



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, January 11, 2016

Pomperaug High School, Southbury, Connecticut

PRESENT: Mr. Paul Babarik
Ms. Janet Butkus
Ms. Brenda M. Carter
Ms. Jennifer Connelly
Mr. John R. Cookson
Ms. Marion Manzo
Ms. Patricia S. Perry, Chairperson
Mr. Richard Spierto
Mr. Steven Suriani

ABSENT: Ms. Sharon Guck

Also Present: Ms. Regina Lemerich Botsford, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Richard C. Gusenburg, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Keith McLiverty, Director of Finance and Facilities
Ms. Erin Dorsey, Student Representative
Mr. Nicholas Lucatino, Student Representative

1. Ms. Perry called the January 11, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:32 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

2. Ms. Dorsey announced the following PHS events:

Student Representatives

- Auditions for the Pomperaug Theatre Spring production are taking place. The title of the play is Ubu, The Conqueror, and Paul Doniger is the playwright.
- Mid-terms begin on January 21, and the schedule was reviewed, including the schedule for study groups.
- The Senior semi-formal dance takes place on February 20.
- The PHS Debate Team participated in a tournament on the 8th of January. Three teams have qualified for the State finals tournament, which will be scheduled to take place in early April.

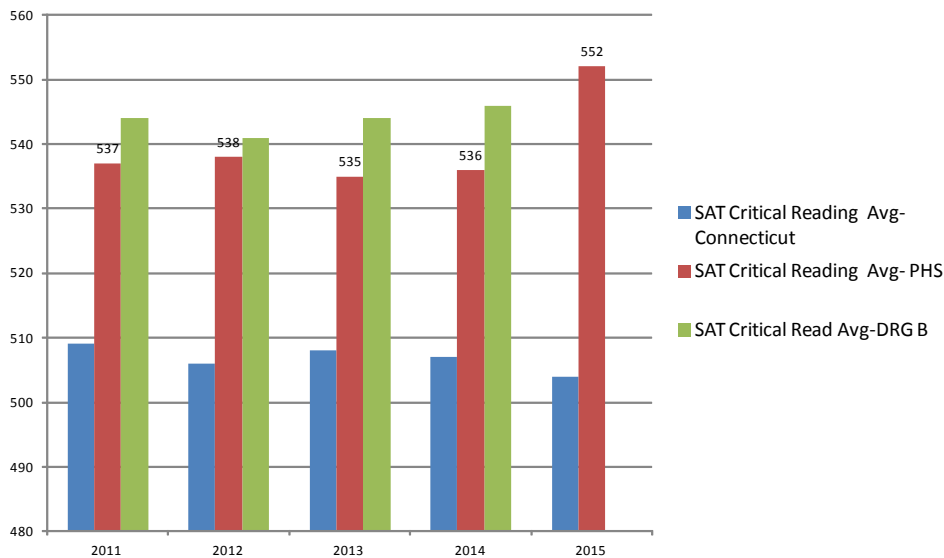
Mr. Lucatino announced the following PHS activities:

- The PHS Annual Sweater Contest was held before the Winter Break, and all money collected benefitted the Victoria Soto scholarship fund.
- The PHS Guidance Department hosted an Alumni College presentation on the 7th of January.
- A sports update was presented.

3. Ms. Botsford introduced and recognized Ms. Melodie McVerry as the 2015 Connecticut Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Ms. McVerry is a Physical Education teacher at Long Meadow Elementary School and has taught in the Region for over 30 years.

