

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Region 14 Public/Community Relations Committee was held on Monday, October 15, 2012 in the Region 14 Central Office Conference Room, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT.

The following members were present: Maryanne VanAken, Sophiezane Bartlett, Committee Chair Pamela Zmek.

Also present was Superintendent Jody Ian Goeler and Chuck Cosgriff.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to the Bylaws/Policy Committee meeting with legal council running longer than expected, which included several members of this Committee.

The Committee continued discussion of forming a Superintendent's Advisory Council comprised of various segments of the Region 14 Community. The purpose of the group is to bring a community perspective to discussions within the Region. It was suggested that Town officials, Seniors, business leaders, employees and clergy be considered as part a discussion with the Superintendent with regard to issues concerning Region 14 students. Committee members will bring suggestions to the next meeting. This group will meet on a quarterly basis for televised meetings with Superintendent Goeler. The members of the panel will remain the same for each discussion.

The issue of naming a Board liaison to attend Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings in both towns was tabled. It was felt by the Committee that because the Superintendent will be scheduling monthly meetings with both groups, this position was not needed at this time.

The Superintendent's Forum, which will discuss current topics in education, will begin in December. This panel will discuss a different topic and will consist of different members each time. The discussions will be shown on NEAT TV. Mr. Goeler passed out a list of possible topics for the Committee to consider for the first panel. Plans will be finalized at our November meeting and a topic from the list will be decided upon.

Superintendent Goeler will discuss with Mr. O'Brien choosing several student representatives to the Board. It was felt that if several students were chosen, they could rotate attendance at Board meetings if necessary due to students' busy schedules.

Mr. Goeler has scheduled a joint meeting with the Boards of Finance, Boards of Selectmen for December 13th.

The final item on the agenda, "Region 14 News - Getting the Message Out," was tabled as Committee members had to attend the Board of Education meeting immediately following this meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Pamela Zmek*

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Pamela Zmek, Chair  
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