

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, July 6, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

Present: Janet Morgan, George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, Mike Devine, James Crocker, Pam Zmek, Tikva Rose and Jonathan Kapstein. Also in attendance were, Donna Marcinek, Patrick DiSarro, Pam Sordi, Andrew Komar, Mike Molzon, Bill Nemec, Wendy Yatsenick, Attorney Mark Sommaruga, Wayne McAllister, Taryn Fernandez, Liz Webb, Cassie Brown, Amy Williams, Susan Rossner, a reporter from Republican American and from The Voices and BOE clerk, Karen Daley.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Olzacki called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Election of Board Chairperson

The superintendent called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Education. Ms. Morgan nominated Mr. Bauer, and was seconded by Ms. Brown. **The vote carried unanimously: 8-0-0.** Mr. Bauer accepted the position and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

3. Election of Board Officers

- A. Ms. Morgan nominated Ms. Pam Zmek to be Vice Chairperson of the BOE and seconded by Mr. Bauer. **The vote carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
- B. Ms. Zmek nominated Ms. Carol Ann Brown as Secretary of the BOE and seconded by Ms. Morgan. **The vote carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
- C. Ms. Zmek nominated Mr. Crocker to be Treasurer of the BOE and seconded by Ms. Morgan. **The vote carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
- D. Ms. Zmek nominated Mr. Devine to be Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Ms. Morgan. **Mr. Devine declined the nomination.** Ms. Zmek nominated Ms. Morgan to be Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Mr. Crocker. **The vote carried 7-1-0.**

4. Board Appointments

- A. Ms. Zmek moved that the Board of Education approve Karen Daley to be Board of Education clerk for the 2020-2021 school year. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
- B. Ms. Morgan moved that Andrea Needleman, MD, be appointed Health Director for the district, seconded by Mr. Devine. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
- C. Ms. Morgan moved that James Bauer, DMD (no relation to Chairman Bauer) be appointed district dentist, seconded by Ms. Brown. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

- 5. Addition to Agenda** – Ms. Morgan moved that an item be added to the agenda under new business. “Discussion of written attorney-client privileged communication regarding COVID-19 and reopening/liability issues” (possible executive session). Seconded by Mr. Crocker. Motion carried 8-0-0.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Ms. Morgan motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2020 and Seconded by Mr. Devine. **The motion carried 6-0-2.**
- b. Ms. Morgan motioned to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 11, 2020 and Seconded by Mr. Devine. Two revisions were requested. Under Section 2, Dr. Olzacki was not invited into Executive session, only the BOE members and Attorney Sommaruga were invited. Under Section 4, Dr. Olzacki was not invited into Executive session, only the BOE members and Attorney Sommaruga were invited. With corrections **the motion carried 6-0-2.**

- c. Ms. Morgan motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020 and Seconded by Mr. Devine. **The motion carried 6-0-2.**

7. Superintendents Report

- a. The Region 14 2019-2020 Retirees were honored by their Supervisor or Administrator. Congratulations and thanks goes to: Pam Pagano, BES; Barbara Dains, BES; Donald Marsh, CO; Peni Clark, MES; Deb Benedict, MES; Dave Haversat, NHS; Susan Rossner, NHS; Elizabeth Webb, NHS; Amy Williams, NHS; Angelo Casagrande, NHS; Cassie Brown, NHS; Denise Lockwood, WMS.
- b. Dr. Fernandez presented data that was gathered after surveying the parents in early June. 834 responses were received from parents which covered around 1350 students. Of those that responded, most desire to send their students back to traditional school in the fall. A very small percentage would prefer a distance learning approach. Parents were also asked about child care and transportation for next year. Ms. Morgan asked that a workshop be scheduled after July 9th to go over with district administrators the suggestions and ideas that are being discussed related to returning to school in the fall, a date will be picked in July.

8. Committee Report – Building

- a. Mr. Bauer reported on the most recent Building Committee meeting that took place on June 16, 2020.

9. Board Chair Comments

Mr. Bauer thanked the whole Board and specifically Ms. Morgan for all her tireless work as Board Chair. He asked that the Board take a moment of silence in honor of Dr. Olzacki and the recent losses in his family. Mr. Bauer will be looking to schedule a time with the Board to go over goals and get the newest BOE members up to speed.

10. Old Business – none

11. New Business

Ms. Morgan moved that the Board move into Executive Session for “Discussion of written attorney-client privileged communication regarding COVID-19 and reopening/liability issues”. Seconded by Mr. Crocker. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Bauer invited the Board, Dr. Olzacki and Attorney Sommaruga into Executive Session at 8:05pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:05 pm with no action taken.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Morgan moved to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Zmek. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

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