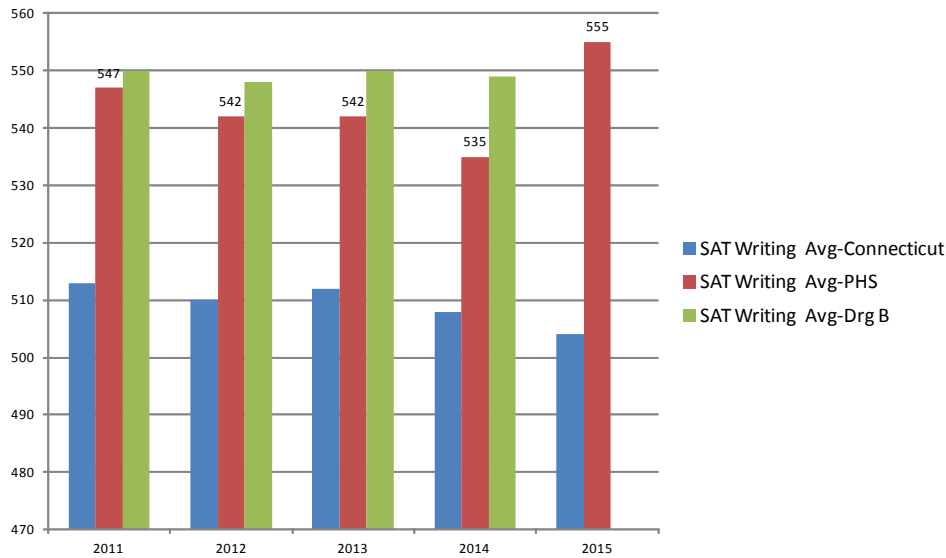
Ms. McVerry expressed her appreciation to the Board of Education, Region 15 administrators, and staff members. Board members congratulated Ms. McVerry.

Mr. Glenn Lungarini presented the following Pomperaug High School Performance Data report:

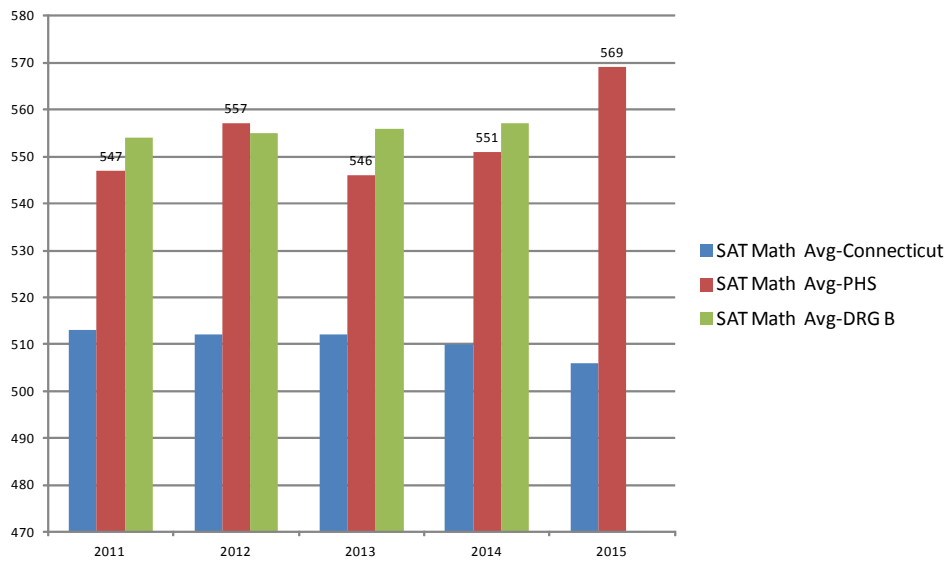


Presentations
 Staff Recognition
 Ms. Melodie McVerry,
 2015 CTAHPERD
 Elementary School
 Physical Education
 Teacher of the Year

PHS Performance Data
 Report
 SAT Critical Reading



SAT Writing Comparison



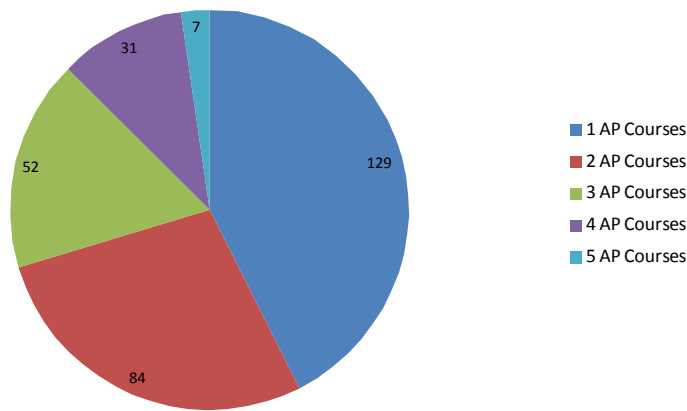
SAT Math Comparison

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
PHS	92	92	91	88	88
CT	74	75	75	74	73

