

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, October 20, 2014 at Bethlehem Elementary School, 92 East Street, Bethlehem, Connecticut.

Present: Board members George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, John Chapman, Charles Cosgriff, Michael Devine, Maryanne Van Aken and Pamela Zmek; Superintendent Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Ed.D., Director of Finance and Operations Wayne McAllister; Director of Instruction Sue Domanico; BES Principal Susan Ruddock and WMS Principal Alice Jones; Technology Director Paul Ciotti; Board Clerk Deb Carlton; and four community members.

Absent: Janet Morgan

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bauer also wanted to publically thank and acknowledge the work of Dr. Frank Sippy for his service as interim Superintendent.

3. **Student Representative**

No report.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bauer requested a *motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 6, 2014*. Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0**.

5. **Presentations**

Ms. Ruddock honored cafeteria manager MaryEllen Moskaluk, and told of how she cares for staff and students and is always looking for ways to make food more healthy and appealing. Ms. Moskaluk has earned superior health inspection ratings and creates an inviting atmosphere for all in the BES café. Ms. Ruddock described her as a valued and appreciated member of the BES family and thanked her for her service, positive attitude and for all she does for the school.

The Board next heard from NHS Agriscience teacher, Sarah LaRose, who described her trip to South Korea this past summer. As part of a group of American teachers, she visited several types of South Korean high schools with agriscience programs, and she noted similarities and differences in how these programs are run as compared with the ones here in the states. She showed pictures of facilities and the countryside, and then took questions from the Board.

6. **Information and Proposals**

A. Committee Reports

For Finance, Mr. Devine reported that this committee had met on Monday to review legal fees, the school lunch program, Special Education outplacements and excess costs, and budget preparation timelines.

For Public/Community Relations, Ms. Brown reported having met tonight. She thanked Dr. Cutaia-Leonard for giving the committee a lot to think about. A welcome reception for her is planned for Sunday, November 2nd in the afternoon. Committee discussion centered around positive working partnerships with the school PTOs.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard reported on a successful first day and said she is thankful to be here. She visited MES today, will visit BES on Wednesday, WMS on Thursday and NHS on Friday. Her focus this week is to get into the schools and meet faculty and students. Each BoE member will be contacted about entry plan meetings; she appreciated the BoE retreat last week and looks forward to a follow up session next week; and her office will be registering for the CABE convention tomorrow.

C. Board Members' Comments

Mr. Bauer commented on the positive BoE retreat, during which visions and goals for the next term were discussed. Ms. Brown thanked Ms. Ruddock for her help with a recent grade 4 field trip to historical sites in Bethlehem.

7. Privilege of the Floor

None.

8. New Business requiring Board action

Mr. Bauer requested the following motion: *Move that the Board of Education approve WMS students to Washington, D.C., May 27-29, 2015, for approximately 140 students and 14 chaperones, with one administrator and one nurse, via coach bus, and funded by students' families.* Entered by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Bauer requested the following motion: *Move that the Board of Education approve NHS students to Firenze, Italy, July 5-14, 2015, for approximately 15 students and 2 faculty chaperones, via bus and air transportation, and funded by students' families.* Entered by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Bauer requested the following motion: *Move that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve transfers totaling \$413,991 as presented.* Entered by Mr. Devine and seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0.**

9. Future Meetings

11/3/14 Board of Education Meeting, NHS, 7:30 pm
11/18/14 Board of Education Meeting, NHS, 7:30 pm
Also, CABE/CAPSS Convention, Groton, CT 11/14-15/2014
Board Retreat Follow-up, 10/28/14, 6:00 pm

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn.*
Seconded by Mr. Devine the **motion carried 7-0.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:26 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, 10/24/14