

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held October 22, 2018 at the Central Office of the Board of Education, 67 Washington Avenue, Woodbury CT.

Present: Janet Morgan, Carol Ann Brown, Mike Devine, Maryanne Van Aken, George Bauer. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Olzacki, Michael Rafferty, Wayne McAllister, Kim Culkin, Chrissy Fensore, reporters from CT Voices & Republican American and 1 community member.

Absent: John Chapman, Pam Zmek

1. Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Van Aken motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 9, 2018 and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 5-0-1, with Mr. Lampart abstaining.**

Superintendent report:

Mr. Rafferty provided the BOE with a student achievement update. His presentation centered on the last two years of student results. This coincides with the implementation of new curriculum in English Language Arts and Math. The presentation highlighted the new growth model of assessment as put forward by the state department of education. Mr. Rafferty highlighted two main areas of student achievement. One area highlighted improvement in students meeting the target for yearly growth and the other highlighted percent of targets achieved by students. He presented that the overall when looking at all grades combined, the Region had improved in amount of students achieving growth as well as percentage of targets achieved by learners. He presented the growth and targets for students in grades 3-8. He also presented the most recent results for the PSAT, SAT and AP tests. He informed the Board that the Region uses this information to review curriculum and professional development.

Dr. Olzacki went over the BOE budget calendar dates and Mr. Devine noted one correction to be made for the first budget workshop showing as March 20, 2019. This date should in fact be March 23, 2019. Ms. Schwartz to make correction.

Committee reports

Finance/Facilities – Mr. Bauer advised that the committee met just prior to the BOE meeting and they discussion the quarterly YTD financials and that the only difference from the year to year financials is the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) that is new this year but is aligned to what was budgeted for. They also discussed NHS building renovation financing where they looked at projection dates for expenditures and reimbursements from the State and that the State has a new system for filing reimbursements. The committee also discussed the Special Services quarterly report for expenditures. Under other business the hallways project was discussed.

Building – As Mr. Chapman was not present, the building committee update will be presented during the next BOE meeting.

Board chair comments

Ms. Morgan updated the board in regards to Team Beta robotics group wanting to split from the high school team to become a 4H team. She advised that a meeting took place between the Carol Scully of FIRST, Mr. McAllister, Dr. Olzacki, Mr. Pease, Ms. Morgan, Ms. Van Aken, and the representatives of the robotics group in which they went over all of the FIRST rules and regulations and it was determined that the robotics team could not take on the name “Nonnebots”, nor keep the high school

robot to start their own 4-H team. The team did return the robot and other school equipment. Ms. Morgan did mention that the region asked that the new team reconsider figuring out a way to return as a school team, but the team decided that some of the students and mentors would still branch off to a 4-H team. She was also very clear to state that she wished them every success and that if they should ever decide that they would like to return to be a part of the school team that they are always welcome to return to Team Beta.

Ms. Morgan mentioned that she had the opportunity to walk through Trick or Treat Street this year and commended the staff and students on how fantastic it was. Part of Trick or Treat Street at WMS had a contest for decorating rooms. There were approximately 10 theme decorated rooms. One of the stand outs was the "Tiki Jungle" themed room and Ms. Morgan was so impressed on how unbelievably decorated all of the rooms were.

Lastly Ms. Morgan and the BOE presented Ms. Fensore with flowers for her departure from the Region. She thanked Ms. Fensore for all of the work she has done in the district and that she will be missed. The BOE congratulated her and wished her luck in her new endeavor.

Public comment - none

Old business

The Board tabled the 2019-2020 school calendar discussion to get a status update from John Chapman and the Building Committee as to potential summer schedule as it relates to the operations schedule. Ms. Morgan to contact the building committee and John Chapman to get an update and will get back to the BOE prior to the next meeting.

New business

Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the 2019 Board of Education meeting schedule at presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Adjournment: Ms. Van Aken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

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