

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held April 3, 2017 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: Janet Morgan, Mary Ann Van Aken, Carol Ann Brown, George Bauer, Pam Zmek, Dave Lampart, Mike Devine, and John Chapman by phone. Also in attendance were Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Wayne McAllister, Mike Rafferty and Kim Culkin. Members of the public and Mike Preato from Voices. Alex DeSorbo from Woodbury Finance Board.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prior to approval of the meeting minutes, Ms. Van Aken motioned to vote on adding agenda item to suspend policy 9750 to allow absent board member John Chapman to participate and vote via telephone. Seconded by Dave Lampart. The **motion carried 7-0-0.**

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Van Aken motioned to accept minutes of Regular Meeting on March 6, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

Ms. Van Aken moved to accept minutes of Special Meeting on March 18, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 6-0-2**, with Mr. Bauer and Mr. Lampart abstaining.

Ms. Van Aken moved to accept minutes of Special Meeting on March 20, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 6-0-2**, with Mr. Chapman and Mr. Lampart abstaining)

Ms. Van Aken moved to accept minutes of Special Meeting on March 27, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

Ms. Van Aken moved to accept minutes of Special Meeting on March 28, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard turned the meeting over to Mike Rafferty to explain the addition of English course electives for the 2017-18 school year:

- a) Sports Literature & Research
- b) Many Cultures, Many voices: Multicultural Experiences in Literature.

5. Board Chair Comments – none

6. Public Comment

John Torr  of Woodbury commented on the Star Preschool Program and his need to get more details on the budget for the program, reimbursements and offset costs. He feels the parents should have been asked about adoption of new program and costs. Stephanie Chapman of Woodbury also wanted to know the benefits of the new program. Concerned about all day for three year olds. Mike Losh of Woodbury, a new parent, also concerned about the changes. Maria Van Galen of Woodbury concerned about her special needs three year old who also has food allergies and his eating in the school cafeteria.

7. Old Business

Ms. Van Aken moved that the board approve the following mandated policies supplied and revised by CAFE Policy Services, having been reviewed and recommended by the Policy Committee and as presented: 3152(a-c), 5141.25, 6114 (a-b), 7211, 7221. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

8. New Business

- A. Mr. Bauer moved that the Board of Education name Saturday, June 17, 2017, as the Graduation Date for the NHS Class of 2017 as presented. Seconded by Dave Lampart. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**
- B. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve NHS Agriscience students' educational out-of-state trip to St. Louis, MO and seconded by Dave Lampart. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**
- C. Mr. Bauer moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the Superintendent's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$33,443, 471 as presented to the board. Seconded by Ms. Van Aken. Mr. Bauer then moved to amend the current motion to deduct \$52,722 of capital reserve funds along with \$5000 for program correction. The **motion tied 4-4 therefore failed. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Van Aken, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Lampart against, Mr. Bauer, Ms. Zmek, Ms. Brown and Mr. Devine in favor.**

Mr. Bauer moved to amend the first motion by reducing the amount by \$5000 to bring the total percentage from 1.26% to 1.24%. The new total amount would be \$33,438,471. Seconded by Ms. Van Aken. The **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

Ms. Van Aken then moved that Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the amended Superintendent's budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$33,438, 471. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried 6-2-0. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Van Aken, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lampart, Mr. Bauer, and Ms. Zmek in favor, Mr. Devine and Ms. Brown against.**

Ms. Zmek requested that the motion be rescinded for additional clarification. Mr. Bauer motioned to rescind his amended motion and Ms. Van Aken seconded. The **motion carried 8-0-0.**

After a brief discussion, Ms. Van Aken then moved that Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the amended Superintendent's budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$33,438, 471. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. Board Chair Morgan asked if all members understood the motion and called for a vote. The **motion carried 5-3-0. Ms. Morgan, Ms. Van Aken, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Lampart, Mr. Bauer in favor and Ms. Zmek, Mr. Devine and Ms. Brown against.**

- D. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Board of Education schedule and warn the Annual District Meeting for Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7 PM at NHS in Woodbury, CT concerning the 2017-2018 budget with said meeting to be adjourned to a referendum on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, CT. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

- E. Ms. Van Aken moved that the Secretary of the Board of Education is authorized, in such official's discretion, to prepare and cause to be printed and distributed explanatory text regarding the 2017-2018 budget referendum scheduled for May 2, 2017, with such explanatory text subject to the review and approval of the District's legal counsel and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes. Seconded by Mr. Lampart. The **motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.**

9. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken *moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Lampart. Motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.*
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Brown, Secretary

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 4/21/2017