**PHS PTO Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 6, 2023

7:00 PM – PHS Media Center

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Christine Koobatian, Jen Nikolich, Colleen Brower, Dr. Paul Jones, Brian Jehning, Michelle Goncalo, Julie Cappuzzo, Michelle Hankamp, Deb Broadwater, Rachel Drago, Trista DiDonato (11 present).
2. **Brian Jenning (PHS Vice Principal):**
   1. A personal finance event is being developed as as part of the freshman advisory:
      1. Students will be assigned with a hypothetical career and spend their monthly budget at different stations set up in the aux gym. The goal of the program is for students to learn about financial planning and financial literacy.
      2. Senior year experience: State statue says that seniors must have a capstone project before graduating. Seniors have risen to the occasion and have succeeded in meeting this goal. Juniors are submitting their project ideas now for approval so they can get started on their project over the summer.
      3. March 22: All seniors will present their senior project (expo model) or give an update.
3. **President’s Report: Christine Koobatian ([ckbtn@charter.net](mailto:ckbtn@charter.net))**
   1. Superintendent presented the school budget to the BOE with a 5.95% increase due to the cost increases. Many surrounding towns have higher budget proposals. The Southbury Board of Finance supports the proposed budget.
   2. [Region15boe@region15.org](mailto:Region15boe@region15.org) : Email your thoughts about the school budget to the BOE members. They need to hear from you, whether you support the budget or not. Your thoughts will automatically be emailed to every BOE member by using this address.
4. **Board of Education meetings:**
   1. **Monday, March 13, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Center**  
      Security Update
   2. **Wednesday, March 22, 2023, Budget Workshop, 6:30 pm, PHS Media Center**  
      Region 15 Technology, Student Services, PHS, and Athletics Budget Presentations
   3. **Monday, March 27, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Cente**r
   4. **Wednesday, March 29, 2023, Public Hearing, 6:30 pm, PHS Media Center**  
      Public Hearing & Meeting with Middlebury and Southbury Boards of Finance
   5. **Monday, April 3, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Center**  
      Adopt Budget
   6. **Monday, April 24, 2023, BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, PHS Media Center**
   7. **Tuesday, May 2. 2023 District Meeting 6:00 p.m, Location TBA**
   8. **Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Referendum Voting, 6:00 am - 8:00 pm**  
      Shepardson Community Center, 1172 Whittemore Road, Middlebury  
      Southbury Firehouse, 461 Main Street South, Southbury
5. **Vice President’s Report: Trista DiDonato ([trista\_didonato@yahoo.com](mailto:trista_didonato@yahoo.com))**
   1. N/A
6. **Treasurer’s Report: Jen Nikolich ([jjnikolich@aol.com](mailto:jjnikolich@aol.com)) / John Baldelli ([jb@baldellicpa.com](mailto:jb@baldellicpa.com))**
   1. See financials.
   2. Current balance = $16,856.56
7. **Recording Secretary’s Report: Colleen Brower ([col52668@aol.com](mailto:col52668@aol.com))**
   1. N/A
8. **Teacher’s Report: Jodie Maciolek ([jmaciolek@region15.org](mailto:jmaciolek@region15.org))/Cindy O’Connor ([coconnor@region15.org](mailto:coconnor@region15.org))**
   1. Not present
   2. SMART is sponsoring Hidden in Plain Sight on March 30th at 6:30 PM in the PHS All Purpose Room. It is an interactive drug education program for adults, providing insight into current trends in youth substance use, paraphernalia and concealment of alcohol and drugs.
   3. SMART is also sponsoring Elephant in the Room at UCC, on Main Street in Southbury on April 25th at 7PM.
9. **Principal’s Report: Dr. Paul Jones ([pjones@region15.org](mailto:pjones@region15.org))**
   1. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) process (school accreditation process) involves stakeholder feedback. Starts in the Fall 2023 with self-assessment.
   2. Dr. Jones will present the PHS budget at the Wednesday, March 22, 2023, Budget Workshop, 6:30 pm, PHS Media Center.Other items that will be presented that evening include Region 15 Technology, Student Services and Athletics Budget.
10. **Committee Reports:** 
    1. Hospitality: Julie Cappuzzo ([juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:juliecappuzzo@yahoo.com))/Shanna Hampton ([shannakhampton@gmail.com](mailto:shannakhampton@gmail.com))
       1. St. Patrick’s Day and Teacher Appreciation week: Sign up Genius forthcoming.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Colleen Brower

**Dates to Remember:**

3/8: BOE Budget Workshop 6:30 PM PHS Media Center

3/10: Early Dismissal, Professional Development

3/13: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

3/22: BOE Budget Workshop 6:30 PM PHS Media Center

3/29: BOE Budget Public Hearing 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

4/3: PHS PTO Meeting **6:30** PM PHS AP Room (Note time)

4/3: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

4/7-16: No School, Spring Break

4/24: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/1: PHS PTO Meeting 7:00 PM PHS Media Center

5/2: BOE District Meeting, 6PM PHS Media Center

**5/3: School Budget Referendum, Polls open 6AM-8PM**

5/8: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/15: Early Dismissal, Professional Development

5/22: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

5/29: No School, Memorial Day

6/5: No School, Professional Development

6/12: PHS PTO Meeting, **6:30** PM PHS AP Room (Note time)

6/12: BOE Meeting 7:30 PM PHS Media Center

**Next meeting is Monday, March 6 at 7pm**