

The Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held April 29, 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 6:03 pm.

2. Budget Workshop

Mr. McAllister went through the questions that were submitted by the residents and answered them all. The Board of Education members discussed the budget as it stands. The Board discussed the potential impact of the towns possibly delaying the due date of property taxes and its effect on the budget. The Board discussed at length the proposed WMS ELA position. The Superintendent will take a 0% pay increase for the 2020-2021 budget year. The Health and PE position at NHS has been removed. The budget was trimmed in several other areas. The HR Coordinator position has been put back into the budget. The Board is in support of the Pre-K position. The Board discuss the many aspects of the Social Worker position that would allow for there to be a full time social worker at each of the schools in the district. The Board is in support of keeping the additional Social Worker position in the budget. The Board is in support of keeping the ELA position at WMS in the budget. NHS has received their course enrollment numbers for next year and the need is not there for the .2 ASL position. Mrs. Sordi did request however adding a .2 humanities position to the budget. This would take a .8 teacher to FTE and not have any impact on health insurance. The Board has requested that the .2 humanities position be moved to next year's budget. The Board was mixed on the music position 5-3. The music .2 position will stay in the budget. There was a discussion regarding the Paraprofessional position that was in the budget. It was determined that at this time it is not needed and will be removed from the budget. Likely this was an item that was removed in the trimming process but was never removed from the budget paperwork. Early retirement is looking like there will be 5 people taking advantage of the program. Consulting for Joe Erardi will be removed from the budget for next year, his services will not be needed. The video consultant position was discussed at length to see if this is a position that is needed. There was a discussion that since he also writes grants for the district that his pay comes as a percentage of the grants that he writes instead of a line item on the budget. The Board thanked the public for their questions and once again thanked Mr. McAllister and his entire team for their hard work on the budget.

This Zoom meeting video will be posted on the website within 24 hours for the public to view at <https://www.ctreg14.org/board-of-education/agendas-and-minutes>. The Board will discuss the budget again at the Regular BOE meeting on Monday, May 4th at 7:00pm.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

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