

The Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held May 22, 2018 at the Central Office Board of Education Room, 67 Washington Avenue, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Janet Morgan, Carol Ann Brown, George Bauer, Mike Devine, Dave Lampart, Pam Zmek, John Chapman. Also in attendance were: Dr. Anna Cutaia, Ed Arum, Kim Culkin, Julie Luby, Suzi Greene, Moderator Lou Deluca, reporter Tim Parry, approximately 6 community members, and BOE clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

Missing: Maryanne Van Aken,

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Ms. Morgan noted that the committee needed to discuss the options for the school calendar for 2017-18 as the district was without electricity and could not operate the day after the storm on May 15, 2018.

Dr. Anna wanted to advise that as per State statute the district cannot hold school after regular hours, nor on a Saturday. The BOE had already excused 2 student days from all of the closings this winter, to bring the school calendar to the required minimum of 180 days. This last storm from May 15, 2018 has now brought us under the minimum allowable student days and we must make up the day. The two choices up for discussion are using Memorial Day or extending the school calendar by one day to June 25th. Dr. Anna commented that both days would be early dismissal days and June 25 would be used as the exams makeup day. This would mostly affect underclassmen or any seniors needing to use the day. Seniors would still walk at graduation and would receive a blank diploma in the interim and would then receive their official diploma upon successful completion. The other challenge is the impact on the NHS renovation project. The facility must be vacated by noon after graduation to start summer construction. There may be a need to have exams at WMS or MES due to the construction. Dr. Anna has already spoken with All-Star transportation to be prepared to make the necessary pickups and drop offs. All schools would get out early on June 25th.

The BOE members discussed and decided that it would be best to extend the school year to June 25, 2018 so as not to touch Memorial Day.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to extend the 2017-18 school year to June 25, 2018 with a modified school day. Ms. Zmek moved that the Region 14 BOE extend the 2017-18 school year to June 25, 2018 with a modified school day. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lampart moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Z. Schwartz
Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 5/24/2018