



POMPERAUG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 15

The mission of Region 15, a collaborative community committed to excellence, is to educate every student to be productive, ethical, and engaged in a global society through proven and innovative learning experiences supported by its strong community whose decision-making is based on the best interest of all students.

Mission Statement, Adopted 9 December 2002; Updated 2009

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Monday, 14 November 2011

Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: Mr. Paul Babarik
Mr. John A. Bucciarelli, III
Ms. Janet Butkus
Mr. Joseph J. Drauss, Chairperson
Ms. Sharon Elias
Mr. Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Jr.
Ms. Sharon Guck
Ms. Patricia S. Perry
Mr. Joseph Rock
Ms. Eileen Mooney Strange

ABSENT:

Also Present: Dr. Frank H. Sippy, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Ceccolini, Student Representative
Ms. Victoria Madsen, Student Representative

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| 1. Mr. Drauss called the 145h of November 2011 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. | Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance |
| 2. Ms. Madsen announced the following PHS activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18th of November Babysitting Night hosted by the Spanish Honor Society and the PHS Guidance Association.• 3 December PHS Guidance Association canned food drive at the Southbury Food Center; this drive will benefit the Southbury Food Bank.• The 15th of November Interact Club is a mandatory meeting.• The Pomperaug Theatre Company production of <i>Cassandra</i> takes place on the 17th through the 20th of November. | Student Representatives |
| Mr. Ceccolini announced the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheerleading tryouts take place on the 15th through the 17th of November.• Picture retakes are scheduled for the 15th of November.• A representative from the Navy will be available in the | |

Career Center.

- The Ecology Club is sponsoring a used shoe drive.

3. Dr. Sippy recognized the following members for their dedicated service to the Board of Education:

- Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Jr. 2009-2011
- Eileen Mooney Strange 2007-2011
- Sharon Elias 2007-2011
- Joseph J. Drauss, Chairperson 1991-2011

Dr. Sippy expressed his appreciation to the departing members and extended a welcome to the newly elected members to the Board.

Ms. Lyman, Assistant Superintendent, presented an overview and the results of the Connecticut Mastery Test Performance (CMT). She noted that the scores assist in looking forward and confirms the validity of the curriculum, instructional practices, and ways to improve. This CMT is the fourth generation of mathematics, reading, writing, and science. Ms. Lyman stated that CMT results are analyzed for trends over time, cohorts, performance, and sub-group performance.

Citizens may obtain a printed copy of the report by calling the Central Office at 203-758-8259 Ext. 110.

Ms. Lyman reviewed the following CMT performance:

Grade Level	2007 % Goal	2008 % Goal	2009 % Goal	2010 % Goal	2011 %Goal
Grade 3 Reading	74	76	78.8	71.4	72.9%
Grade 3 Writing	80.5	83.4	80.2	70.9	71.4%
Grade 3 Math	75.7	79.9	85.3	79.0	81.4%
Grade 4 Reading	83.2	80.2	79.3	84.9	81.5%
Grade 4 Writing	82.5	84.4	84.3	82.4	81.6%
Grade 4 Math	79.9	76.6	81	84.5	78.2%
Grade 5 Reading	84.3	83.9	85.2	85.2	89.6%
Grade 5 Writing	85.1	84.8	86.5	88.6	88.3%
Grade 5 Math	88.9	89.2	84.7	88.8	91.5%
Grade 5 Science	--	87.2	84.8	82.6	88%
Grade 6 Reading	79.0	85.2	84.5	87.1	90.5%
Grade 6 Writing	79.3	81.5	79.7	83.0	79.8%
Grade 6 Math	82.7	89.3	91	86.6	91.3%
Grade 7 Reading	83.1	84	88.3	93.9	88.6%
Grade 7 Writing	74.2	76.1	80.6	78.9	73.9%
Grade 7 Math	80.3	79.8	83.3	88.3	84.4%
Grade 8 Reading	83.2	84	83.3	87.4	89.9%
Grade 8 Writing	78.8	79.9	79.1	78.6	82.3%
Grade 8 Math	79.1	84.6	81.4	88.6	88.3%
Grade 8 Science	--	84.1	80	81.1	86.4%

Ms. Lyman noted the next steps for improvement , including:

- Principals are spending considerable time analyzing the data with staff. School improvement initiatives are being identified and

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CMT Performance by Year and Grade, Percent at and Above the State Goal Standard

professional development is focused in areas of need identified through this analysis.

