

A District meeting was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in the library of Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.
Approximately 24 members of the public were present, as well as two members of the press.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Board of Education Vice Chair Maryanne Van Aken called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

II. **APPOINTMENT OF MODERATOR**

Ms. Van Aken appointed Vincent McDermott to serve as moderator.

III. **APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CLERK BY MODERATOR**

Mr. McDermott appointed Carol Ann Brown to serve as meeting clerk.

IV. **CALL OF MEETING**

All electors and citizens who are qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District 14 will be held in the Library of Nonnewaug High School, Woodbury, Connecticut on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Purpose: To nominate candidates, at least three from Bethlehem and at least three from Woodbury, to fill four seats on the Regional School District Board of Education for the term of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

V. **NOMINATIONS**

Mr. McDermott opened the floor for nominations, requesting alternating between towns and beginning with Woodbury.

Marc Kroll of Woodbury nominated **John Chapman of 28 Fairgrounds Road in Woodbury.**
Dave Lampart of Woodbury seconded the nomination.

David Butkus of Bethlehem nominated **Pamela Zmek of 198 Paddy Hollow Road in Bethlehem.**

Ann Marie Mastroianni of Bethlehem seconded the nomination.

Dave Deakin of Bethlehem nominated **Maryanne Van Aken of 49 Old Grassy Hill Road in Woodbury.**

Wayne Anderson of Woodbury seconded the nomination.

John Swendsen of Bethlehem nominated **Michael Devine of 32 Arch Bridge Road in Bethlehem.**

Carol Ann Brown of Bethlehem seconded the nomination.

Art McNally of Woodbury nominated **Thomas Arras of 76 Main Street South in Woodbury.**
Cliff Atkins of Woodbury seconded the nomination.

David Butkus of Bethlehem nominated **Stephen Sordi of 71 Auncient Oak Road in Bethlehem.**

Art McNally of Woodbury seconded the nomination.

Dave Deakin of Bethlehem nominated **Sophiezane Bartlett of 89 Judge Lane in Bethlehem.**
Ann Marie Mastroianni of Bethlehem seconded the nomination.

Hearing nothing further, Mr. McDermott closed the floor for nominations. He invited those who had nominated candidates, or the candidates themselves, to say a few words.

Mr. Swendsen spoke on behalf of Mike Devine, describing him as level headed and with solid financial experience.

Ms. Brown noted that Pam Zmek had done a great job as a board member, is involved and good with students.

Mr. McNally commented that those who attend Board meetings know Tom Arras, who he said knows more than the Board members do. He is dedicated and well worth the vote.

Adele Taylor spoke in favor of Maryanne Van Aken's bid for re-election. She is a woman of action, works long hours with little thanks, and is patient and persistent. Ms. Taylor is a fan of Region 14 and of Maryanne Van Aken, she said.

Mr. Anderson also spoke of Ms. Van Aken's past efforts being rewarded with re-election. She has also won the outstanding volunteer award; she listens, is approachable, and has earned another term, he said.

Ms. Mastroianni spoke of 3 candidates from Bethlehem. She feels Pam Zmek is beyond the learning curve, having already served on the board; believes Steve Sordi exhibits fiscal responsibility; and commented that Sophiezane Bartlett has been there and is an incumbent.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mr. McDermott adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Brown, Secretary
Region 14 Board of Education

Recorded and filed by: Debra W. Carlton, Board Clerk, 5/9/14