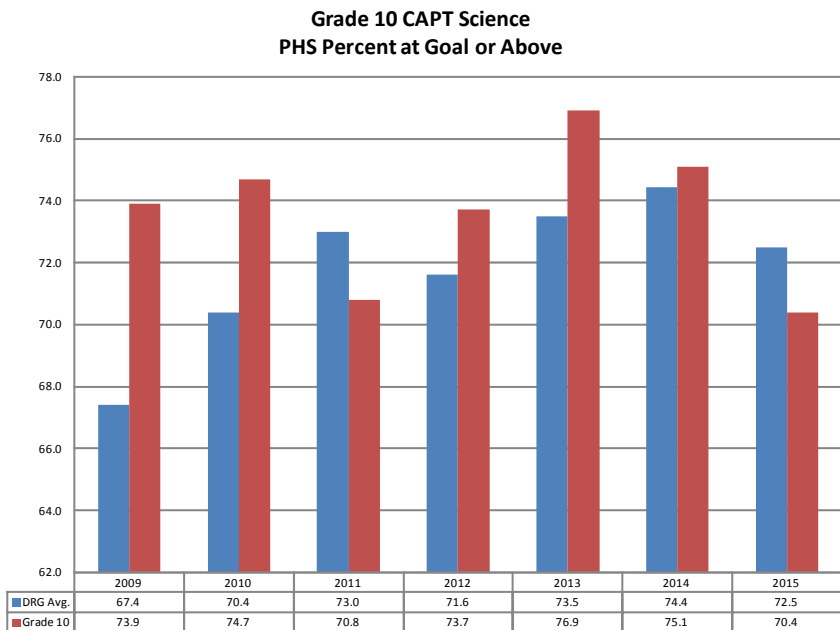
Percent of AP Exam Takers Scoring 3 or Higher

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
AP Scholar	28	24	28	37	26
AP Scholar with Honor	17	15	3	10	17
AP Scholar with Distinction	21	24	21	20	23
National AP Scholar	1	6	2	5	5
Total	67	69	54	72	71

Pomperaug High School
AP Scholar Totals
(Includes Juniors and Seniors)



