

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held May 4, 2020 via Zoom Meeting.

Present: Janet Morgan, Pam Zmek, George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, Ed Decortin, Jim Crocker, Michael Devine, Wayne McAllister and Joseph Olzacki. Also in attendance were, Pam Sordi, Donna Marcinek, William Nemecek, Andy Komar, Jason Bouchard, Wendy Nelson Kauffman, Wendy Yatsenick, Mark Harutunian, approximately 20 residents and BOE clerk, Karen Daley.

**1. Call to Order**

Janet Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**2. Introductions**

The Board of Education members introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bauer **moved** to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

Special Meeting of April 15, 2020

Special Meeting of April 22, 2020

Special Meeting of April 29, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

**4. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Olzacki reported that the custodians are still working hard getting clean areas in the buildings that sometimes get overlooked due to time constraints. The parent feedback on distance learning is mostly positive and staff are reaching out to work with the families who are struggling. Mrs. Nelson Kauffman reported on the “do no harm” grading procedure that will be put into place. This will be used to make sure that students who are having a difficult time with distance learning, but are making a good faith effort to work hard, do not see a negative impact on their grade. Pass / Fail will be used at the Elementary level. The district is looking at securing more Edgenuity licenses for the summer to help with credit recovery for students who are struggling.

**5. Committee Reports – Building Committee**

Mr. Bauer reported on the meeting that took place on 4/12/2020. The Central Office portion of the renovation is nearing completion. Change orders were approved. The punch list items are being coordinated through O&G and Colliers.

**6. Board Chair Comments**

Ms. Morgan took a moment to thank of all the teachers and staff during teacher appreciation week. She hopes that teachers still feel appreciated even without seeing their students. She reminded staff that they need to set time frames on their work hours after hearing that teachers are regularly working and returning emails very late into the evening and on weekends. She doesn't want teachers to get burned out and asked that parents be understanding with their expectations on communications with teachers and staff; they cannot be expected to be available at all hours of the day and night. The Board is looking at possibly holding BOE nominations on 5/14/2020. The information will be posted on the website ASAP though school districts are still waiting on guidance from the state on how this process should be handled.

7. **Old Business**

a. Budget

Mr. Bauer **moved** that the Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the Superintendent's amended budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in the amount of \$36,894,179.00 as presented to the Board and pursuant to Executive Order 71. Seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion carried 6-2-0.**

8. **New Business**

a. Football Co-op

Mr. Bauer **moved** that the Region 14 Board of Education approve (and that Region 14 participate in) the football cooperative agreement/arrangement with Sacred Heart High School and W.F. Kaynor Technical High School for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented, and that the Board Chair is authorized to sign said agreement, subject to any further legal review and league and CIAC approval. Seconded by Ms. Van Aken. **Motion carried 8-0-0.** Several students who are members of the football team thanked everyone involved in making this co-op happen and they are very excited to begin the fall football season.

9. **Other Business**

10. **Adjournment**

Ms. Van Aken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Karen Daley, Board Clerk, 5/7/2020