

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, May 4, 2015 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/Operations Wayne McAllister; Director of Instruction Sue Domanico, Ed.D.; and about five additional members of the community.

Absent: Pamela Zmek

### **1. Call to Order**

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Student Representatives**

No report.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Bauer requested a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2015. Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0**.

### **5. Information and Proposals**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Cutaia-Leonard updated the Board on plans to pilot the Social Sentinel program for 14 months, and explained the nature of the service, cost, and her plans to inform parents and the community about it through letters and press releases prior to beginning use.

Revised graduation requirements were outlined and discussed by Andrew O'Brien, Pam Sordi, Shelley Rinaldi and Ray Robillard from Nonnewaug High School. No changes will be implemented for the class of 2015. Beginning with the class of 2016, two additional credits will be required. Questions from the board regarding specific numbers and revisiting numbers for adjustments were asked and answered.

The *Yourself* Series was discussed for use at Woodbury Middle School by Eric Bergeron and Carol Tomkalski. The board reviewed the evaluation worksheet for the proposed text. Comments from the board were positive as relates to this topic. Teacher Evaluation materials and Bloomboard were discussed with Dr. Domanico. Minor changes were recommended.

#### **B. Chairman's Announcements**

Mr. Bauer noted Ms. Zmek's absence was due to her son's graduation; highlighted student Delaney Romaniello's achievement in the Congressional Art competition; spoke about Team Beta's recent successes; and congratulated Dr. Domanico on having earned her Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.).

#### **C. Privilege of the Floor**

Tom Arras, Woodbury, commented on increases in Special Education spending.

#### **D. New Business requiring Board action**

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *Move that the Board of Education approve changes to the District's graduation requirements beginning with the 2015-2016 school year as presented to the Board at its meeting this evening, May 4, 2015.* Seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0**.

Mr. Chapman entered the following motion: *Move that the Board of Education approve the Yourself series as a textbook to be used by Woodbury Middle School beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.* Seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0**.

**E. Future Meetings**

Mr. Bauer reviewed upcoming meetings:

**Tuesday**, May 19, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

Monday, June 1, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

Monday, June 15, 2015, Regular Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

**10. Adjournment**

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn*.

Seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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, 5/14/2015