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SCOTLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION
Scotland, Connecticut
Special Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2019

Chairperson Brynn Lipstreu called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Present were Board members Sherry Smardon, Steven Kurcinik, Cassidy Martin, Scott Sears, Rod Perry and Anne Stearns. Administrators present were Superintendent Dr. Francis Baran and Principal Dr. Catherine Pinsonneault.

The Board recited Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CITIZEN’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Brynn Lipstreu read Policy 1220, Citizen’s Advisory Committees.

- Steve Kurcinik suggested involving the Climate Committee with the Citizens’ Advisory Committee.
- Rod Perry suggested the Advisory Committee should work independently as the Climate Committee is making progress as is. He suggested the Advisory Committee make recommendations from the parents’ point of view (good and bad) and present to the Board.
- Michele Murray commented that parent and community involvement will help build positive relationships and expressed concerns with negativity and being pushed away.
- Cassidy Martin suggested parents and the community work with the teachers on the Climate Committee.
- Steve Kurcinik suggested having staff and parents on the Advisory Committee and eventually maybe merging the two groups.
- Scott Sears commented that the Policy gives the Board the opportunity to create a Committee for a specific issue and dissolve when finished. There is plenty of opportunity for input at the Board meeting with a Communication with Audience at the beginning and end of the meeting and Friends of SES Report.
- Steve Kurcinik commented that the Climate Committee is working on communication between the staff and administration. The Citizen’s Advisory Committee would work on the role between staff, parents and the community.
- An audience member commented that the school climate affects the students the most who bring it home to their parents. It would be great for parents to have input on the Climate Committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

#1-19/20 Motion to adjourn (6:57 PM) was made by Sherry Smardon, seconded by Scott Sears and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk