

**RHTA meeting minutes**

**Date: May 26, 2021**

**Location: virtually**

**Time: 3:45**

1. Presidents' report

a) The following is the BOE May 20, 2021 meeting notes taken by Lori Cebelius.

**Special Recognition** - The following staff and students were recognized:

Retirements:

GMS		
George Kisluk	P.E.	Retired in February
Cheryl O'Connor	Family & Consumer Science	Retired in November
Moser		
Karen Heckman	Paraprofessional	Retired in December
Brian Jones	Custodian	Retiring in August
Stevens		
Lori Cebelius	Grade 2	Retiring in June
Nadine Fulton	Paraprofessional	Retired in October
Lauraine Palazzo	Nurse	Retiring in June
West Hill		
Rebecca Michael	Music	Retiring in June
James Gutowski	Custodian	Retired in September

Rocky Hill High School:

Valedictorian - Abishek Singh

Salutatorian - Maitri Gandhi

CABE Student Leadership Awards:

Maren Valente - RHHS

Trevor Christensen - RHHS

Sydney Maxwell - GMS

Brady Holzmiller – GMS

**Correspondence:** The Board acknowledged their individual receipt of a packet from the RHTA. They greatly appreciated hearing the concerns from the teachers and will take it under consideration.

**Facilities Report:** The batting cage and storage shed will be replaced. Renovations of the science rooms at GMS will help to make the transition from the up to date science rooms at Moser to the up to date science rooms at RHHS. West Hill will undergo HVAC replacement this summer. Surplus funds from the current school year will be used to accomplish this work.

**Personnel & Negotiations Committee:** The secretaries and paraprofessionals are in negotiations.

**Interim Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Student Services' Report:** The number of special needs students in-person is 237 with 123 on remote learning status. The Dashboard reflects the low number of positive cases and those who are quarantined. The Department of Health has advised the district to 'stay the course' through the end of the year.

**Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations Report:** The budget process has been delayed. The budget will be presented to the Town Council on May 27th. The Town Council will then have until the end of June to accept it.

**Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Report:** The annual summer reading & math initiative will take place. The Education Foundation is holding a fun run on Saturday (May 22nd).

**Superintendent's Report:** The 12-month staff at West Hill will be moved to Moser during the summer due to the HVAC renovations. At this point  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the district is in-person. The number of students returning to in-person learning continues to grow.

**Board Chairman's Report:** The Board will be forming a committee to plan the school year commencing September 2021. It was noted that the Governor has removed the mandate to offer a remote learning option. The new committee will meet this summer. The committee will be made up of some parents, some teachers, RHTA representatives, Board members and administrators. A special meeting to discuss diversity will be held on May 25th.

b) Congratulations to the (some new) officers of RHTA who ran uncontested:

Co-President	Michelle Bartha (GMS)
Co-President	Douglas Russell (RHHS)
Vice President	Kirsten Hassett (Moser)
Secretary	Adele Gali (RHHS)
Treasurer	Brie Mangiaracina (RHHS)

Lori thanked all the officers for running.

## 2. Committee News

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** The budget that was shared last month and discussed last month was accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. There was a motion to accept and a motion was seconded. Thank you to Brie for your attention to detail.
- b) **Grievance Report:** no active grievances
- c) **Membership:** Sarah Sherman reported that the Spring roster was sent to CEA and that the Fall roster will be on line for new teachers to join and they will use the "join new" tab.
- d) **Social Committee:** We hope to have our RHTA Social again and will be looking into if this can happen for September.

3, New Business:

- a) Lori announced that the survey results and the cover letter sent to the BOE will be shared with teachers. The only reference made about it at the BOE meeting was that the BOE chairman stated that he received our teacher responses, he appreciates them and he thanks us.
- b) High School Union Committee report update: The topics that have been discussed in this committee is Professional Development, Social and Emotional Health, and much more. A good job is done at getting information out and issues resolve. The committee continues to grow and subcommittees will be formed to better address issues.
- c) Elections- a vote was cast for the uncontested positions below
  - Co-President Michelle Bartha (GMS)
  - Co-President Douglas Russell (RHHS)
  - Vice President Kirsten Hassett (Moser)
  - Secretary Adele Gali (RHHS)
  - Treasurer Brie Mangiaracina (RHHS)
- d) Michelle and Doug will be part of the fall Stakeholders meeting.
- e) The last payday this year will be June 11 and the first payday next year is August 20.
- f) An inquiry was made about what schools might be doing for a collection for West Hartford Police officer and former student Chris Tyler (class of 2006), whose mother taught at West Hill School for 35 years and father was a police officer in Rocky Hill. WHS shared what they did for him in his struggle and what they will be doing for his funeral.
- g) There is no cut-off date for student return to school for the end of this year and decision will be made on a case-by-case basis by building administrators for their own respective schools.
- h) A final decision for remote learning will be made on June 17 at a BOE meeting.
- i) **THANK YOU TO LORI** for all that you have done to support the teachers of RHTA. Kristen, Doug and Michelle thanked Lori for all the appreciated work.

### Upcoming events

RHTA Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month. Specific dates for the 2021-22 school year will be available at convocation September 1,2021

### RHTA Building reps for 2021-2022 are

RHHS Rep	Dave Fortier & an <b>OPEN Position</b> for 2021 2022 school year
GMS Rep	Karla Harding & Laura Litke
Stevens Rep	Laura Montgomery & Kristyn Carter
West Hill Rep	<b>Two OPEN Positions</b> for 2021 2022 school year
Moser School	Carissa Lastrina & Joe Couture

**Other RHTA positions 2020-2021:**

Grievance Chair	Heidi Kokoska
Membership Chair	Sarah Sherman (Moser)
Web Master	Laura Litke (GMS)