

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held July 10, 2017 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Janet Morgan, Mary Ann Van Aken, George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, Mike Devine, Dave Lampart, Pam Zmek, and John Chapman. Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard was also in attendance, one member of the community and BOE clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

1. Call to Order

Dr. Anna called the meeting to order at 7:02.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Anna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of Board Chairperson

The superintendent called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board of Education. Ms. Van Aken nominated Janet Morgan, and seconded by Ms. Brown. Vote: 8-0. Ms. Morgan accepted the position and conducted the remainder of the meeting.

4. Election of Board Officers

- A. Ms. Zmek nominated Ms. Van Aken to be Vice Chairperson of the BOE and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The vote carried unanimously 8-0.
- B. Ms. Brown nominated Ms. Zmek as Secretary of the BOE and seconded by Ms. Lampart. The vote carried unanimously 8-0.
- C. Ms. Van Aken nominated Mr. Bauer to be Treasurer and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The vote carried unanimously 8-0.
- D. Ms. Van Aken nominated Ms. Brown to be Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The vote carried unanimously 8-0.

5. Board Appointments

- A. Ms. Morgan moved that the Board of Education approve Natascha Schwartz to be Board of Education clerk for the 2017-18 school year and seconded by Ms. Van Aken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.
- B. Ms. Morgan moved that Andrea Needleman, MD, be appointed Health Director for the Region and seconded by Ms. Van Aken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.
- C. Ms. Morgan moved that James Bauer, DMD, be appointed school dentist and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Van Aken motioned to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on June 5, 2017 and Seconded by Mr. Lampart. Contingent on correcting a typo under the Building Committee section. The amount of the grant should be \$63,820,000. Board Clerk to make changes. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

- A. Building Committee – Mr. Chapman advised that the Building Committee held it's second in depth NHS renovation project presentation to the community which was once again very informative and was a constructive discussion.

- B. Community Relations Committee – Articulated goals for upcoming year. Vision for committee being worked on and the committee is in the beginning phase of discussing a follow-up Community Conversation to be held sometime in October.

6. Board Chair Comments

- A. Ms. Morgan advised that she would like to have one BOE member from each town along with two citizens from each town to gather information regarding our facilities. This advisory committee would meet with groups and liaisons and will go hand in hand with doing a feasibility study using a 3rd party provider. The feasibility study would be shown from an operations perspective, capturing such information as maximum/minimum number of students per school for efficient operations and developing a report to present to community as well as the BOE. Dr. Anna mentioned that the Region must develop an RFP to scope out and share with finance committee as to what the region is looking for as product. Mr. Chapman mentioned the possibility of looking at the 10 year plan rather than a feasibility study. Mr. Bauer suggested having the committee look at helping to draw up the RFP. Ms. Morgan would like to use the community conversation to discuss this.

7. Public Comment –

Ms. Paulino asked a series of questions to which Ms. Morgan requested they be sent to the BOE via email correspondence to give them time to gather the information and to get back to her in a timely manner.

The following questions were asked:

- Has the software bug on Region 14's website affecting the posting of agenda and minutes online been resolved, and if not, when does the BOE anticipate its' resolution?
- Is there a reason why the district decided not to promote the Commissioner of Education's 2017 summer math challenge?
- Have any discussions taken place in regards to the CSDE's report of the Commissioner's Council of Mathematics which identified best practices for the school districts and are any of the recommendations being planned for the upcoming school year?
- Are there plans to increase the time allotted for math instruction the middle school next year and has the administration given consideration to hiring math coaches?
- Would the Region 14 BOE give consideration to adopting a similar hiring of certified staff policy as Region 15's newly adopted policy and discussing it further during a future BOE meeting?

8. Old Business - NONE

9. New Business

- A. Ms. Zmek *moved* to award the bid for Roofing Repairs/Replacement to Scholar Painting LLC, 2 Klarides Village Dr #145, Seymour, CT and seconded by Mr. B. The **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

10. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 7/18/2017