Number of PHS Students Enrolled In AP Courses in 2014-2015

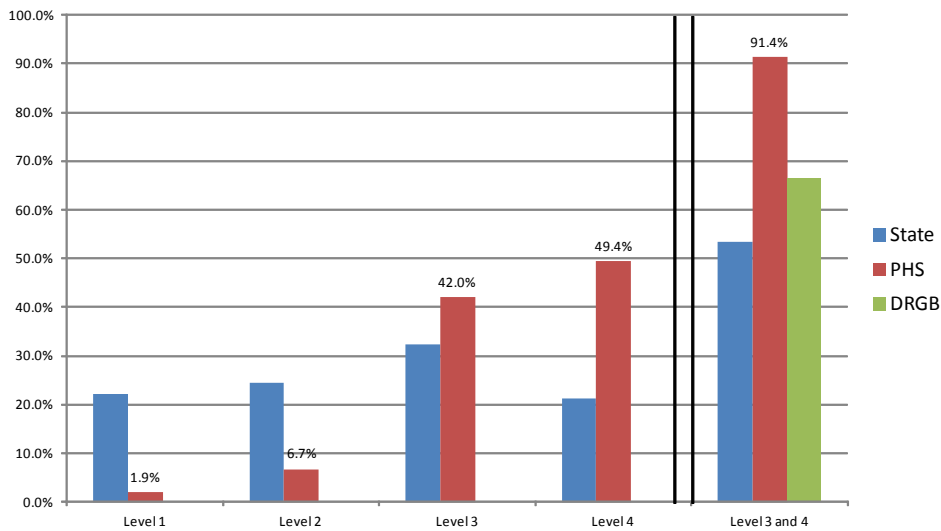


Grade 10 CAPT Science PHS Percent at Goal or Above

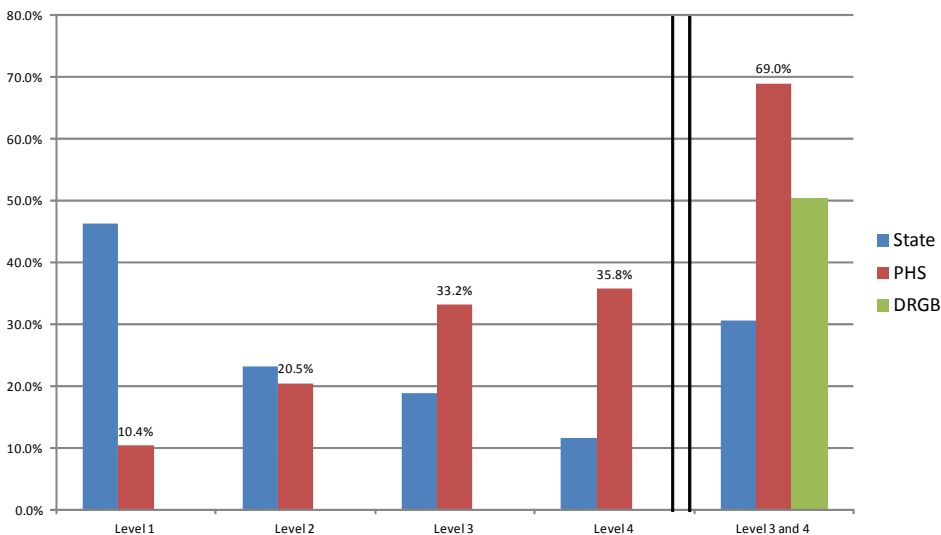
**Grade 10 CAPT Science
PHS Percent Advanced**



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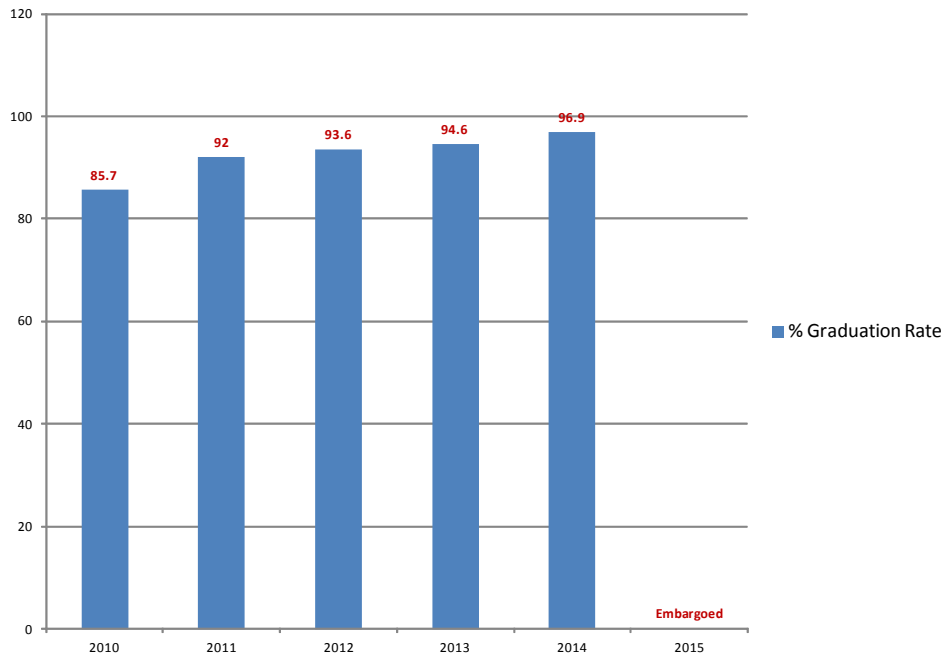


**SBAC English Language
Arts 2015**



SBAC Math 2015

PHS Four Year Adjusted Cohort Percent Graduation Rate

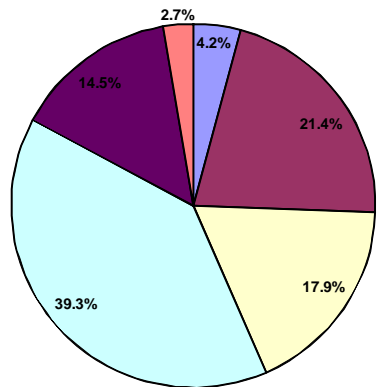


PHS Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Percent Graduation Rate

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
4 Year	76.4%	77.3%	75.3%	75.2%	81.6%
2 year	15.4%	12.0%	15.7%	14.0%	8.9%
Tech/other	1.6%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	2.1%
Employment	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	5.9%	3.5%
Military	1.6%	1.8%	1.3%	1.9%	1.4%
Other	1.4%	3.8%	3.0%	1.5%	1.5%

