

The Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held March 28, 2017 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Rd, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members: Michael Devine, Carol Ann Brown, David Lampart, George Bauer, Maryanne Van Aken, Janet Morgan, Pam Zmek, John Chapman, and BOE clerk, Natascha Schwartz. Also in attendance were Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Michael Rafferty, Wayne McAllister, Kim Culkin, Chrissy Fensore, and one member of the community, Jim Crocker
Missing:

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Each BOE member submitted questions in advance of the meeting and were brought to the table. Mr. McAllister provided written responses to the previously submitted questions.

Additional questions that were asked in person at the workshop needing further investigation were the following:

1. Ms. Brown asked what the \$1K represents on page 52 regarding equipment general supplies. Mr. McAllister believes it is the floor scrubber but will get back to BOE for the next meeting.
2. Ms. Morgan wanted to know about the Science Dues on page 53. Dr. Anna advised that this amount goes with the new Science curriculum.
3. Mr. Devine remarked that Region 14 employees having Verizon phones should have access to WIFI calling. He asked if the region needs the boosters if we have access to VOIP calling. Mr. McAllister will revisit during contract renewal which will take place in July.

Ms. Morgan commented that from Dr. Anna's budget presentation to the BOS/BOF, her key takeaway message was that the towns were more upset with state cutting funds, than with the Superintendent's proposed budget.

Dr. Anna asked the BOE members if they truly believe that additional cuts are necessary to her proposed budget and if yes, she requested some feedback from them as to which areas they propose to cut funds from.

Mr. Bauer suggested a \$52,500 reduction in the NHS building project allocation which is the amount of the bond interest payment.

Three members of the BOE were in agreement that they would like additional cuts before approving the budget.

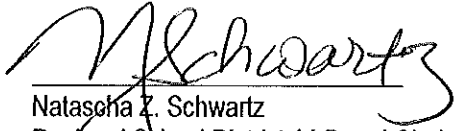
Dr. Anna proposed to give options with dollar amounts on areas where the BOE could potentially cut at the next BOE meeting on 04/03/2017.

The next special BOE budget workshop to be held on 04/03/17 at 6:00pm in the central office conference room.

Ms. Morgan requested a motion to adjourn. *Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Chapman, the motion carried unanimously 8-0-0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Natascha Z. Schwartz
Regional School District 14 Board Clerk

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