

Board of Education

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NOTES

- ❖ **Unfinished Business** –
 - **A. Anderson** – read a statement regarding the fields, and cyberbullying and in person bullying. “Let’s act better” to each other.
 - Field maintenance and funds for eventual replacement, ad hoc committee (\$120/hour rental) put into escrow to help fund replacement – plan
 - J. Caldwell – suggested having representative at BOF meetings to answer questions. Try to ship the relationship to a warmer one between BOE and BOF
- ❖ **Student Representatives Reports**
 - Nothing new
- ❖ **Reports of Standing Committees:**
 - **ACES**
 - Voted on the 2018-2019 calendar. (starting on a Monday)
 - **Curriculum, Instruction and Planning**
 - Field trip to go to photoplus in NYC (Ellis island, CIA) approved.
 - **Finance & Operations**
 - Running deficit on two line items – benefits and purchased services. No reimbursement till out placement services \$311M, will repay (partial?) upon state budget passing.
 - Hiring freeze – 8 internal, 8 external candidates for assistant principal
 - **Middle School Building Committee**
 - No report
 - **North Haven Education Foundation**
 - \$86,867 (37K temp restricted) raised.
 - New co-president
 - raised \$36K at the spelling bee next one is 4/26.
 - There are “creativity” grants for admins in schools to help with supplies/evals
 - Will have veterans breakfast at MS to donate books (with Rotary Club)
 - **Policy**
 - Concession – ensure health/food rule are being followed.
 - Rental fee – have not changed costs in two years. % increase proposed for current fields, not turf fields..
 - **PTA Council**
 - Trying to increase participation in PTA council. Encourage any parent to attend.
 - 11/21 is next meeting in HS
 - A. Anderson – do they have a mission statement?
- ❖ **Staff Communications**
 - **Superintendent’s Report**
 - Proposed homework policy revision –
 - ◆ Only a certain portion can count towards a grade (15%)
 - ◆ No homework over holidays and vacations
 - ◆ Surveyed 3-12 grade teachers, parents, students
 - ◆ Purposeful homework
 - No one likes reading “Once and Future King”
 - SBAC & SAT – top 1/3 of reference group. 7 in 23 in English. 69% achieved goal and advanced of 3-8th graders. Math – top quarter, 5th of 23 62.4% at goal or above. Dip in 3rd grade this year in math. Almost every level except 7th grade
 - **Assistant Superintendent’s Report**

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- No report.
 - **Director of Finance & Operations**
 - No report.

Public Comments:

1. Homework policy – current policy. Keep in mind all aspects of student life – extra-curricular, vocal, instrument, sports, advanced classes.
2. A. Gabriel – Bullying – adults! Not making the best choices regarding the turf wars, vandalism and threats. Need to work with M. Frieda and A. Anderson.
 - A conversation needs to be had about having a conversation. Maybe a mediator? **Civil discourse!**

❖ **Future Agenda**

