

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held June 15, 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, William Nemeck, Mark Harutunian, Pat DiSarro, reporter from the Voices, 1 resident and BOE clerk, Karen Daley.

Absent: Maryanne Van Aken

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

Ms. Zmek **moved** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Crocker.
Motion carried 7-0-0.

4. Superintendent Report

- a. Summer School – There will be summer school for high school students. Principal Sordi explained that Edgenuity will be used to run summer school 4 days a week. There will be a coordinator in the café with no more than 10 students at a time. This will be used as catch up for students who may not have been engaged in the distance learning and will allow them to complete the courses before next school year. All CSDE guidelines will be followed for the program. This program is in addition to what will be provided for special education students.
- b. Distance Learning – Looking at different scenarios for next year. A/B day, A/B/C day. There are many details that are up in the air so the team will continue working but is waiting on more concrete guidance from the state. Survey results from families and teachers demonstrate the desire for students to return to the classroom. The desire is to get students in the classrooms in the fall to get the students off to a strong start.
- c. CSDE Guidance – Executive orders are still forthcoming, sometimes a few times a week. These orders are passed along to administrators as they come in. Ms. Morgan would like the reopening committee to meeting with the Board at some point over the next month or so at a regular board meeting or even to call a special one to explain where they are at with the planning.
- d. Diversity Training – Training has increase in the district over the past 2 year working with EdAdvance, the ADL and several other organizations to address race relations.
- e. Flanders Room – The all-purpose room at MES has been given a face-lift and will now be known as the Flanders Room. There have been many donations of cash and items and there will be an opening reception in August.
- f. Region 14 Clock-master – Mr. Andrew Stone, student at NHS will be the official clock-master for Region 14 Schools.

5. **Board Chair Comments**

Early Retirement Participants – Ms. Zmek moved that the Region 14 Board of Education accept the 6 early retirement requests received in accordance with the Region 14 early retirement package offered. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. Motion carried 7-0-0.

Ms. Morgan thanked Maryanne Van Aken for her 12 dedicated years on the Board of Education.

Ms. Morgan received an email from Alice Jones stating that she has chosen not to run for the Board of Education position at this time.

6. **Old Business** –

- a. **Transportation Costs** – Mr. McAllister updated the Board that the Office of Policy Management has committed to a 25% reimbursement for transportation costs. The district is working with FEMA to get needed PPE and cleaning supplies for the reopening in the fall.
- b. **Capital Projects** – BES and MES partial room replacements will be completed. The HVAC split system and the art room ceiling will be completed at MES. The WMS culinary room will be addressed. The NHS circular pumps will be completed in this budget year as they are not part of the renovation project. Mr. Bauer moved that the projects be completed, as presented, with the 2019-2020 budget funds. Seconded by Mr. Crocker. Motion carried 7-0-0.

7. **New Business** –

- a. Mr. Bauer moved to appoint the Audit Firm for FYE 2020, 2021, 2022. King, King & Associates. P.C., Holabird Avenue Winsted, CT 06098. Seconded by Mr. Devine. Motion carried 7-0-0.
- b. Mr. Bauer moved to approve the Student Transportation Contract for 2020-2021 through 2024-2025. ALL-STAR TRANSPORTATION, 146 Huntingdon Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708 upon approval of final contract language by the districts attorney and business manager. Seconded by Ms. Zmek. Motion carried 7-0-0.

8. **Other Business** –

Ms. Morgan congratulated Andrew Stone on his appointment as Clock-master. She also reminded the Board the graduation is on Saturday for the NHS class of 2020. Ms. Brown attended both the MES and BES graduations and complemented the staff, they were extremely well done. The WMS graduation will be Friday evening at 4:00 pm.

9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Bauer moved to adjourn and seconded by Ms. Zmek. **Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Daley, BOE Clerk

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