

A Special Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler; Interim Director of Finance/Operations John Turk; Board members John Chapman, Charles Cosgriff, Maryanne Van Aken and Gary Suslavich

Absent: Board members George Bauer, Sophiezane Bartlett, Pam Zmek and John Swendsen

Audience members: Mike Devine, Sharon Gomes, Doriene Wester, Deb and Alex DeSorbo, and Art McNally

I. Call to Order

Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Region 14 Budget 2013-14 and School Safety/Security

Discussion centered on adding back School Resource Officers (SRO) on the recommendation of the ad hoc safety committee. After a "lively discussion," that group had unanimously decided to recommend to the Board of Education adding \$300,000 to the budget for safety initiatives. Because the budget already contained two SROs for \$110,000, the need would be to add an additional \$190,000 for 2 SROs and other safety initiatives totaling the \$300,000.

Also, Ms. Van Aken requested social workers be part of the discussion after the meeting on April 8th. Since a 0.25 FTE social worker is already in the budget, and additional 0.75 FTE is still needed to bring all social workers back to full time status.

The request was also made that the Board receive a job description for the SRO for the April 1st meeting. It was noted that Jerry Stomski will be doing an executive summary for the ad hoc safety committee.

III. Adjournment

Mr. Suslavich entered a *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Mr. Cosgriff. The **motion carried 4-0**. The meeting of the Board of Education adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maryanne Van Aken, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Regional School District #14 Board of Education

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