

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held June 5, 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. Also in attendance were: Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, Kim Culkin, Alice Jones, Eric Bergeron, Jodie Roden, Megan Davenport, Eric Birkenberger, Maude Chasse, Pam Amabile, Alice Jones, Dennis Powell BOE student reps and their parents, Agriscience Graduates Catherine Dunham, Courtney Gibson, Elizabeth Nielsen, their families, 2 newspaper reporters, members of the public, and BOE clerk, Natascha Schwartz.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:06m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Student Reports – Riley Baker gave NHS update

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Van Aken motioned to accept minutes of Regular Meeting on May 16, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Bauer abstaining.

Ms. Van Aken moved to accept minutes of Special Meeting on May 16, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Bauer abstaining.

5. Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Culkin recognized 13 retirees for their more than 250 years of combined service to Region 14 schools. Maude Chasse, Pam Amabile, Alice Jones, and Dennis Powell were presented with a commemorative pewter apple. Those individuals who were not able to attend will receive their gift in the coming days.
- Dr. Anna, Ms. Morgan and Ms. Jones recognized 3 upcoming graduating Agriscience students, Catherine Dunham, Courtney Gibson, Elizabeth Nielsen who will be abroad during the graduation ceremony.
- Megan Davenport presented Ms. Jones with the FFA Blue and Gold Award
- Ms. Morgan and Dr. Anna presented the BOE student reps with special pins
- Dr. Anna congratulated Nonnewaug High School for having won the Ted Alex award for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

6. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee –Mr. Chapman advised that the Building Committee held an in depth NHS renovation project presentation to the community which was very informative and was a constructive discussion. The committee will hold a second meeting prior to the end of the 2016-2017 school year to communicate as much with the public as possible. Mr. Chapman wanted to quash misinformation that is currently being discussed throughout the community regarding the grant application. The correct full amount of the grant is \$63,820,000 and the building committee is not asking for more. He urged people to attend the upcoming second meeting to get the correct and full facts.

- b. Finance Committee – Discussion was tabled to the next BOE meeting as Mr. Bauer was not able to be present for the committee meeting.
- c. Safe Schools – Ms. Van Aken gave an update on the committee's discussion regarding access control and security systems at NHS, indoor cameras, and training opportunities in fall. She also mentioned that Region 14 hosted a very productive regional SRO meeting at the end of May in the NHS Library Media Center.

**7. Board Chair Comments**

Ms. Morgan congratulated Mike Devine, Pam Zmek, Maryanne Van Aken, and John Chapman on their re-election to the BOE.

**8. Public Comment - none**

**9. Old Business**

Ms. Van Aken moved to approve policy 5114 Student Discipline and Seconded by Mr. Chapman. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

Ms. Van Aken moved to approve policy 9325.43 Bylaws of the Board-Attendance at meetings via electronic communications and Seconded by Mr. Chapman. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

Ms. Van Aken moved to approve policy 6142.101 Wellness and Seconded by Mr. Chapman. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

**10. New Business**

- A. Ms. Van Aken moved to opt in to the CT Healthy Food Program for 2017-18 with an exemption clause and Seconded by Mr. Chapman. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.
- B. Mr. Chapman moved to award the bid for the preschool relocation to William B. Meyer Inc. and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.
- C. Mr. Chapman moved to award the bid for the Central Office relocation to WMS to William B. Meyer Inc. and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Devine abstaining.
- D. Mr. Chapman moved to award the bid for the construction of a temporary parking lot at WMS to Paul Carlson and Son Excavating and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Devine abstaining.
- E. Ms. Morgan requested that the bid award for the purchase and installation of audio visual equipment for the BOE at WMS be tabled until an alternative solution can be proposed for the live feed portion of the BOE meetings.
- F. Mr. Chapman moved to award the bid for the purchase and installation of 4 ductless heat pump systems at WMS to Sav-Mor Cooling and Heating and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Devine abstaining.

G. Mr. Chapman *moved* to award the bid for the purchase and installation of preschool playground equipment at MES to Creative Recreation and seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried 7-0-1, with Mr. Bauer abstaining.

H. Mr. Bauer *moved* to go into Executive session for 3 matters, specifically:

- a. Discussion/possible action on the ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the BOE and the Cafeteria Workers' Association.
- b. Discussion/possible action on the ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the BOE and the Nonnewaug Nurses Local 1303-247 of Council #4 AFSCME, AFL-CIO.
- c. A personnel matter, specifically, the Superintendent's evaluation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lampart. Motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

The BOE entered into executive session at 8:05pm and Dr. Anna, Ms. Culkin, and Mr. McAllister were invited in.

The BOE moved out of executive session at 9:23pm.

Ms. Zmek *moved* that the BOE ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the BOE and the Cafeteria Workers' Association, and was seconded by Ms. Van Aken. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

Ms. Zmek *moved* that the BOE authorize the Board Chair to sign said agreement, subject to any further necessary legal review, and was seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

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Ms. Zmek *moved* that the BOE authorize the Board Chair to sign said agreement, subject to any further necessary legal review, and was seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

Ms. Zmek *moved* that the BOE elect Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard to a new, three-year term as Superintendent of School for Region 14, and was seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

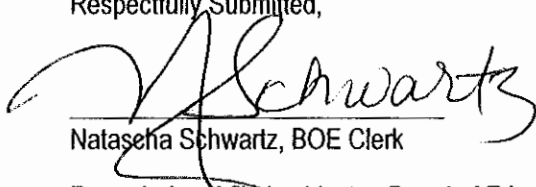
Ms. Zmek *moved* that the BOE authorize the Board Chair to execute a contract with the Superintendent on behalf of the Board, based upon the terms discussed in executive session and pending further legal review, and was seconded by Mr. Lampart. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

#### 11. Adjournment

Ms. Zmek *moved to adjourn* and seconded by Mr. Bauer. The motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 6/8/2017

