

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held November 6, 2017 in the Board of Education Board Room, 67 Washington Ave, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Maryanne Van Aken, John Chapman, Mike Devine, David Lampart, Pamela Zmek, Carol Ann Brown. Also in attendance were Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Kimberly Culkin, Wayne McAllister, Mike Rafferty, WMS principal Eric Bergeron, WMS Assistant Principal Pam Sordi, NHS Principal Julie Luby, Wendy Yatsenick, Chris Maclean, Sue Rossner, Stephanie Gutierrez, Andie McGrath-Greco, Kathy Green, WMS student reps, Jillian Brown, Ian Fernandes, Arleigh Duff, NHS girls track team, approximately 10 community members and BOE Clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

Missing: Janet Morgan, George Bauer, Pam Zmek

1. Call to Order  
Ms. Van Aken called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Ms. Van Aken led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Student Rep Report - Jillian Brown and Ian Fernandes gave a report to the BOE as to why they are proud to be WMS students which included an overview of what WMS Family and Wingman programs are, as well as other clubs. Ian went on to mention that the boys' soccer team went undefeated this season.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Ms. Van Aken requested a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on October 16, 2017 and seconded by Mr. Chapman, the **motion carried 3-0-2, with Mr. Chapman and Ms. Van Aken abstaining.**
5. Superintendent's report
  - Arleigh Duff spoke to the BOE to say how proud he is of the girls track team who won the state championships and had the girls introduce themselves.
  - Amy Perras led the NHS Chamber Singers in performing two songs for the BOE, one of which was a South African song.
  - Dr. Anna and Ms. Van Aken presented Mr. McAllister as Region 14's finest and awarded him with a certificate of recognition.
  - MES teachers, Vinita Chapman, Diane Baker, Kathy, and Sandy gave their perspective/ experience regarding the Teacher Leadership Academy.
  - Wendy Yatsenick & Principal Luby introduced the high school counselors Andie McGrath-Greco, Kathy Green, Chris Maclean, Stephanie Gutierrez, Susan Rossner and updated the BOE regarding the college/career center initiatives. Mrs. Yatsenick went on to highlight that NHS is one of only 12 Connecticut high schools to offer AP Capstone Seminar and to have the designation of AP Capstone Diploma School. She stated that last May, 240 NHS student took 494 AP exams which represents 32% of the total student body and for the first time, NHS is garnering the attention of more competitive universities such as Duke and Tufts. She mentioned as well, that students have the opportunity for off-site field trips to schools such as the Culinary Institute of America, Quinnipiac University, and the Connecticut State University system.
  - Superintendent's corner – Dr. Anna gave a few highlights of new initiatives currently in place which included math training (K-8), partnering with ASAP arts program including Grades 6-8 bookmaking, the spring Waterbury Symphony performance for K-12. Other initiatives with ASAP include a composer coming up with a unique piece for our K-12 students to perform in the spring. There will also be a 7<sup>th</sup> grade percussion workshop whereby every 7<sup>th</sup> grade student

will experience the chance to try out percussion instruments. Dr. Anna went on to mention that the farm to table was a great success, and lastly, some students had an interactive google hangout session with a wildlife biologist.

6. **Board Committee Reports**

Building Committee – Mr. Chapman gave an update on the NHS building project and yet again encouraged people to attend the meetings to get a better perspective on the renovation project.

Community Relations – was tabled to the next meeting as Ms. Zmek was not present.

Safe Schools – Ms. Van Aken gave an update to advise that all faculty received a follow up training to their initial ALICE training.

7. **Board Chair Comments** - none

8. **Public Comment** - none

9. **Old Business** - none

10. **New Business**

A. Mr. Chapman moved that the Region 14 BOE approve NHS students educational out of country trip to Quebec, Canada as presented. Seconded by Ms. Brown. Mr. Chapman requested to withdraw the motion until the board can consult with CABE and the superintendent group to get further insight and input regarding risk assessment on travel outside of the continental USA. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. The **motion was withdrawn**.

B. Mr. Chapman moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the NHS Tennis students out of state trip to Hilton Head, SC as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried unanimously 5-0-0**.

C. The motion for the first read of policy revisions was tabled to November 20, 2017 meeting.

D. Mr. Chapman moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the 2018 BOE Meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried unanimously 5-0-0**.

11. **Adjournment**

*Mr. Chapman moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 11/13/2017