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SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Scotland, Connecticut  
Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting  
May 19, 2020

Chairperson Brynn Lipstreu called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present were Board members Sherry Smardon, Steven Kurcinik, Cassidy Martin, Scott Sears, Rod Perry and Bill Trudelle.

Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Francis Baran, Principal Dr. Catherine Pinsonneault and Finance Coordinator Tim Smith.

1. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:

Brynn Lipstreu received a letter requesting information which she provided.

Dr. Baran received a letter from CAFE stating that there will be no increase in dues.

2. SIXTH GRADE CELEBRATION:

Dr. Baron reported that there will be a virtual celebration on June 11 at 6:30 pm.

Sherry Smardon asked if anything had been planned for the Kindergarten class and Dr. Baron responded that there will be a celebration at the beginning of next school year as they transition to first grade.

3. GRADUATION GIFTS FOR SIXTH GRADE:

A motion to provide \$25 B&N Gift Cards to each of the 14 sixth grade graduates was made by Sherry Smardon and seconded by Cassidy Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ROSE KHOURIE SCHOLARSHIP:

Brynn Lipstreu stated that the due date for applications is tomorrow.

Applications will be sent to BOE members to review prior to the June BOE meeting.

#### 5. TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE UPDATE:

Dr. Baron stated that 4 new switches were purchased for \$800 each plus shipping. Switches that were available from AT&T were not compatible.

#### 6. FY 20 - 21 STAFFING CHANGES:

Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Lebeau requested switching grades next year. Therefore, Ms. O'Connor will teach second grade and Ms. Lebeau will teach first grade.

#### 7. 20/21 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Dr. Barron mentioned the numerous budget options that were emailed to BOE members to review.

Sherry Smardon, Cassidy Martin and Bill Trudelle stated that they feel that the staffing levels should remain the same due to unknown scenarios that schools may be facing in the fall.

Rod Perry reviewed the Specials Staffing plans from Dr. Baron comparing this year and next with a question as to how many special classes can be scheduled per day without impacting recommended daily needs for English, Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

He felt that it was important to meet the State BOE recommendations for those classes. Several other budgetary items were discussed including potential propane savings as well as potential state guidelines impacting school environment for the next school year. No directives are yet in place.

There will be a special meeting next week, May 26 at 5:00 PM to review a new 20/21 budget that represents only non-staffing cuts in expenditures.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry Smardon and seconded by Rod Perry. Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rod Perry, BOE Secretary