

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on June 4, 2018 at the Board of Education Central Office, 67 Washington Avenue, Woodbury, CT, 06798.

Present: Janet Morgan, Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Devine, George Bauer, Daid Lampart, Carol Ann Brown and Pam Zmek. Also in attendance were: Dr. Anna Cutaia, Kim Culkin, Jodie Roden, Julie Luby, John Dominello, Tyler Cremeans, Jessica McKay, AP Language students: Mackenzie Valdiviezo, Rebecca Hibbard, Jillian Roden, Sarah Sandor, James Gengenbach, Nicholas Albino, Andrew Ray, Alexander Grant, Riley Kennedy, Patrick Moody, Christopher Duda, Michael Papanek, Hannah Dreska, Allessia Mauro, Luke Lavan, MES student reps: Carter Vendt & Madeline Lavertue, LCSA award recipients: Peter Rickenbach, Stephanie Marengi, & Chloe Pagnamenta, CT voices reporter MikePreato, and approximately 10 community members.

Missing: John Chapman

1. **Call to Order** - Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Student Reps** – Carter Vendt and Madeline Lavertue gave an update on what has gone on at MES this year.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of May 7, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 6-0-0**.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of May 7, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 7-0-0**.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of May 11, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 7-0-0**.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting #1 of May 22, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 6-0-1, with Ms. Van Aken abstaining**.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting #2 of May 22, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion 6-0-1, with Ms. Van Aken abstaining**.

5. **Superintendent's report**

Dr. Anna recognized 4 students who were nominated the Litchfield County Superintendent's Award. The students attended an awards ceremony earlier in the spring. Award recipients were: Chloe Pagnamenta, Peter Rickenbach, Stephanie Marengi, and Ben Keane who couldn't be present.

Superintendent's corner: Dr. Anna sked Mr. Arum to give the BOE an update in regards to the improvements bids. He will be bringing these bids to the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Monday to discuss and bring to the BOE for approval.

Updates – Dr. Anna advised that the Teacher Learning Academy (TLA3) has been moved to August. Other updates included that the elementary schools held a very successful spring concert at elementary and that NHS will be holding

their Spring concert this week. Ms. Fensore finished up with the last parent workshop for the 2017-18 school year with a presentation by Joanne Freiburg about social emotional and school climate.

Lastly, Jessica McKay and her AP Language students came to discuss their research projects. Mrs. McKay gave a brief introduction as to what the students did over the course of the year. She advised that the students had the year to conduct a long term research project on anything that interested them that would have a unique outcome or solution. Many of the students aligned their projects with their potential career choices and some on what they were interested in. Mrs. McKay had student Mackenzie Valdiviezo give an update on her unique experience. She was granted access by NEPRES to be able to speak with 3 women NASA scientists via Facetime who talked about the manned mission to mars and what it will be like living on different planet. They spoke about life on mars and what it will be like for astronauts and preparing to live there. Mackenzie thoroughly enjoyed the fact that they were specific to her research project and the most interesting for her was the cost in getting to MARS. She mentioned that NASA has receive \$20.6B in federal funding and that it is only 50% of what is needed to send 4-6 people there. The class also learned about agriculture and how to grow things on MARS. Mrs. McKay mentioned that at the end of the conversation the scientists offered for Mackenzie to go to Washington, D.C. to participate in a junior space program for ambassadors. They will be looking further into the opportunity.

Each of the AP Language students introduced themselves and advised the BOE the topic of their project. The meeting went into a brief recess at 7:26 pm to allow the BOE and community members present to find out more about each of the students' research projects. The meeting restarted at 7:45pm.

6. Board Committee Reports

Policy: As Mr. Chapman was not present, he will give his update at the next regular BOE meeting on June 18, 2018.

Finance: Mr. Bauer advised that the committee met on May 22 to discuss the NHS construction BOND & BAN issuance. The committee met several times regarding financing options over the course of the next 25 years. They looked at long term financing solutions and made recommendations to Ed Arum, the interim Director of Finance.

7. **Board Chair Comments** – Ms. Morgan advised that Joanne Freiberg of the CSDE will be coming to the next regular BOE meeting to do a workshop on climate and culture which will help to clarify the full process on management of types of complaints that might be received. Ms. Morgan read a statement accepting the resignation of Dr. Anna. Ms. Morgan and the BOE thanked Dr. Anna for her contributions to R14 and wish her well in Milford. Ms. Morgan thanked the community for passing the budget and advised that the BOE will hold a special BOE meeting on Monday, June 11 at 6:30pm to hear from 3 superintendent search consulting firms. The Finance subcommittee will meet at 6:00pm to discuss the 3 RFPs prior to the BOE meeting.

8. **Public Comment** – none

9. Old Business

- A. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the PK-8 Science curriculum as presented and was seconded by Mr. Bauer. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

10. New Business

- A. Mr. Dominello and Mr. Cremeans presented the Farm-to-Table curriculum with Mr. Rafferty. They have come up with a trendsetting and unique curriculum. The five top things addressed: Ability to provide students perspective, great insight into many career paths, access for all students, exposure to many different experiences, and students learn life skills that can be applied in many different ways. They give back to the community by growing and donating goods to the local food bank. Mr. Rafferty mentioned that certain equipment may be needed that the region doesn't currently have. Mr. Dominello said that this has been one of the most gratifying experiences and has been a special opportunity. They have drawn from student leadership and Agriscience students have been able to teach some things to the students. Very positive experiences and they are hoping to bring this curriculum to the next level to include other cross curricular courses.
- B. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the CT Healthy Foods Certification and was seconded by Ms. Van Aken. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- C. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the CT Healthy Foods Exemptions for Foods and was seconded by Ms. Van Aken. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- D. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the CT Healthy Foods Exemptions for Beverages and was seconded by Ms. Van Aken. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

Dr. Anna gave more insight into what the Policy committee discussed regarding policy 1312 Public Complaints. The committee discussed removing the reference to state statute

- E. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the revised policy 1312 as presented and was seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- F. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE enter into Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel matter, specifically, the Superintendent's evaluation and was seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

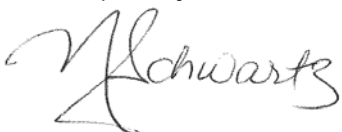
The Board moved into executive session at 8:24pm and Dr. Anna was invited in. Ms. Zmek left the meeting at 9:30pm.

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:45pm and no action was taken.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken *moved* to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bauer. **The motion carried unanimously 6-0-0.**
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 6/6/2018