

**REGION 4 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Date:** December 02, 2021

**Special Meeting – REMOTE MEETING held**

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<b>Attendance:</b>	<u>Region 4 BOE</u>		<u>Administration:</u>		<u>Other:</u>	
(√ = attended)	Kate Sandmann	√	Brian White	√	Matt Ritter, Esq.	√
	Rick Daniels	√	Bob Grissom	√		
	Lon Seidman	√				
	Lori Ann Clymas	√				
	John Stack	√				
	Jane Cavanaugh	√				
	Lol Fearon	√				
	Alex Silva (joined at 5:31 p.m.)	√				
	Jennifer Clark (joined at 5:36 p.m.)	√				

Chair Sandmann called the special meeting to order at: 5:31 p.m.

A verbal roll call was held.

Superintendent White introduced Attorney Matt Ritter who was present to answer questions from the Board and to provide information for the public’s benefit on the legal procedure associated with Regional School District No. 4 selling district owned property. Specifically, he reviewed the appropriate way for the Board to proceed when they are in receipt of an offer to purchase district owned land.

Attorney Ritter noted that the ultimate conveyance of the property (land) has to be authorized at a District meeting by electors and property owners per 10-56 of CT General Statute. However, to get to that point, the Board needs enough information so that they can determine if they even want to proceed with scheduling a district meeting for the purpose of reviewing and voting on a purchase. In order to get the necessary information to make an informed decision, per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(D), the Board may discuss the offer details within executive session so as not to adversely impact the price (and future potential offers) by discussing initial offers in public.

After hearing about an initial offer in executive session, and upon returning to public session the Board may choose to take no action; to vote to dispose of the offer; or to explore the offer in more detail. If the Board is interested in further exploring the offer, the Board should designate and direct the Superintendent, and/or the Board Chair, or whichever party(ies) they wish to engage in conversations with the offering party, in order to do due diligence and procure some sort of draft purchase and sale agreement that would be brought back before the Board. The Board would then review the details of that document and ultimately vote to request further negotiations or to approve, or not approve it to move forward to a District Meeting that would be scheduled by the Board for the purpose of allowing the electors and property owners to be informed of the offer and vote, per C.G.S. 10-56, at a District Meeting (not a referendum). The Board has no obligation to convey any offers forward to a District Meeting that the Board is underwhelmed by.

There was a time for Board Members to ask Attorney Ritter several questions regarding the process.

The appropriateness of the executive session was raised by Mr. Daniels. It was felt that the public’s right to know outweighed the need for this confidentiality, since any potential for an increase in the price of the land would have benefited the district.

Attorney Ritter stated that he believed that there could have been harm to the district's position, independent of the sale price.

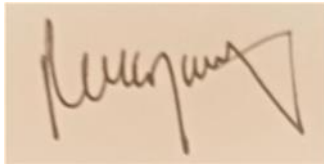
On motion duly made and seconded, the Board VOTED (8 Yes / 1 No, Daniels / 0 abstentions = motion passed) to move into Executive Session Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 1-200(6)(D at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of contracts/negotiations – re: possible sale of R4 owned property at Falls Landing / (review of offer(s) and invited Attorney Matt Ritter to join them.

The Board returned from Executive Session at approx. 6:33 p.m.

No Action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rick Daniels  
Secretary – Region 4 Board of Education