- Faculty is adjusting their goals and intervention plans based on the analysis of school data.
- The Curriculum Leadership Teams are analyzing results to identify curriculum revision needs.
- Individual student data have been shared with teachers to allow for targeted instruction.

Ms. Lyman reviewed how NCLB is changing, the Connecticut State Department of Education’s adoption of the Common Core State Standards, and changes to assessment and the conclusion of CMT within the next two to three years.

The Principals reviewed data for their schools, highlighting an area of strength and an area in need of improvement. Ms. Lyman commented on the Common Core Standards, which are nearly finalized. In response to Mr. Bucciarelli, Ms. Lyman reviewed the Region’s curriculum alignment with the Common Core Standards.

4. Upon a motion by Ms. Elias, seconded by Mr. Rock,
IT WAS VOTED
“to approve the 24 October 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented.”
and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Mr. Bucciarelli, Ms. Butkus, Mr. Drauss, Ms. Elias, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Guck, Ms. Perry, Mr. Rock, and Ms. Strange voting “Aye.”
5. Ms. Butkus reported on the 9th of November PTO Advisory Council meeting. Agenda items included the impact of the loss of nine instructional days.
6. Mr. Rock announced the Finance Committee meeting on the 15th of November at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office.
7. Ms. Perry reviewed the 14th of November Personnel Policies/Curriculum Committee meeting. Agenda items included a new course proposal, the second reading of proposed policy changes, and a review of personnel recommendations.
8. Mr. Drauss expressed his appreciation to Board members for their support during his tenure on the Region 15 Board of Education. He encouraged the Board of Education members to continue to do what is best for students. He also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Sippy and Ms. Perry.

Motion Made and Passed
Approval of Minutes
24 October 2011

PTO Advisory Council

Finance Committee

Personnel
Policies/Curriculum
Committee

Comments from Board
Members

Ms. Strange expressed her appreciation to the citizens of Southbury, noting that it was an honor to serve as a Board of Education member. She noted that education will always come first in her life. She encouraged the newly appointed Board members to build consensus and compromise.

Ms. Elias expressed her appreciation to Dr. Sippy and Administrators for their support. She noted that she will always support Region 15.

Mr. Fitzgerald expressed his appreciation to Board members, and he noted that he hopes to serve on the Board in the future.

Mr. Bucciarelli commented on the second Veteran’s Day celebration held in the Region’s schools, noting the positive benefits.

Ms. Guck commented on the benefits of long-term expertise for Board leadership. Mr. Rock expressed his appreciation to departing Board members for their dedication. Ms. Perry also expressed her appreciation to Board members.

- 9. Dr. Sippy presented the proposed foreign field trip to Spain scheduled for the 12th through the 22nd of April, 2012. In response to Mr. Babarik, Dr. Sippy noted that this trip is not subsidized by the Board of Education.

Dr. Sippy reviewed the school calendar and reported that nine of the allotted eleven days for weather have been used.

In response to Mr. Rock, Dr. Sippy stated that the trip is not subsidized by the Board. Dr. Sippy also noted that he will monitor the travel advisories prior to the trip. Ms. Perry stated that the itinerary was well prepared.

Dr. Sippy noted that he is monitoring the school calendar regarding the end of the year, the use of April recess, and school accommodations on heat-index days. In response to Mr. Bucciarelli, Dr. Sippy reviewed the energy management plan.

In response to Ms. Butkus, Dr. Sippy noted that the town administrators make the decision regarding the use of Pomperaug High School as a emergency shelter.

- 10. Upon a motion by Ms. Perry, seconded by Ms. Strange, IT WAS VOTED

Superintendent’s Report

Motion Made and Passed
Approval of Personnel