PHS Post Graduation Plans

2015 COMPETITIVE LEVELS OF COLLEGES (ATTENDING)



2015 Competitive Levels of Colleges (Attending)

Most Competitive	Highly Competitive	Very Competitive
Competitive	Less or Non Comp.	Special (Arts, Medical, etc)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Board CT Public School Summary by High School Report-DRG Unweighted Avg. (slides 2-4) • College Board AP Five Year School Score Summary Report-(slide 5) • College Board AP School Scholar Roster Report-(slide 6) • Current Student Enrollment and Schedules-(slide 7) • CT State Reports-DRG B Unweighted Avg. (slides 8-9) • CT State SBA Report (slides 10-11) • State of Connecticut Cohort Graduation Results-(slide 12) • State Strategic School Profile-(slide 13) • Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges, Naviance Student Self Reports- May of Senior Year (slide 14) 	<p>Resources used for Data Compiation</p>
<p>In response to Ms. Butkus, Mr. Lungarini reviewed the time needed for administering the SAT as compared to the SBAC test, and time needed to administer the CAPT.</p>	<p>Comments</p>
<p>In response to Mr. Cookson, Mr. Lungarini reviewed the format for the SAT, which is aligned with Common Core.</p>	
<p>On behalf of the Board of Education, Ms. Perry thanked Mr. Lungarini for the presentation.</p>	
<p>4. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Mr. Spierto, IT WAS VOTED “to approve the December 7, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Minutes December 7, 2015 Regular Meeting</p>
<p>Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Mr. Babarik IT WAS VOTED “to approve the December 7, 2015 Executive Session minutes as presented.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Minutes December 7, 2015 Executive Session</p>
<p>5. Mr. Babarik reported on the December 16, 2015 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting. Agenda items included: budget freeze update, a review of unanticipated costs, a review of State funding, and a report of the 2014-15 services provided by Spectrum.</p>	<p>Finance and Facilities Committee</p>

6. Mr. Babarik reported on the December 16, 2015 Pension Committee meeting. The portfolio was reviewed at this meeting.	Pension Committee
7. Mr. Suriani reviewed the policies on the evening's agenda for a first read. Mr. Suriani reported on and reviewed Policy No. 5112 Passive Alcohol Screening/Breathalyzer Testing, which was on the agenda for approval. Mr. Suriani extended a welcome to Mr. Cookson and Ms. Perry on their appointment to the Policy and Curriculum Committee, and he expressed his appreciation to Ms. Connelly for serving on the sub-committee. In response to Mr. Spierto, Mr. Suriani noted that the proposed Policy No. 5112 follows U.S. case law regarding breathalyzers; there is no State statute requirement for a passive alcohol screening/breathalyzer policy.	Policy and Curriculum Committee
8. Mr. Babarik expressed his appreciation to Ms. Connelly for her appointment to the Finance and Facilities Committee; and he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cookson for his years of service on the sub-committee	Board Members' Comments
9. Ms. Connelly announced the Region-wide PTO Dinner has been scheduled for May 12, 2016 at The Heritage. PHS is hosting the dinner.	PTO Advisory Council
10. Ms. Butkus noted the incorrect date on the evening's agenda, which should read January 11, 2016.	Board Members' Comments
11. Mr. Suriani noted that he and Ms. Manzo are attending meetings with S.M.A.R.T. Mr. Suriani reported that S.M.A.R.T., Inc. is a non-profit organization funded by the Central Naugatuck Regional Action Council and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to carry out the responsibilities as the local substance abuse prevention council, serving the Towns Middlebury and Southbury. S.M.A.R.T. is also committed to strengthening individuals, families, and communities through its parent universities and other family and community events. Mr. Suriani reviewed the November meeting. Agenda items included: Be Smart Don't Start Campaign, a film presentation of <i>Misrepresentation</i> , the printing/ mailing of the community concern booklets, and the purchase of six passive/breathalyzer units by	S.M.A.R.T., Inc.

S.M.A.R.T.

S.M.A.R.T.'s website is: smartinc.org

Ms. Manzo expressed appreciation to Ms. Noel Federle, Chairman of S.M.A.R.T., Inc. for supporting the purchase of breathalyzer units.

12. Ms. Botsford reported that the Board of Education received the January 11, 2016 Personnel Report.

Ms. Botsford expressed her appreciation to the School Calendar Committee for their work on the 2016-17 Calendar. The committee was co-chaired by Mr. Don Rapuano, Assistant Director of Student Services and Mr. Richard Gusenburg, Interim Assistant Superintendent. One parent and one teacher from each school and two Board of Education members, Ms. Perry and Ms. Connelly, served on the Committee. In 2016-17, Connecticut school districts are required to follow a regional calendar, with some flexibility. Since the State has not yet decided on the parameters beyond 2016-17, the proposed calendar is for one year.

