

Present: Mr. David Valcin, Presiding; Mr. Peter Becket, Mrs. Liz Dittmer, Mrs. Lucy Philipp, Ms. Jacquie Rice, Board Members; Ms. Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent; Dr. Jeanine Rose, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Stephanie Magyar, Principal; Mrs. Crystal Ohmen, Finance/Admin. Specialist; Mrs. Susan Bucci, Recording Secretary; Ms. Flora Lazar, Reg. One BOE

Call to Order: Mr. Valcin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Spotlight: Superintendent Brady-Shanley announced this year's Litchfield County Superintendents' Award recipient who is an 8th grader at Salisbury Central. She read a summary of the student's achievements and congratulated them for being chosen.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): Mrs. Dittmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2025 regular meeting and the March 3, 2025 special meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Mrs. Ohmen summarized her written report.

Written Communication: None

Public Comment: None

Region One BOE Update: Ms. Lazar reported that the Region One BOE has been busy with preparing the 25-26 budget to be presented at a public hearing on April 10, 2025. The board has also been looking at the results of the climate survey conducted throughout the region. Ms. Lazar shared that winter sports at HVRHS have wrapped up and spring sports are beginning and the recent theater production of Urinetown was a huge success.

B&G Committee Update: Mr. Valcin reported that there was nothing new to report from the committee.

ABC Committee Update: Mr. Valcin reported that the committee recently reviewed the contracts for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and the Business Manager and made recommendations to the Region One BOE. The Region One BOE approved those recommendations.

25-26 Draft Budget: Ms. Magyar reviewed a summary of changes made to the draft budget since the BOE special meeting on March 3, 2025 and the presentation to the BOF on March 13, 2025 which resulted in a total budget decrease of \$3,893. The current draft budget totals \$6,897,148 which is an increase of 5.53% (\$361,209) over the current 24-25 budget.

Mrs. Dittmer made a motion to present the final draft of the 25-26 SCS budget of \$6,897,148 to the Board of Finance on March 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Philipp and unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Mrs. Dittmer made a motion to go into executive session at 6:00pm for the purpose of discussing the School Nurse, Finance/Administrative Specialist and the BCBA employment agreements inviting in Superintendent Brady-Shanley, Assistant Superintendent Rose, Principal Magyar and Mrs. Bucci. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously approved.

The executive session ended at 6:48pm.

School Nurse Employment Agreement: Ms. Rice made a motion to offer School Nurse Nan Herow an employment agreement which includes an extension to June 30, 2026, an hourly rate increase of 3% to \$44.55, an increase to the # of hours worked per day from 7.5 to 8 hours and a voluntary life insurance increase to \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Philipp and unanimously approved.

Finance/Administrative Specialist Employment Agreement: Mr. Becket made a motion to offer Finance/Administrative Specialist Crystal Ohmen an employment agreement which includes an extension to June 30, 2026, an hourly rate increase of 5% to \$32.35, an increase to the # of hours worked per day from 6 to 7 hours for her 230 full work days and a voluntary life insurance increase to \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously approved.

BCBA Employment Agreement: Mrs. Dittmer made a motion to offer BCBA Stephanie Beck an employment agreement which includes an extension to June 30, 2028 with the compensation for the 27-28 school year to be determined. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rice and unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Brady-Shanley shared a presentation of the results of the region-wide school climate survey.

Principal's Report: Ms. Magyar gave a brief summary of her written report before she shared a presentation of the results of the school climate survey for Salisbury Central.

Assistant Superintendent's Report: Dr. Rose gave a recap of the recent professional learning day held on February 19th. The day included 31 teacher-led sessions that staff could choose from as well as HILL for Literacy training and working sessions with Carolyn Corrado (Doing the Work). Initial feedback from participants was very positive.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Philipp and seconded by Ms. Rice.

Mrs. Susan Bucceri
BOE Recording Secretary

Ms. Jacquie Rice
BOE Secretary