

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, John Chapman, Charles Cosgriff, Michael Devine, Janet Morgan, and Maryanne Van Aken; Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister, Administrators Alice Jones, Jodie Roden, Kimberly Culkin, Christina Fensore, Michael Rafferty and Holly Wrenn; and about 75 community members.

Absent: Pamela Zmek

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Reports from Student Representatives

Mitchell Elementary School student representatives Sophia Dmitriyeva and Jack Rubacha reported on recent happenings at their school.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bauer requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 2, 2016.*

Entered by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Devine, the **motion carried 5-0-2** with Ms. Brown and Mr. Chapman abstaining.

Mr. Bauer requested a *motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 9, 2016.*

Entered by Ms. Brown and seconded by Mr. Devine. The **motion carried 7-0.**

5. Presentations

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard introduced Ms. Roden, who will begin her service as Principal of Mitchell Elementary School on July 1st. Ms. Roden said a few words about her enthusiasm regarding her new role at MES.

Ms. Jones recognized faculty members Todd Gorski, Leeza Desjardins and Amy Perras for their efforts in ensuring the success of the NHS production of *Cinderella*.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard noted the many accomplishments of NHS student, Adella Carlson, who performed a clarinet solo for the audience.

6. Information and Proposals

A. Committee reports

For the Building Committee, Mr. Chapman noted that Building Committee minutes can be found on the website. He reported on the recent meeting with the state office of school construction grants, and discussed upcoming construction manager interviews.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard called on Ms. Fensore to give an update on Special Education. Along with faculty members Doriene Wester, Maureen Marshall and Erica Fradette, she discussed the Second Steps program, a research based Pre K-8 program for social and emotional learning.

C. Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Bauer encouraged all citizens to vote in tomorrow's referendum. He noted that the budget contains up to date ECS grant funding.

7. Privilege of the Floor

None.

8. Business Requiring Board Action

Mr. Bauer requested the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Nonnewaug High School students to Spain, planned for July 2017, for 5-6 students with 1 faculty chaperone, via bus, train, and air transportation and costing approximately \$3,400 per student, funded by students' families.* Entered by Ms. Van Aken, seconded by Ms. Brown.

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard presented survey results from NHS, as well as a report from CAPSS regarding international travel.

Mr. McAllister read a worldwide caution from the US Department of State, and the European travel alert issued 3/22/16.

The **motion failed 0-7.**

9. Board of Education Self Reflection

Board members completed a self-reflection task.

10. Announcement of Future Meetings

Mr. Bauer reviewed upcoming meetings:

- A. Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Building Committee, 6:30 pm, NHS LMC
- B. Friday, May 27, 2016, ad hoc Safety Committee, 12:00 noon, COCR
- C. Monday, June 6, 2016, Regular Board of Education, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC
- D. Tuesday, June 7, 2016, Building Committee, 6:30 pm, NHS LMC
- E. Friday, June 17, 2016, ad hoc Safety Committee, 12:00 noon, COCR
- F. Monday, June 20, 2016, Regular Board of Education, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC
- G. Tuesday, June 21, 2016, Building Committee, 6:30 pm, NHS LMC

Mr. Chapman also noted upcoming Building Committee meetings on May 19, June 1 and June 2.

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Mr. Cosgriff. **Motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Cosgriff, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Regional School District 14 Board of Education

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Debra W. Carlton, Board Clerk, 5/24/2016