Ms. Botsford noted that the proposed 2016-17 Board of Education Meeting Dates schedule in the evening's agenda for approval. Board meetings usually take place on the second and fourth Monday of the month. For the 2016-17 schedule, there is one meeting in October, November, December, and June. Two meetings will occur in May.

Ms. Botsford reported on the budget schedule overview, noting the following dates:

- Monday, February 22 The Superintendent will present the Superintendent's budget at the Board of Education meeting:
- Monday, March 28 The Board will present their budget at the Board of Education meeting.
- February 23-March 25 Budget Workshops will be scheduled during these dates.
- Monday, April 4 Public Hearing, followed by the regular Board of Education meeting at which time the Board adopts the budget.
- Tuesday, May 3 District Meeting
- Wednesday, May 4 Budget Referendum

Superintendent's Report

<p>Mr. Suriani requested that the budget workshops be scheduled as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>13. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Mr. Spierto, IT WAS VOTED "to approve the 2016-17 Board of Education Meeting Dates schedule as presented." DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the possibility of adding a second meeting in October. The conflicts with a Jewish holiday and Columbus Day were noted. VOTE: and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye."</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates Schedule</p>
<p>14. Upon a motion by Ms. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Babarik, IT WAS VOTED "to approve the 2016-17 Region Calendar as presented." DISCUSSION: A total of 24 members served on the Calendar Committee, which was comprised of two Administrators, two Board members, and one parent and one teacher from each school. The Board members discussed the long weekend in October, and Ms. Perry noted the parents' concern about this time off. Ms. Connelly reviewed the following items regarding the time off: maintaining instructional continuity, the parameters of the regional calendar flexibility days, other considerations such as attending school on Columbus Day, the anomaly of 2016-17 schedule, and the consensus of the committee regarding the proposed calendar. Mr. Gusenburg noted that the day off after Columbus Day will be treated as a flex-day. VOTE: and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye."</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed</p>
<p>15. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Mr. Suriani, IT WAS VOTED "to adopt Policy No. 5112 Passive Alcohol Screening/Breathalyzer Testing as presented." and passed with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye," and Mr. Spierto voting "Nay."</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Adoption of Policy No. Passive Alcohol Screening/Breathalyzer Testing</p>

<p>16. Ms. Perry announced the following future meeting dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wednesday, January 13, 2016 Finance and Facilities Committee Central Office 6:30 p.m. 2. Monday, January 25, 2016, Policy and Curriculum Committee PHS Media Center Conference Room 6:30 p.m. 3. Monday, January 25, Board of Education PHS All Purpose Room No. 103 7:30 p.m. 4. Tuesday, January 26, 2016, Board of Education Special Meeting/Workshop Purpose: FOIA Presentation Central Office Conference Room 6:00 p.m. SNOW DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p>
<p>17. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Ms. Connelly, IT WAS VOTED “to move into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations with possible action to follow in the public portion of the meeting and invite the Superintendent, the Director of Finance and Facilities, and Board Counsel to attend the session.” and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye.”</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed For Executive Session For the Purpose of Contract Negotiations</p>
<p>18. At 9:30 p.m., the Executive Session concluded and the public portion of the meeting reconvened.</p>	<p>Executive Session Concludes/Public Portion Reconvenes</p>
<p>19. Upon a motion by Mr. Babarik, seconded by Mr. Cookson, IT WAS VOTED “to approve the 2016-19 Contract with the Pomperaug Education Association as presented.” and passed with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter, Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, and Mr. Suriani voting “Aye,” and Mr. Spierto abstaining.</p>	<p>Motion Made and Passed Approval of 2016-19 Contract with the PEA</p>

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20. Upon a motion by Mr. Cookson, seconded by Mr. Suriani,
IT WAS VOTED
 "to adjourn the public portion of the meeting at
 9:31 p.m."
and passed unanimously with Mr. Babarik, Ms. Butkus, Ms. Carter,
Ms. Connelly, Mr. Cookson, Ms. Manzo, Ms. Perry, Mr. Spierto,
and Mr. Suriani voting "Aye."

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Connelly
Secretary

Gretchen I. Usawicz, Board Clerk

Adjournment