Thomas McDowell, Business Director Rachel Linkkila.

**1. MEETING OPENING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Chair Alex Oliphant called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**1.2 Roll Call**

A roll call taken to establish a quorum.

**1.3 Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Oliphant led the Board members in the pledge of allegiance.

**2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**Motion by:** M. Tomasi

to add Item 5.3 Status of Board Vacancy and Item 5.4 Update on the High School Principal Position.

**Second by:** C. Rivers.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**Motion by:** D. Antonacci

to add Policy 9221 Filling Board Vacancies to the agenda as Item 5.5

**Second by:** C. Rivers.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received.

**4. REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT**

**4.1 Superintendent Update**

Interim Superintendent McDowell met with Glenn McGrath regarding the special education survey for parents of Special Education students. Parents were involved in the preparation of the survey. The Superintendent and Board members will review the survey questions next week.

**4.2 BA Student Alexandra Skilton State of CT Doodle for Google Winner**

Alexandra Skilton, a grade 12 student at Bacon Academy, won the Connecticut Doodle for Google design competition. She is now representing the State of Connecticut against other state winners in a nationwide contest. The winner of the competition will earn \$30,000 towards a college of their choice, and he or she will win their school a \$50,000 technology package. The competition has been running since 2008, and is a way to celebrate student artwork across the country. Winners of the contest will have their artwork displayed on the Google homepage. We can support our Colchester/CT State winner by voting for her beginning through July 12, 2022 at <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/>

## 5. PRIORITY DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### 5.1 Election of Officers: Secretary of the Board

**Motion by:** C. Rivers

to postpone the election until a new member has been appointed to the Board.

**Second by:** R. Gignac.

**Vote:** Opposed: D. Antonacci.

In favor: All others. Vote 5-1 to approve.

### 5.2 Update to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

Dr. McDowell presented the Board with a revised calendar noting in 2023 that January 2 will be a holiday and it was not noted on the current calendar. Also, Dr. McDowell proposed taking out the language to replace snow days and just add snow days at the end of the year as needed.

**Motion by:** M. Gignac

to approve the revised 2022-2023 School Year Calendar.

**Second by:** D. Antonacci.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

### 5.3 Status of Board Vacancy.

Chair Oliphant said he has received eight applications for the Board vacancy.

Discussion followed for dates to interview the candidates. It was agreed to interview all candidates. Chair Oliphant will send the applications to Board members for review.

### 5.4 Update for High School Principal Position

Dr. McDowell is reviewing job descriptions and looking at previous process for interviewing for the superintendent and principal positions. It is expected to post the opening for the principal by the end of this week and hire by October 1, 2022.

### 5.5 Policy 9221 – Filling Board Vacancies

This policy was on a previous agenda for a first reading. At this time if it is approved, it will be in place for the recent vacancy.

**Motion by:** D. Antonacci

to approve Policy 9221 – Filling Board Vacancies.

**Second by:** C. Rivers.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1 Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2022

**Motion by:** D. Antonacci

to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022, with the correct spelling of D. Antonacci.

**Second by:** M. Tomasi.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

### 6.2 Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2022

**Motion by:** D. Antonacci

to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022, meeting as read.

**Second by:** M. Gignac.

**Vote:** Abstaining: M. Tomasi, absent from meeting.

In favor: All others. 5-1 to approve.

## **7 REPORTS FROM BOARD LIAISONS**

### **7.1 Reports from Board Liaisons**

1. Board of Selectman – D. Antonacci - No report
2. Board of Finance – M. Gignac stated the Board will meet tomorrow and are discussing a possible September date for the next referendum.
3. P&R Parent Commission: C. Rivers - no July meeting.
4. PTO Collaborative: M. Gignac meetings will resume in the Fall.
5. C3 Collaborative: Vacant - No report.
6. Commission on Aging – M. Tomasi - A meeting was held July 11, ground breaking for the Senior Center is tentative for September.
7. CORE: Vacancy - No report
8. Youth and Social Services: R. Gignac - No report.

## **8 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Next Meetings**

- Tuesday, July 26, 2022 – Special Meeting
- Tuesday, August 9, 2022
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022
- Tuesday, September 13, 2022
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022
- Tuesday, October 25, 2022
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022
- Tuesday, November 22, 2022
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022
- Tuesday, December 27, 2022

8.2 Monthly Student Enrollment is at **2180** students as of July 11, 2022.

### **8.3 Notices of Retirement/Resignation**

The following have submitted letters of resignations:

1. Kara Clarkin
2. Meghan Davis
3. Nancy Cordone
4. Kathleen Butler
5. Tyler DelGaizo
6. Joseph Ferraro

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brien Brown said he thought the date of April 1 is the time when a graduation date may be set.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Oliphant adjourned this meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Recording Secretary