

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, September 19, 2016 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: George Bauer, Michael Devine, David Lampart, Pamela Zmek, Janet Morgan, Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister, Administrators: Kimberly Culkin, Christina Fensore, Michael Rafferty, WMS Principal Eric Bergeron, WMS Assistant Principal Pam Sordi, Agriscience teacher Thomas diMarco, Region 7 Superintendent Brian Murphy, FFA students, Emily Alegi, Zachary Duda, Sharon McCarthy, Michael Keenan, Matthew Gilligan, Alumnus Jeremy Maddox, Student Reps Matthew Moody & Paige Brandt, and Board clerk Natascha Schwartz. Also in attendance were parents of the student reps & FFA students, and one member of the press, Mike Preato from the Voices newspaper.

Absent: John Chapman, Carol Ann Brown, Maryanne Van Aken

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 the student representatives

3. Student Representative Report

Student reps from WMS, Matthew Moody & Paige Brandt

4. FFA Student Demonstration

Student reps from NHS Agriscience FFA Parliamentary Procedure Committee demonstrated Parliamentary Procedure using Robert's Rules in preparation for the upcoming National State Convention.

5. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Morgan requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2016. Entered by Ms. Zmek and seconded by Mr. Bauer, the motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.*

6. Treasurer's Statement

Mr. Bauer gave a treasurer's statement that as of August 31, 2016 the Region has expended \$2,853,491.00 (8.64%) of the FY2017 approved budget of \$33,028,116.00. The only new item of discussion through the Finance Committee meeting was an unplanned fee based on actions from the State regarding the Connecticut Education Network. The district will now have to pay \$1200/month, which was originally funded by the State.

7. Superintendent's report

The BoE will continue presenting the Superintendent's report and will select different aspects of the district's work and present with an update which are aligned with initiatives and programming that were proposed through the budget process. The BoE will be asking support from the community to initiate programming and for the Board to show evidence of the return. On the docket to date are the following items:

Update on assessments K-12, Enrichment Program (Power Hour) elementary level, Course changes for WMS & NHS, UConn ECE Programming, Arts & Music, Technology & new CAD labs, more curriculum updates, Social Media monitoring, Pedometer Program at the elementary level. Dr. Anna will have other initiatives to present throughout the year.

8. Board Committee Reports

- A. NHS Building – Mr. Chapman will present at the next BoE meeting to be held on October 3, 2016
- B. Public Relations – Ms. Zmek advised that the PR committee is working on establishing goals. The BoE will be holding a Community Conversation on November 6 on the topic of “What do we want for students in Region 14?” To get community input to discuss what we would like to see for our children in Region 14.

9. Board Chair’s Comments - Advised the BoE that they received an onboarding booklet for all board members old and new as a review and to help with any questions.

10. Privilege of the Floor - None

11. New Business

- A. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve the Agriscience Curriculum as presented. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. Discussion: Mr. Bauer liked the consistency of the curriculum and the content was thorough. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.**
- B. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve the Board of Education goals as presented. Entered by Mr. Bauer and seconded by Mr. Lampart. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.**
- C. Mr. Bauer moved that the BoE go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract modification and the MOU as identified. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.** Dr. Anna was invited to join.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:10 pm and ended the session at 8:38 pm. Mr. Bauer moved that the BoE approve the MOU regarding Department Chair Stipend as presented. Seconded by Ms. Zmek. **Unanimously opposed 0-5-0. Motion failed.**

12. Old Business

Follow up discussion on CNVRAC Student Survey Results. Dr. Anna advised that we plan on working to set up a youth retreat this fall/winter. Youth to share the results with the community and Dr. Anna will give an update during one of the superintendent’s reports.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Lampart entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Ms.Zmek. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0-0.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

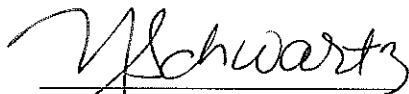
Future Regular Meetings:

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
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:

Monday, October 3, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., NHS LMC
Monday, October 17, 2016, Building Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., BES
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, 9/14/2016

