

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, October 17, 2016 at Bethlehem Elementary School, 92 East St, Bethlehem, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: Carol Ann Brown, Michael Devine, David Lampart, Maryann Van Aken, Pamela Zmek, Janet Morgan, John Chapman, Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister, Administrators: Kimberly Culkin, Michael Rafferty, NHS Principal Alice Jones, BES Principal Susan Ruddock, NHS Guidance Dept Wendy Yatsenick, Alice Pistritto, Nadine Pratt, Sue Rossner, Chris MacLean, Student reps Sage Samuelson, Scott Meyer and Board clerk Natascha Schwartz. Also in attendance were parents of the student reps, a citizen and two members of the press.

Absent: George Bauer

1. Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Morgan introduced the student representatives.

3. Student Representative Report

Student reps Sage Samuelson and Scott Meyer gave a brief overview of what is currently happening at Bethlehem Elementary School.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morgan requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 3, 2016.*
Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Lampart, the motion carried 7-0-0.

5. Treasurer/Financial Report

As Mr. Bauer could not be present, the Treasurer/Financial Report to be presented at the next BOE Meeting on November 7, 2016.

6. Superintendent's report

- Dr. Anna to introduce the new NHS SRO at the next BOE Meeting on November 7, 2016.
- Alice Jones, Principal of NHS as well as Wendy Yatsenick, Director of counseling, presented the UConn Early College Experience Program. Both were very proud and excited to give the overview of the program. They both thanked the tireless efforts of the counseling department as well as the teachers involved in getting this program off the ground. NHS was approved for 11 courses and they are currently offering 9 of those courses. Biology will be added in the spring of 2017 and Physics 1202 to be added in the latter part of 2017 as well. Of a complete student enrollment of 722, there were 180 applicants/registrants. This equals 25% of the student population who chose to take advantage of these courses. In total there were 247 enrollments, of which some of the 180 students took more than one course. There is a plan for expansion for next year due to extremely high demand. Lastly Ms. Yatsenick was pleased to announce that grand total of value in credits that these students would be receiving, if they were enrolled as College students, represents \$456,950.00.
- Dr. Anna presented changes to the original draft of the Budget Calendar 2016-17. Time and place were added for more clarity. To be added to Region 14 website and sent to the Towns.

- The proposed Board of Education meeting list for January – December 2017 was presented. Dr. Anna gave a brief overview of list and Ms. Morgan advised that meetings will be at 7:00pm instead of 7:30pm. To be discussed at next meeting on November 7, 2016.

7. Board Committee Reports

A. Community Relations:

Ms. Zmek advised that the committee has reconsidered the date for the Community Conversation that was originally being held on November 6, 2016. It was felt that it is a busy time of year. The new proposed date would be January 22, 2017 with the possibility of a snow date of January 29, 2017. This would allow the committee more time to prepare and the thought is also to have the entire BOE present at a conference call with the facilitator to get a better understanding of how the day would unfold. It would also allow more time to get even more invitations out to get a larger sample population. There was also discussion of have a Master Calendar of Community Events available on the website. They will discuss further at the next committee meeting to be held on November 7, 2016.

8. Board Chair's Comments – None

9. Privilege of the Floor - None

10. New Business

- A. Ms. Van Aken *moved* that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Woodbury Middle School 8th grade students to attend an educational trip to Washington, D.C. from May 3, 2017 – May 5, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lampart.
Discussion: Dr. Anna gave an update & additional information regarding the itinerary.
Motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.

11. Old Business

- A. Ms. Morgan requested to table the Master Lease for Technology Plan discussion so that Mr. Bauer, the chairman of the Finance/Facilities Committee can be present.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Mr. Lampart. **Motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Future Regular Meetings:

Monday, November 7, 2016, Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, November 22, 2016, Regular BOE Meeting, 7:30 p.m., NHS LMC

Future Ad Hoc/Special Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, October 18, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Friday, October 28, 2016, Safety Ad hoc Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., COCR
Monday, November 7, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Monday, November 22, 2016, Public Relations 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, 10/25/2016