

Minutes of the FFA Advisory of the Board of Education  
Regional School District 14 [www.ctreg.org](http://www.ctreg.org)  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Start: 7:04 pm End: 8:52 pm

In attendance were: Karen Kalenauskas, George Lyman, Bill Davenport, Marisa Bedron, Liz Webb, Tim DiMarco, Ed Belinsky, Al Avatabile, Richard Lewis, Hailey Bond, Ron Bridge, Ed Dillon Jenn Ayers, Tyler Cremeans, Alice Wilkinson, Phil Peters, David Carey, Angela Reich, Dan Caron, Susan Bedron, David Golembeski, Leah McCluskey. Also in attendance were BOE members Pam Zmek, Carol Ann Brown and BOE Clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

Karen Kalenauskas called the meeting to order 7:04pm

Mrs. Kalenauskas asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 26, 2017. Ron Bridge motioned to approve the minutes, and seconded by Alice Wilkinson. The Motion carried unanimously.

Leah McCluskey, chapter president, gave an FFA update as to what the chapter has been up since the last meeting. They have been very busy with events which included, annual freshmen social, chapter tractor driving competition, attended the district social hosted by Housatonic, college and career fair, organized the district tractor driving competition, welcomed prospective freshmen for 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house, prepared and took part in the Town of Woodbury's trick or treat street, attended the national convention where they were very successful, hosted and ran the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual farm to table dinner, sent students to the fall field day at UConn, hosted a creed speaking workshop for freshmen, and they also have begun a fruit sale fundraiser to benefit the chapter. The officers are continuing to create new events, updating social media sites, and preparing more workshops, specifically an AET workshop and a resume building workshop.

Mr. Davenport asked that the SAE presentation be tabled to the January meeting.

Ms. Kalenauskas mentioned the by-laws change is the addition of having a clerk to take the meeting minutes. She asked if there was any discussion or comment on the change before voting to adopt the changes. David Golembeski motioned to approve the by-laws change and seconded by Ron Bridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Davenport gave the Equipment/Building grant approval update to advise that the state sent out the paperwork last week to Central Office and once signed, the region will be able to go out for multiple bids. He also went over the map of where the new buildings will be located.

The committee separated into their respective groups to finalize their freshmen and graduate skill set requirements lists. They then came together to go over their lists as a full committee.

The Grip and Grin session dates were established to be February 6 and 7 for freshmen and February 27 and 28 for sophomores. Pam Zmek, Dan Caron, Carol Ann Brown, Jenn Ayers, Alice Wilkinson, Richard Lewis, Karen Kalenauskas, Darryl Newman, and Laurie Andrews agreed to help. Both Darryl and Laurie were not present but helped last year. Mr. Davenport mentioned that they are looking for more people to help out.

Lastly, the committee discussed previous adult education courses offered and it was determined that the winter session will be held between February and April break on a weekday evening (to be determined). Any ideas for new courses should be sent to John Farrell.

Hearing no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "N. Schwartz".

Natascha Z. Schwartz

Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 11/16/2017