



Minutes  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE REGION 14  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Wednesday, June 23, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.  
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Meeting ID: 861 8380 1632

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**\*Board approved July 6, 2021 with amendment**

**Present:**

George Bauer, Chairman  
James Crocker  
Michael Devine  
Jonathan Kapstein  
Tikva Rose  
David Butkus  
Christopher Matta  
Carol Ann Brown

**Absent:**

N/A

**Also Present:**

Attorney Mark Sommaruga, Pullman & Comley  
Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent  
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Patrick DiSarro (Communication Specialist – Zoom)  
Patricia Paige, Board Clerk

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. by Mr. George Bauer, Chairman of the Board

A moment of silence was observed in memory of prior Board member, Joan Smith.

**Introductions**

The Board members introduced themselves.

**National FFA Convention Fieldtrip**

A motion was made by Michael Devine and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the fieldtrip as presented;

### Further Discussion

Mr. Ed Belinsky, the Director of the Agriscience Program, provided further details regarding the trip. Twenty-four students have earned the privilege to participate and will depart on Monday, October 25, 2021 and return on Saturday, October 30, 2021. The convention will be held in Indianapolis, IN. Safety protocols such as masking and social distancing will be in place.

All in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

### Bid Awards

Connecticut Boiler Repair; Boiler repair at Mitchell Elementary School (re-tube two steam boilers); \$34,470

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to accept/approve the bid as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Heritage Systems Inc; Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement on the 1992 addition at Bethlehem Elementary School; \$75,900

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the bid as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

### Executive Session

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Jim Crocker to enter into Executive Session for discussion and possible action on written attorney client privileged communication concerning 1) investigation of Superintendent's performance and the vaccine program, and 2) Superintendent's employment/contracts and for the discussion and possible action on employment/contracts of Superintendent of Schools; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. The Board invited Attorney Mark Sommaruga and entered into executive session at 7:33 p.m.

### Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:19 p.m.

### Motions

A motion was made by Jim \*Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to hereby rescind as void, invalid, and illegal the contract of employment between Regional School District #14 and Dr. Joseph Olzacki that was to be in effect July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Chris Matta to hereby move pursuant to

Section 8 of the contract in effect July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022 to provide written notice to Dr. Olzacki that termination of his employment whether under said current contract or any other claimed valid contract with Regional School District #14 as Superintendent of Schools is under consideration; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Tikva Rose to hereby move to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Education to provide said written notice to Dr. Olzacki with a statement of reasons as may be required by Section 8 of his contract pending any necessary legal review; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carol Ann Brown and seconded by Chris Matta to hereby authorize board legal counsel to retain on behalf of Region 14 such legal counsel necessary for any further termination proceedings; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

The Board is still not at liberty to discuss this any further until such notice has been provided to Dr. Olzacki.

**Adjournment**

A motion was by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Patricia Paige  
Board Clerk*

*Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk*