

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held September 3, 2019 in the Board of Education Room, 67 Washington Avenue, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Janet Morgan, Pam Zmek, George Bauer, Mike Devine, James Crocker, Joseph Olzacki and Wayne McAllister. Also in attendance were, Patrick DiSarro, Donna Marcinek, 1 resident and BOE clerk, Karen Daley. Carol Ann Brown arrived at 7:26 pm.

Absent: Ed Decortin, Maryanne Van Aken

### **1. Call to Order**

Janet Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. George Bauer motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 12, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Pam Zmek. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

### **4. Superintendent's Report -**

Dr. Olzacki reports that convocation at NHS was an exciting event. It was an energetic celebration of years of service, new teachers, new administrators. Mr. David O'Brien gave guidance on leadership.

Dr. Olzacki found that there was a need to have a way for parent of students who are receiving special education services to communicate with each other and with administration. He would like for parents to have a group to turn to when they have questions or concerns and allow them a place to go to talk with other parents who may have experienced similar issues.

Dr. Olzacki would like to also form a curriculum round table. A couple of times a year parents will be invited in to meet with Wendy Nelson Kauffman to look at the curriculum and see how the curriculum is being applied. The board supports the transparency to enable us to provide students with the best outcome.

Region 14 has been given an extensive taxidermy collection as a donation from Mr. and Mrs. David Dorfman to help the students at the VoAg program in their studies. The donation totals \$19,745.00.

Mr. Bauer motioned to accept the donation from Mr. and Mrs. Dorfman with a value of \$19,745.00. Seconded by Ms. Zmek. **The motion carried 6-0-0.**

**5. Building Committee Report** – Mr. Bauer held a Building Committee meeting on August 20, 2019. The meeting primarily focused on updates on the NHS project and its status of being ready for school on September 5<sup>th</sup>. There have been setbacks in refurbishment of an elevator to the second floor. Certification should be coming on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark Hartunian and Pam Sordi did a presentation on media in the high school. There are some infrastructure needs to allow this to happen and it will be reviewed at the next building committee meeting. There has been a real push to get NHS ready and Mr. Bauer thanks Ms. Morgan for all her work as Fire Marshall to make sure things are ready to go. Mr. Bauer also thanks Ms. Sordi for all of her work to get her building ready to go. George reports a few punch list items to go but all is looking good for school to start on Thursday.

**6. Board Chair Comments –**

- a. Policy Committee - The first Policy Committee meeting will be next Monday night, September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Welcome Back – Convocation was great, proud to see a 30-year anniversary of a staff member of Region 14.

**7. Public Comment – none**

**8. Old Business**

- a. **Board Retreat** – Ms. Zmek went over the agenda for the Board Retreat. Nelson Reis from O&G will provide tour and update. The Board will create a Superintendent Evaluation form for future reviews. Dr. Joe Erardi will speak about what BOE needs to know about safety and what an excellent school district looks like. Attorney Mark Sommaruga will update the Board on the FOIA, and the Roles and Responsibilities of BOE members.

**9. New Business - none**

**10. Other Business – none**

**11. Adjournment**

Mr. Bauer moved to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Zmek. The **motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

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