

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, August 24, 2015 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown (8:00 pm), John Chapman, Michael Devine, Janet Morgan, and Pamela Zmek; Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister, Director of Special Services Christina Fensore, Director of Teaching and Learning Michael Rafferty, Director of Human Resources Kimberly Culkin, Principals Alice Jones, Susan Ruddock and Holly Wrenn; administrators and faculty Bill Nemece, Suzi Greene, Katie Yocis and Wendy Yatsenick; Board Clerk Deb Carlton, and about 10 members of the community.

Absent: Maryanne Van Aken and Charles Cosgriff

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bauer requested a *motion to approve the regular/reorganizational meeting minutes of July 6, 2015.*

Entered by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Ms. Zmek, the **motion carried 5-0.**

4. Presentation

Ms. Jones presented Region 14's Finest for Nonnewaug High School. Members of the Gradnite committee - Christine Paige, Jamie Paige, Lisa Fraser, Julie Biron, Kim Swanson, and Deb Sapack – were honored and appreciated for their exceptional efforts in creating a positive, enjoyable, memorable and safe Gradnite event for the seniors to spend their last time together as a class.

5. Information and Proposals

A. Committee reports

For Policy, Mr. Chapman updated the board on policy revision work, will have 2 policies for review and approval later in the evening, and will meet with his committee again on 9/14 at 6:30 pm

For Finance, Mr. Devine reported having met on 7/27 to review year end numbers, Agriscience funding, chrome book pricing, and background checks to include municipal volunteers for \$3/check.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard said she takes the board goal of attracting and retaining the best personnel seriously, and took a moment to introduce new administrators Holly Wrenn and Suzi Greene, as well as new NHS school counselor and department chair Wendy Yatsenick. She asked Mr. McAllister to give an update on summer projects, which he did, providing pictures, too.

C. Board Chair's Comments

Mr. Bauer provided a handout on district norms, Board goals, and the role of the chair. He has determined committee assignments, and he reminded the board members that he can make announcements for them during his comments. He made two: a remembrance walk to remember those lost to substance abuse will take place at Hollow Park on 9/11 at 6:30 pm; and a drug take-back event is scheduled for 9/26 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Woodbury Resident Trooper's office.

6. Privilege of the Floor

Marion Pelletier, Woodbury, asked for clarification on the chrome books – was it to be a purchase or a lease?

Mr. Bauer indicated the board would be discussing this shortly.

7. Business Requiring Board Action

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *that the Region 14 Board of Education award the contract for the purchase of 1600 Dell Chromebooks utilizing the CT Dept of Administrative Services Contract Award #11psx0248 to: DELL Marketing LPO, One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX*

1600 Dell Chromebooks \$574,400

1600 Google Chrome OS Management Console License (Education) \$44,800

1600 Dell USB Optical Mouse \$12,800

Total \$632,000

Second by Ms. Zmek. Mr. McAllister explained the process for leasing the chromebooks with the option to buy at the end of three years for \$1 each, and that this is a government lease and a vehicle to acquire these devices. Dr. Cutaia-Leonard added that the grade two teachers were also anxious to use the devices and will utilize them in class only.

There was discussion about the three year span of the lease, and how the budgeted number compares with this acquisition.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *that the Region 14 Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of Master Lease Agreement No. 565975-11568*

Lessor: Dell Financial Services, LLC, One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX

Dell Chromebook Lease payment structure: 0.00% interest; 3 annual level payments; lease payments due July of 3 successive years beginning in 2016: \$210,667 year 2: \$210,667 year 3: \$210,666 for a total of \$632,000

Seconded by Ms. Morgan, who again expressed concern over the change between what the Finance committee heard and what was brought to the board in terms of the length of the lease. Mr. Devine also commented that the source of funding was not understood in committee; he felt the motion should have been for the four year period and then modified to change it to three.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Morgan entered the following motion: *that the Region 14 Board of Education award the contract for the installation of interior camera and fiber infrastructure utilizing the CT Dept of Administrative Service Contract Award #09PSX0292 to:*

Tyco Integrated Security, 10 Research Parkway, Wallingford, CT as follows:

BES \$30,762; MES \$31,471; WMS \$37,534 for a total of \$99,767

Second by Ms. Zmek. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Board Policy 6141.328 Bring Your Own Device as presented.* Second by Ms. Morgan. Mr. Chapman explained that the administrative regulation is being separated from the policy, the original policy is intact, and the paragraph regarding photography is now in the regulation.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *that the Region 14 Board of Education approve Board Policy 6141.321 Acceptable Use as presented.* Second by Ms. Morgan. He explained that the changes made were to add robustness to the administrative regulation, and stressed that forms should be in the regulation, not the policy. **Motion carried 6-0.**

10. Announcement of Future Meetings

Mr. Bauer reviewed upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

Monday, September 21, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

Monday, October 5, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm NHS LMC

Monday, October 19, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, BES

He also noted the CABA Convention dates: November 20-21, 2015 and asked members to get their registration information to central office this week.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Chapman entered a *motion to adjourn*, second by Ms. Morgan. **Motion carried 6-0.** The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Brown, Secretary
Regional School District #14 Board of Education

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Debra W. Carlton, Board Clerk, 8/28/2015