

Region 14 Schools

Serving the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury

PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes

Tuesday, March 29, 2022; 7:00 p.m.
Auditorium, Nonnewaug High School
5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT

Present:

Jim Crocker, Presiding Board Member
Carol Ann Brown
Jonathan Kapstein
Chris Matta
David Butkus

Absent:

George Bauer
Michael Devine
Tikva Rose

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Donna Marcinek, Director of Student Services
Wendy Nelson Kauffman, Director of Teaching and Learning
Lou DeLuca, Moderator

Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Appointment of Moderator

Mr. Crocker appointed Mr. DeLuca as moderator of the meeting.

IV. Appointment of Meeting Clerk by the Moderator

Mr. DeLuca appointed Patricia Paige as meeting clerk.

V. Call of the Meeting

Mr. DeLuca read the Call of the Meeting:

To present and receive questions about the Regional School District 14 Superintendent's proposed budget for 2022-2023. Mr. DeLuca deferred to the Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister to present the budget.

VI. Presentation of the Superintendent's proposed Region 14 Budget for the 2022/2023 School Year

The budget was developed to support board of education goals and vision of a learner with additional supports to improve Math and English Language Arts outcomes.

Mr. McAllister's budget presentation began with a commentary summarizing the Board of Education's goals, Vision of a Learner attributes and the district's progress with the initiative, student academic growth based on NWEA testing, iReady and SAT-centered Student Learning Objectives, professional learning offerings, safe and secure schools' assessments and technology upgrades.

The budget summary included justifications for each of the line items; salaries, funding for positions added during 2021/2022, employee benefits, purchased services, supplies and materials, capital outlay and dues, and insurance and debt services.

The 2021-2022 budget totaled \$37,721,126. The projected budget for 2022-2023 totals \$38,640,279 with a difference of \$919,133 or 2.44%. However, factoring in revenue of \$3,313,521 and \$3,970,733 respectively, the net impact to the towns is \$261,921 or 0.76% for 2022/2023.

**VII. Budget Comments and Questions by the Public
Karen Reddington-Hughes**

Made an inquiry regarding S.E.L. (Social Emotional Learning); is there a baseline from prior years

VIII. Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, Mr. DeLuca adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk