

**Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, August 31, 2020 (Via Zoom)
Minutes**

Present:

George Bauer, Chairperson
Pam Zmek, Vice Chairperson
Janet Morgan
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Devine
James Crocker
Tikva Rose
Jonathan Kapstein

Absent

N/a

Also Present:

Dr. Joseph Olzacki, Superintendent
Declan Curtin
Tina Tanguay
Donna Marcinek
Patrick DiSarro
Mark Harutunian
Dr. Needleman
Christine Koukopoulous
Bill Nemec
Suzi Greene
Pam Sordi
Wendy Yatsenick
Recording Secretary, Patricia Paige

1. Call to Order

Board Chairperson, Mr. George Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Discussion of Region 14 Fall Sports/Possible Action

At the August 17, 2020 board meeting, the board members discussed playing sports in the fall of 2020 in the district and by unanimous vote, voted to postpone fall sports participation. There was concern among the members regarding the rapidly approaching practice season and the lack of direction from the CIAC. The board wanted to emphasize their concern regarding the health and safety of the athletes, their families, and the community. Since that time, parents and students have voiced their opinions both in support of, and against, fall sports involvement.

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The topic remains a fluid matter and thus the purpose of tonight's meeting.

Recent communications made available to the board included Nonnewaug's Sport Safety Plan and Guidelines authored by Declan Curtin; State of Connecticut Department of Public Health memo dated August 23, 2020; and the Connecticut CIAC Updated Plan dated August 26, 2020. Also included was a reference titled "Guidance for Opening High School Athletics and Activities" from the National Federation of State High School Associations and Sports.

Mr. Bauer deferred to Mr. Curtin and asked that he walk through and describe Nonnewaug's plan and how it meets the latest Department of Health guidelines. It was noted that the plan will always follow what the department of health dictates.

Mr. Bauer followed by opening the floor for discussion for members of the board, Mr. Declan, Superintendent Dr. Olzacki, and Dr. Needleman and then moved to motion.

Motion:

Ms. Pamela Zmek moved that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to permit the conducting of those fall sports that he, in his discretion, in consultation with the state and local health officials, department of public health and the Board of Education determine can be played safely provided there are appropriate protocols in place; seconded by Mr. Jonathan Kapstein; all in favor; none opposed; **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

The plan on the table allows for outdoor conditioning for all sports; at this juncture does not include football or volleyball; however, those sports can be revisited.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Janet Morgan and seconded by Ms. Pamela Zmek to adjourn the special meeting at 7:53 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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