

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, August 22, 2016 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: George Bauer, Michael Devine, David Lampart, Pamela Zmek, Janet Morgan, Maryanne Van Aken
Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister, Administrators: Kimberly Culkin, Christina Fensore, Michael Rafferty, and Board clerk Natascha Schwartz.

Absent: John Chapman, Carol Ann Brown.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Morgan introduced new BoE Clerk, Natascha Schwartz

Ms. Morgan requested a *motion to add to the meeting, comments from the Board Chair.*
Entered by Ms. Morgan and seconded by George Bauer, the motion carried 6-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morgan requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 11, 2016.*
Entered by Ms. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Bauer, the motion carried 6-0.

4. Superintendent's report

Dr. Anna started by thanking the Central Office staff for preparing the slideshow during her absence. She expressed that it was a very busy summer highlighting creativity and innovation including: Teacher leadership Academy was a cutting edge partnership with UConn NEAG School of Education and Region 14. Feedback from this experience was very positive, being the best professional learning experience. This program will continue into next year. She also touched on the 3 day Leadership Team Retreat. The focus was on team building and building relationships and dreams for the children. Other great initiatives that took place this summer: Agri-Science curriculum is in the final stages, implementation of guides for English Language Arts, Pre-K to 12 Math curriculum roll out in late spring 2017, Literacy leaders defined Assessment & SCT manual to come for 2016-2017 in the coming weeks, completely restructured Special Ed extended school year program, newly developed Human Resources management structure as well as hiring process, Technological upgrades (new digital design lab, CAD labs, Promethean Board), renovations at the schools for easier access. Another new initiative is the introduction of allergen free foods for students with food sensitivities. This will be revisited mid-year for viability to continue program.

Question:

Mr. Bauer: Who is involved in the Leadership team in each building?

Answer:

Elementary schools: Principal, Instructional Leader for Special Ed., 2 for literacy, 1 for math, Library Media Specialist

Middle School: Principal, Assistant Principal, Literacy Specialist, Grade Level Team Leads.

High School: Literacy Specialist, Department Chairs, Library Media Specialist, Special Ed, School Counseling Chair, Administrators.

5. Board Committee Reports

A. Building Committee

Mr. Chapman was not present, but Ms. Morgan advised that the BOE was given minutes from last 2 building committee meetings. To receive an update at next meeting.

B. Finance/Facilities

Ms. Morgan advised that Finance/Facilities committee did not meet as they still need to vote on the policy. To receive update from George Bauer next month.

6. Board Chair's Comments

A. Ms. Morgan announced the invitation to the BoE for convocation on August 29, 2016 from 8:45 – 9:45am with a breakfast before convocation begins.

B. Ms. Morgan received a letter from Mr. DeSorbo of Woodbury BoF which she read to the audience. Woodbury Board of Finance is pursuing an initiative to remedy the inequitable treatment which the Town of Woodbury has received in the administration of the Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) grant. Ms. Morgan appealed to have the Board of Education process the information, bring to the Finance Committee in hopes of supporting them and further steps. Mr. Bauer advised that yes he'd like to bring the proposal to the Finance Committee.

7. Privilege of the Floor - None

8. New Business

A. Discussion/possible action on revisions to Policy 9300 "Board Committees"

Ms. Morgan requested the following: Move that the Region 14 Board of Education will approve Policy 9300 "Board Committees", as revised and presented. Normally there would be a first read tonight and vote next month but Ms. Morgan requested an exception to read it and vote on it as it was previously discussed at the Leadership Retreat. Entered by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the motion carried 5-0-1.

B. Discussion on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Instructional Support Union.

Ms. Morgan requested the following: Move that the Board of Education go into Executive Session to discuss possible action on the ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Instructional Support Union. Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Bauer, the motion carried 6-0. Dr. Cutaia-Leonard, Ms. Culkin, Mr. McAllister were invited to join.

9. Executive Session

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:16 pm and ended the session at 8:36 pm.
No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Morgan entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Ms. Van Aken. Motion carried 6-0.
The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

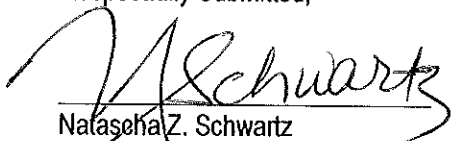
Future Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30pm, NHS LMC
Monday, September 19, Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30pm, NHS LMC
Monday, October 3, 2016, Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Monday, October 17, 2016, Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., BES

Future Ad Hoc/Special Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, August 30, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, September 13, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, September 27, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, October 18, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC

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, 8/23/2016