

REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: October 04, 2023

Special Meeting – VRHS Media Center

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Attendance:	<u>Region 4 BOE</u>		<u>Administration:</u>		<u>Other:</u>
(√ = attended)	Kate Sandmann	√	Brian White	√	Larry Cannon, EnviroMed
	Richard Strauss	√	Sarah Brzozowy	√	
	Lon Seidman	√	Bob Grissom	√	
	Lol Fearon	√			
	Alex Silva	√			
	Jennifer Clark	√			
	Rick Daniels	√			
	John Stack	√			
	Jane Cavanaugh	√			

Chair Sandmann called the special meeting to order at: 6:01 p.m.

BOE members introduced themselves.

Superintendent White provided an introduction regarding the purpose of the meeting, and he recognized the work of Region 4 teachers, particularly those who have been displaced by the temporary relocation of John Winthrop Middle School to Valley Regional High School.

Superintendent White introduced Larry Cannon, a public health specialist and mold consultant who was there to present the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) report that was completed by EnviroMed and discuss the work they have done to date to understand the mold situation at the middle school.

Everyone present received a copy of the IAQ summary report. The full 191-page report was made available for inspection that evening, as well. Both of those documents plus the “FAQs” document will be available on the district website tomorrow.

Mr. Cannon reviewed the methodology for collecting and reporting the data listed in the IAQ report, as well as the results and recommendations of the report.

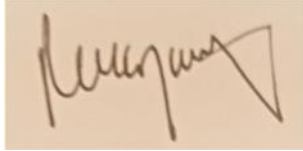
Board members were given time to ask questions and make comments.

Public Comment: Several members of the public read statements or shared comments (*the entirety of which are able to be viewed in the recording of the meeting available through the district website*). Public comments were made by the following: Niki Waz, CEA President; Christine Palm, State Representative; Sue Strecker, Chester resident; Denise Dalton, VRHS librarian; Verna O'Donnell, VRHS Paraeducator; Sarah Field, Deep River resident; Zoe McGlamery, Deep River resident; Rebecca Ingmundson, JWMS Teacher; Kathryn Ryan, VRHS Teacher; two unidentified citizen speakers; Laura Traver, JWMS Teacher; Jen Malaguti, Chester; Jennifer Blalock, JWMS Teacher; Sarah (no last name), Chester; and Cassandra Sweet, Essex

A follow-up Region 4 BOE Special meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 11th @ 6:00 p.m.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously VOTED to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in brown ink on a light brown rectangular background. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Rick Daniels".

Rick Daniels, Secretary
Regional District 4 Board of Education