


Region 14 Schools

Serving the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury

Board Approved 4/4/2022

Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education

Monday, March 7, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Flanders Room/Mitchell Elementary School

14 School St, Woodbury, CT 06798

Livestream Option Available

Present:

George Bauer, Board Chairman
Jim Crocker
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Devine
Jonathan Kapstein
Chris Matta
David Butkus
Tikva Rose

Absent:

N/A

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

I. Call to Order

George Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Introductions

Members of the Board introduced themselves

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. Special Meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 2022

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Mike Devine to accept and approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 22, 2022

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept and approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IV. Acting Superintendent's Report

A. Personnel Report

Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister, read the names of new hires and those who provided their resignations during the month of February.

B. Covid Update

The Region 14 Covid Dashboard indicated one Covid positive high school student currently isolating; there were no other cases to report in the district.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Ms. Tanguay shared an overview of the monthly financials through February 22, 2022 and a Food Services update for the same period. The district is currently on track; food services is doing much better than was expected. The procedure for the annual Healthy Food certification was also discussed and has been brought to the full Board for approval.

VI. Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Bauer provided a short narrative on the Superintendent Search Committee work. Over the next month, the committee will be working with C.E.S., the firm hired to perform the search. Their tasks include conducting a search committee orientation, finalizing and distributing recruiting materials, and focus group surveys. He explained the application process, which notes May 15, 2022 as the anticipated target date to have a new superintendent in place.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

Thea Alfes

Ms. Alfes spoke to the district's Sexual Harassment Policy; her main concern is if a student/teacher is assaulted, is it reported; does the Region refer them to an agency that advocates and specializes in sexual abuse outside of the school district.

VIII. Old Business

There was no Old Business

IX. New Business

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Mike Devine to add an item under New Business leading the Healthy Food Certification, A Review of the POW/MIA Chair Eagle Scout project by Andrew Grivner; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A. POW/MIA Chair Eagle Scout Project

Andrew was invited to speak on his Eagle Scout project. His presentation provided a commentary about himself, the rank of Eagle Scout, what are POW's and MIA's and his POW/MIA Chair of Honor. His report included potential locations at the high school

and a description of necessary actions to prepare the project plan, and a timeline. His anticipated reveal date is September 16th, National P.O.W. Remembrance Day.

Chairman Bauer referred Andrew to the Facilities Subcommittee for further discussions.

B. Healthy Food Certification

The certification is reviewed and accepted annually by the Board. Mr. Bauer called for following motions:

*A motion was made by Mike Devine and seconded by David Butkus that the Region 14 Board of Education, Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Board of Education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups; **all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.***

A motion was made by Mike Devine and seconded by Chris Matta that he Region 14 Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1. the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;*
- 2. the sale is at the location of the event; and*
- 3. the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.*

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. 2022/2023 Superintendent's Proposed Expenditure Presentation

Mr. McAllister shared a first look at his 2022/2023 proposed expenditure with the Board, which depicts a 2.44% increase over the prior year's. Board budget workshops have been scheduled to address questions, the first scheduled for Monday, March 14th.

Board members were asked to review the expenditures in advance of and present their questions to Ms. Tanguay by Thursday evening, March 10th.

The focus of the 2022/2023 Expenditure is to continue to provide supports for improving outcomes in all instructional areas with an added emphasis on Math and Language Arts. Other focus areas include staff development through Professional Learning efforts to enhance the Vision of a Learner, a successful model adopted by the Board.

X. **Other Business**

There was no Other Business

XI. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk