

Minutes of the Personnel Committee of the Board of Education
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August 6th, 2012

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Thursday August 2, 2012 in the Conference Room of the Central Office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler, Committee Chair Maryanne Van Aken, and committee members Gary Suslavich, Board Chair George Bauer sitting in for John Chapman, NHS Principal Andy O'Brien, WMS Principal Alice Jones, Community Member Deb DeSorbo

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 6:05pm.

The committee discussed the following:

- 1. Common Planning Time:** A. O'Brien presented a proposal to change the Common Planning Time from Wed. mornings to Monday Afternoons. During the 11-12 school year students would ride the bus and report to study halls or they would arrive late in time for their 8:15 period 1 class. With this schedule teachers needed to supervise study halls for the approximately 528 students in the building resulting in limited opportunities for Common Planning time especially in Non-Core Subjects. Staff met on a 3 week rotation where Core Classes (Math, Science, Social Studies and English) met twice and Non Core classes (Business/Technology, Unified Arts, Agra-science, World Language and Guidance) met once per three week cycle. Under the new proposal for the 12-13 school year classes would begin everyday at 7:25 and students would be dismissed at 1:49 on Mondays. Any students that needed to stay for afternoon activities would be supervised in either the Café or LMC in a study hall. All Departments would meet every week resulting in Common Planning Time being increased to 4 times a month for everyone. A. Jones reported that WMS will also be dismissing students at 1:49 on Mondays to keep the bus schedules as is and will use this time to offer Parents the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers early in the school year. These meetings will provide clarity about academics, programs and policies and enhance the school/family partnerships. This Common Planning Time will also be used to collaborate with NHS faculty about vertical alignment of curriculum, planning and assessing WMS Advisory Program, reviewing data related to improving school climate and additional professional development. Please see attached documents for additional information. The Planning Committee unanimously approved these plans and look forward to further discussion with the entire BOE on Aug. 20th.

- 2. Graduation Requirements:** A. O'Brien discussed NHS Projected Graduation Requirements proposing an increase for the Class of 2016 (Incoming Freshmen) of 23 credits, the following year, 13-14 the Class of 2017 (Current 8th graders) would be required to earn 24 credits and in the 14-15 school year the class of 2018 (Current 7th graders) would be required to earn 25 credits to graduate. Please see the attached document "Nonnewaug High School Purposeful Growth Over Time" for additional information.

- 3. Additional Parent Conference Days:** J. Goeler requested that one day be added to the school calendar for Parent Teacher Conferences at MES and BES. The dates for these conferences would be November 26, 27 and 28. This will be brought before the full BOE on Aug. 20th for approval.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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