

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: George Bauer, Michael Devine, David Lampart, Pamela Zmek, Carol Ann Brown, 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, MES Principal Jodie Roden, NHS director of Athletics Susan Greene, Agriscience teachers Bill Davenport, Tyler Cremeans, Liz Webb, Student Reps Owen Fitzgerald & Hannah Ringeisen, and Board clerk Natascha Schwartz. Also in attendance were parents of the student reps, Jennifer Dewitt of CNVRAC, and one member of the community.

Absent: John Chapman

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 MES, Owen Fitzgerald and Hannah Ringeisen stated the top 10 reasons MES is the best school.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Morgan requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 22, 2016. Entered by Mr. Devine and seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the motion carried unanimously.*

**5. Superintendent's report**

- Revision of 2016-17 Calendar:

Dr. Anna notified the BoE and the public of a change to the 2016-17 school calendar. The elementary school conferences will be moved from November 16, 17, 18 to November 15, 17, 18 as well as from March 15, 16, 17 to March 14, 16, 17. This is due to abbreviated Wednesday schedules, whereby the buses do not have enough time to get all of the students home on time and in some instances, the younger children are getting home earlier than the older ones.

- Enrollment update:

Dr. Anna was very excited to advise that enrollment increased by 7 children compared to last year.

- Agriscience Presentation

Mr. Rafferty presented a brief overview of the new Agriscience Curriculum which will be voted on at the next BoE regular meeting, September 19, 2016. This was a huge undertaking and was a collaborative effort with a wonderful team which included Bill Davenport, Tyler Cremeans, Liz Webb who were present at the BoE meeting, and many others.

- Search Survey Data Results

Presentation of executive summary level snapshot given by Jennifer Dewitt of CNVRAC in partnership with ASAP. The survey was given to students in grades 7 through 12 in May 2016 to determine at risk behaviors to better program and intervene.

A total of 694 students were surveyed anonymously via an online medium, of which 141 were discarded (20%) due to incompleteness. There was a 71% sample participation rate. There were unique characteristics with this survey as it was done online rather than the typical paper survey. Normally it is preferred to have an 80% sample participation rate for more accurate results.

Next steps:

- Continuation: in depth discussion at next BoE meeting to be held September 19, 2016.
- Hold a youth retreat (8 hour session) which usually takes place on a Friday or Saturday, requiring 10-15 adult volunteers. The volunteers would be trained by Ms. Dewitt orchestrating the data. She would give the youth an abridged course on the 40 assets, of which these assets would get whittled down to the top 3 strengths and concerns and then how these concerns can be addressed. This would become the youth preliminary action plan for sharing back to the community. There would also be faculty training, parent training, as well as youth training youth (peer helper groups).

## 6. Board Committee Reports

### A. Building Committee

Mr. Chapman was not present, but Ms. Morgan advised that the BOE to receive an update at next meeting.

### B. Finance/Facilities

Mr. Bauer gave an overview of what was discussed at the Finance/Facilities committee meeting held on September 6, 2016. This included the budget YTD expenditures 2016-17, the format of information for the future.

He also mentioned the letter that was read at the last BoE meeting from the Woodbury BoF regarding ECS Grant funds allocation and at the community level discussed and are encouraged to obtain more data to be able to look into it more in depth. He discussed having BoE liaisons present at BoF meetings.

## 7. Privilege of the Floor - None

## 8. Board Chair's Comments - None

## 9. New Business

- A. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Nonnewaug High School Baseball team students to attend a spring training camp in historic Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida, March 21, 2016 through March 26, 2016 for approximately 20 students, 2-4 coaches, and chaperones via air and funded by students and by fundraising. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Nonnewaug High School Vo-Ag students to the Royal Winter Agricultural Exposition in Toronto, Canada, November 10, 2016 through November 13, 2016 for 42 students, and 12 chaperones via coach bus and funded by students and through FFA Chapter funds. Seconded by Ms. Van Aken. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. Old Business

Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Board and the Instructional Support Union covering the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Board Chair to sign said agreement, subject to any further necessary legal review. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Mr. Bauer. **Motion carried unanimously.**  
The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.


Future Regular Meetings:

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, 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, 9/14/2016

