

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on June 18, 2018 at the Board of Education Central Office, 67 Washington Avenue, Woodbury, CT, 06798.

Present: Janet Morgan, Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Devine, George Bauer, David Lampart, John Chapman, Carol Ann Brown and Pam Zmek. Also in attendance were: Dr. Anna Cutaia, Kim Culkin, Mike Rafferty, Ed Arum, Joe Erardi, Susan Ruddock, Tom Terhaar, Mary Louise Barta, Kathie Chabot, their families, staff & two reporters from CT Voices.

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** - none
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of June 4, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Chapman abstaining.**

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of June 11, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Chapman abstaining.**

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Special Meeting of May 29, 2018, Ms. Van Aken *moved* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

5. **Superintendent's report**

Dr. Anna turned the floor over to Ms. Morgan who recognized 5 retirees: Mary Louise Barta, Kathie Chabot, Susan Ruddock, Renée Singley, and Tom Terhaar. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Van Aken, and Dr. Anna presented each of the retirees with a small token of appreciation and Ms. Morgan thanked them all for their years of service. She requested a 10 minute recess for the BOE members to be able to celebrate with the retirees and their families and to have some cake.

The meeting went into recess at 7:10pm and restarted at 7:22pm.

6. **Board Committee Reports** - none
7. **Board Chair Comments** – Ms. Morgan advised that the School Climate workshop that was originally intended to take place this evening was unfortunately cancelled at the last minute by the Connecticut State Board of Education. The BOE will look into holding this workshop in the near future.

Ms. Morgan was pleased to announce that the BOE chose JE Consulting as the search firm to represent Region 14 in their search for a new Superintendent. Ms. Morgan asked Mr. Joe Erardi to update the BOE regarding what the plan is for the search. Mr. Erardi stated that he feels privileged to have been chosen as the search firm for the region. He went on to present an outline with a proposed timeline and asked the Board members if they felt comfortable with said timeline. All were in agreement. Mr. Erardi mentioned the importance of getting feedback from staff, parents, and the community at large and that multiple focus group meetings will take place over the course of the search.

Mr. Devine asked how many focus group meetings he will be conducting. Mr. Erardi advised that he is looking at anywhere from 12 to 20 meetings to give the community along with the staff and elected officials the opportunity to be heard. He wants to make sure that both communities are heard, including elected officials. He will get back to the BOE chair with proposed focus group dates.

Mr. Chapman wanted to know if general the BOE should be present during meetings or not? Mr. Erardi said that the most effective is to be in the background and it is common practice for the BOE not to attend.

8. **Public Comment** – Diane MacLeod, Woodbury resident thanked the BOE for their tireless work that they do for the community. She also wanted to thank Dr. Anna for the amazing work that she's done in her four year tenure. Mrs. MacLeod stated that prior to Dr. Anna's arrival she didn't attend meetings and she has never seen a leader work so hard to reach out to the community. She went on to say that she highly recommends that Mr. Erardi speak with Dr. Anna to get input from her as she did things right. She said that the BOE and community need to really reflect on and figure out why our Superintendents keep leaving. She believes that the region will never achieve or maintain the results without steady leadership. She also suggested looking at talent from within the schools and region.

9. **Old Business**

Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the following mandated policies supplied and revised by CABA Policy Services, having been revised and recommended by the Policy Committee, as presented.

3281 - School Fundraiser
3511 - Compliance with 504 regulations
4118.211 – retaliation & whistle blowing
4134 – Tutoring
4222 – Teacher Aids/Paraprofessionals
4222.1 – Title 1 Paraprofessionals
5112.4 – Disenrollment
5114.12 – Student Handbooks
5122 – Assigning Student to a Teacher & classes in Grades K-12
5141.27 – Use of Automatic External Defibrillators
5141.28 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention

Seconded by Mr. Bauer. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

10. **New Business** - none

11. **Adjournment**

Ms. Van Aken *moved* to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 6/19/2018