

The Regional School District 13 Board of Education met in special session on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Middlesex Transition Academy.

Board members present: Christine Cowan (left the meeting at 11:06), Lindsay Dahlheimer, Linda Darcy, John Mennone, Bob Moore, Lucy Petrella and Jamie Roraback

Board members absent: Maura Caramanello, Stephen DelVecchio and Jason Stone

Administration present: Sydney Leggett

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Darcy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone to approve the agenda.

All in favor of approving the agenda: Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Board Goal Setting with Superintendent

Dr. Leggett presented a video to be utilized throughout the district on Restorative Practices.

Mr. Moore led a review of the current board goals and objectives and a draft revision was started with some additional edits to be developed and adopted by the October meeting. A discussion of the uses of the goals for the superintendent performance evaluation. Dr. Leggett will provide a draft format for the appraisal which will be reviewed by the board.

Committee Organization

Dr. Leggett presented a summary of the current board committees that defined committee purpose, board leadership, membership, and meeting schedule, the Well Being Committee will be merged with the Climate Committee. The board members will review the proposed committee structure and comment to the Chairman and will offer their top three choices for membership and leadership of the committee. Dr. Leggett provided a format for committee presentation to the full board meetings.

Board Communications

Moved to later in the meeting.

Discussion Concerning Board Members' Performance (proposed for executive session)

Mrs. Dahlheimer made a motion, seconded by Dr. Darcy, to go into executive session for the

Discussion Concerning Board Members' Performance and to include Dr. Leggett and Kris Wraight of Circle Work.

Role Call Vote:

*Mrs. Cowan - Aye
Mrs. Dahlheimer - Aye
Dr. Darcy - Aye
Mr. Mennone - Aye
Mr. Moore - Aye
Mrs. Petrella - Aye
Mr. Roraback – Aye*

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered into executive session at 10:00 a.m. The executive session ended at 11:15 a.m.

Discussion of Student Matter (proposed for executive session)

Mr. Mennone made a motion, seconded by Dr. Darcy, to go into executive session for the Discussion of a Student Matter and to include Dr. Leggett.

Role Call Vote:

*Mrs. Dahlheimer - Aye
Dr. Darcy - Aye
Mr. Mennone - Aye
Mr. Moore - Aye
Mrs. Petrella - Aye
Mr. Roraback – Aye*

Result: Motion carried unanimously.

The board entered into executive session at 11:16 a.m. The executive session ended at 11:40AM.

Back in Public Session/Board Communications

The board discussed board communications, but this will need to be addressed and discussed again at a future board meeting with the full board.

Adjournment

Dr. Darcy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mennone, to adjourn the board of education special retreat.

All in favor of adjourning the board of education special retreat: Mrs. Dahlheimer, Dr. Darcy, Mr. Mennone, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Petrella and Mr. Roraback. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.