

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held December 4, 2017 at Bethlehem Elementary School, 92 East St, Bethlehem, CT 06751

Present: Maryanne Van Aken, Mike Devine, David Lampart, Pamela Zmek, Carol Ann Brown, Dave Lampart, Also in attendance were Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Chrissy Fensore, Mike Rafferty, Bethlehem principal Susan Ruddock, NHS Principal Julie Luby, Sue Williams, approximately 30 FFA students, BES student reps, Matthew Shupenis, Eva Lockwood, student rep parents, approximately 20 community members, Voices Reporter Mike Preato, and BOE Clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

Missing: John Chapman

1. Call to Order
Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Student Rep Report – Matthew and Eva gave an in depth update on what has been happening at BES.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Ms. Morgan requested a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017. Ms. Van Aken moved and seconded by Mr. Lampart, the **motion carried 4-0-3, with Ms. Zmek, Mr. Bauer, and Ms. Morgan abstaining.**
5. Superintendent's report
 - Region 14's Finest – Principal Ruddock presented Sue Williams as Region 14's finest for BES for her outstanding contribution.
 - National FFA convention update – Mr. Davenport introduced the FFA team that participated in the FFA National competition in Indianapolis, and each student introduced themselves and his/her specialty that they competing in (See attached press release for student names and results).
 - Special Education Update – Ms. Fensore gave an overview as to how the program has advanced, including the integration of Pre-K students into the full day elementary program. She mentioned that the instructional leaders are working very diligently at verifying IEPs and in ensuring that they are aligned with the Board goals. Ms. Fensore went on to highlight that over the past 2 1/2 years the special education department has put crisis team in place, all staff has been trained in CPR including paraprofessionals. Also, the elementary and middle schools have implemented reading programs for dyslexia and that the middle & high schools are now fully trained in assessing dyslexia, as well as 6 team embers trained are trained using the autism diagnostic spectrum.
 - Superintendent's corner - Highlights: Dr. Anna was happy to announce that the Region's fall newsletter was sent out to towns last week. She went on to say that the senior holiday luncheon hosted by the NHS advanced culinary group was another great success and that the NHS chamber choir performed during this event. The entire middle school had the opportunity to see the film *Wonder*, which was a tremendous community builder. Dr. Anna also mentioned that NHS is starting a social studies honor society, Rho Kappa, adding a core area for history and civic minded students. Region 14 has also partnered with Rick Wood of Chime In to create a community wide choir. Lastly, the chorus and strings groups performed at both the Bethlehem and Woodbury tree lighting ceremonies.

6. **Board Committee Reports**

Building Committee – To be tabled until next meeting as Mr. Chapman was not present.

Finance Committee - Mr. Bauer gave an update on the YTD financials, spoke about sped update from a financial perspective, and also gave a brief overview of the grants acceptance which is on the agenda to be voted on tonight.

Community Relations - Ms. Zmek advised that the committee is finalizing details for the upcoming community forum to be held January 11, 2018 and that the invitations will be going out in the mail in the coming weeks.

7. **Board Chair Comments** – Ms. Morgan mentioned that the region has formed a District Advisory committee that meets the first Tuesday of the month to review facilities needs in order for the school system to continue to strive. Bethlehem resident Mr. Jim Agostine was appointed chair of the committee. A consultant will be hired to help with the project and the community will get summaries going forward.
8. **Public Comment** - none
9. **Old Business** - none
10. **New Business**
- A. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the following mandated policies (6141.31, 5141.22, 3542, 9700, 3232, 3516.4, 3516.5, 3520.11, 5131.111, 5142, 5141.21) supplied and revised by CAFE Policy Services, having been reviewed and recommended by the Policy committee, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Devine abstaining.**
- B. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE accept the grant commitment from the State Department of Administrative Services for Project 214-0094-VA/EA (NHS-Vo-Ag), (effective October 31, 2017), subject to the terms of the grant commitment, the law, and any necessary further action by the Board and/or its Building Committee, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- C. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE accept the grant commitment from the State Department of Administrative Services for Project 214-0095-VE (NHS-Vo-Ag), (effective October 31, 2017) subject to the terms of the grant commitment, the law, and any necessary further action by the Board and/or its Building Committee, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- D. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 BOE accept the grant commitment from the State Department of Administrative Services for Project 214-0096-BE/A/CV (Region 14 Central Office-NHS), (effective October 31, 2017) subject to the terms of the grant commitment, the law, and any necessary further action by the Board and/or its Building Committee, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
- E. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the Nonnewaug Agriscience students to attend the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA from January 5, 2018 through January 6, 2018 for approximately 48 students and 6 background checked chaperones via coach bus; funded by students, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

- F. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 BOE approve the Nonnewaug Senior Ag Production students' trip to Texas, from April 13, 2018 through April 21, 2018 for approximately 12 students and 3 background checked chaperones via air and rental van; air, hotel, and food funded by students and rental van funded by the Ag Production Student Activity Account, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

11. **Adjournment**

Ms. VanAken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "N. Schwartz".

Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

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**NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL'S
WOODBURY FFA MEMBERS BRING HOME THE GOLD AT NATIONAL COMPETITION**

The Woodbury FFA chapter sent 30 students and graduates to the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis recently to compete in the National FFA Organization's Career Development Events. The Woodbury Chapter is the **ONLY CHAPTER in the nation, out of over 7,900 FFA chapters and over 650,000 FFA members nation-wide, to send 6 teams to national competition from one chapter in the same year.**

Not only did the Woodbury FFA chapter have 6 teams represented from their chapter in national competition, but they also were very competitive and came home with outstanding results against the nation's most talented students and teams.

Complete team placings and individual results are as follows:

Veterinary Science Team:	Gold Medal Team, 4th place in the country
Sarah Hinman	Gold Medal, 8th place individual, \$600 scholarship
Stephanie Marenghi	Gold Medal, 11th place individual, \$400 scholarship
Mikayla Nappi	Gold Medal
Taylor DeCicco	Silver Medal
Meats Judging Team:	Silver Medal Team, 14th place in the country
Autumn Dempsey	Gold Medal
Megan Davenport	Silver Medal
Emily Alegi	Silver Medal
Milk Quality Team:	Silver Medal Team, 16th place in the country
Sophie Fenn	Gold Medal
Erin Reich	Silver Medal
Jillian Wheeler	Silver Medal
Liz Mahon	Silver Medal
Creed Speaking: Emily Perna	Silver Medal
Parliamentary Procedure Team:	Bronze Medal Team
Andrea Wheeler	Bronze Medal
Emily Kern	Bronze Medal
Austin Bedard	Bronze Medal
Megan Andrews	Bronze Medal
Monica Untiet	Bronze Medal
Sharon McCarthy	Bronze Medal
Poultry Judging Team:	Bronze Medal Team
Nick Huzi	Bronze Medal

Allison Ogle
Mason Gsell
Ariana Laracuente

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Overall, Woodbury came home with 1 National Gold Team Medal, 3 Silver Team Medals, and 2 Bronze Team Medals.

Individuals on all of these teams earned a total of 5 National Gold Medals, 7 Silver Medals, and 10 Bronze Medals for the

Woodbury FFA Chapter during the week-long convention attended by over 65,000 FFA members from across the country.

FFA is a national organization of over 650,000 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. The Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School is the state's largest and most comprehensive Agriscience program with over 340 students enrolled in the program. Students are able to explore careers in Floriculture, Landscaping, Conservation, Ag Production, Ag Mechanics, Horse Management, Local Food Production, Aquaculture and Veterinary Science curricular areas, as well as develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through involvement in the Woodbury FFA chapter.

For more information, please call Bill Davenport, at (203) 266-4038

CAPTION FOR PICTURES:

Veterinary Science Team Picture:

The Woodbury FFA Veterinary Science Team recently placed 4th in the country and earned a National Gold Medal at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured from left to right are coach Emily Atwood, Taylor DeCicco, Sarah Hinman, Stephanie Marenghi, Mykayla Nappi and the industry sponsor representative.

Meats Judging Team Picture:

The Woodbury FFA Meats Evaluation Team recently placed 14th in the country and earned a National Silver Medal at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured from left to right are coach Jason Woike (Meat Department Manager at LaBannes in Woodbury), coach William Davenport, Emily Alegi, Megan Davenport Autumn Dempsey and industry sponsor representatives from Cargill.

Milk Quality Team Picture:

The Woodbury FFA Milk Quality Team recently placed 16th in the country and earned a National Silver Medal at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured, left to right, are advisor Eric Birkenberger, Jillian Wheeler, Erin Reich, Liz Mahon, Sophie Fenn and an industry sponsor representative.

Creed Public Speaking CDE Picture:

Sophomore FFA member Emily Perna recently earned a Silver Medal at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured from left to right are Emily Perna and coach Eric Birkenberger.

Poultry Judging Team Picture:

The Woodbury FFA Poultry Judging Team recently earned a National Bronze Medal at the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured, left to right, are coaches John Crane and Marisa Bedron, Allison Ogle, Arianna Laracuente, Nick Huzi, Mason Gsell and three industry sponsor representatives.

Parliamentary Procedure Team CDE Picture:

The Woodbury FFA Parliamentary Procedure Team recently earned a National Bronze Medal in the 90th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis in October. Pictured from left to right are coach Tom DiMarco, Allie Jablon, Anna DeMagistris, Andrea Wheeler, Monica Untiet, Sharon McCarthy, Emily Kern, Austin Bedard and Megan Andrew.