

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held June 1, 2020 via Zoom Meeting.

Present: Janet Morgen, Ed Decortin, Pam Zmek, George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, Jim Crocker, Michael Devine, Wayne McAllister and Joseph Olzacki. Also in attendance were, Declan Curtin, Pam Sordi, Wendy Nelson Kauffman, Taryn Fernandez, Donna Marcinek, Suzi Green, William Nemeck, Pat DiSarro, reporters from the Voices and the Republican American, approximately 15 residents and BOE clerk, Karen Daley.

1. Call to Order

Janet Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. Introductions

The Board of Education members introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bauer **moved** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 19, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Brown.
Motion carried 7-0-1.

4. Superintendent Report

- a. Graduation – Ms. Sordi gave an update on the graduation plans for the class of 2020. Specifics will be going out to families next week and to the community shortly thereafter.
- b. Survey Results – The results of the follow up survey were sent to BOE members and will be posted on the website at the conclusion of the meeting. The results from the initial survey and comparison of the two results will also be posted and sent to the BOE members this week. Based on the results there is reason for concern for the emotional well-being of the students. There is a marked increase between the two surveys with parents reporting that their students are not handling their emotions as well as they were when this started. The RULER program will be an important piece tool when students return next year.
- c. Vision of a Learner – Wendy Nelson Kauffman reports that the committee is working hard, with community input, to narrow down those skills which are most important for Region 14 graduates to have. When the process is complete there will be five traits that will be focused on in the Vision of a Learner.
- d. Next year – A team of administrators, staff members and community members have been working to develop a framework for the potential back to school scenarios for the fall. There is not a plan set in stone as there is no way to know at this time what guidelines will need to be followed several months from now. The guidelines seem to change on a daily basis. The team will continue to iron out the logistics of each plan and will have several scenarios to use in the fall depending on what the state and CDC guidelines say at that time. There will be need for a policy meeting in early August to create policy for any on the mandates that have, or may still be coming down from the state. BOE members will receive the working document to their emails but should understand that nothing is final at this time.

5. Board Chair Comments

Ms. Morgan thanks everyone for their continued patience as we find a new normal. The Board and towns are doing their best to keep up with the constantly changing guidance from the state and the Executive Orders that continue to come down, sometimes several in a day. She also thanked the staff for their tireless work during this pandemic.

- 6. Old Business** – BOE Nominations – The nomination meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm (****please note that the time was subsequently changed to 6:30 pm at the request of the Board of Education**) via Zoom meeting. The towns have set a date of June 30, 2020 for the elections.

7. **New Business** – none

8. **Other Business** - none

9. **Adjournment**

Ms. Van Aken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Devine. **Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

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