

Region 14 Schools

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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education

Monday, June 20, 2022; 7:00 p.m.

Flanders Room/Mitchell Elementary School

14 School St, Woodbury, CT 06798

Present:

George Bauer, Chairman
Jim Crocker
Carol Ann Brown
Christopher Matta
David Butkus
Michael Devine
Jonathan Kapstein
Tikva Rose

Absent:

N/a

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Wendy Nelson Kauffman, Retiring Director of
Teaching and Learning
Taryn Fernandez, Newly appointed Director of
Teaching and Learning
Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

Chairman Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the Board and Central Office introduced themselves.

Mr. Crocker presented Mr. Bauer with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his many years of service on the Board of Education. He was thanked for his commitment, hard work, and wisdom for the benefit of the children.

Chairman Bauer expressed his appreciation to his fellow board members both past and present.

Mr. Bauer recognized Juneteenth, a holiday intended to celebrate, with great respect and joy, the significance of African Americans' resilience, fortitude and freedom in the United States.

I. Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting dated Monday, June 6, 2022

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to accept/approve the minutes as presented; David Butkus abstained; motion carried.

II. Acting Superintendent's Report

A. Athletic Presentation

Toby Denman, a faculty member and coach, was recognized for his 200th Soccer Victory; he was presented with a trophy for this feat.

Mr. John Dominello presented the Nonnewaug Athletic Club's McEneaney/Condon Ironman Award to Madeline Roden, Peyton Cocchiola and Daniel Jaffin.

Paige Brant shared an athletic video presentation highlighting sports throughout the year.

Nonnewaug High School also received the Berkshire League Ted Alex Award, which is presented to the Berkshire League School, which compiles the best overall record in Boys' and Girls' sports while demonstrating the attributes of sportsmanship.

B. FFA Presentation

No report

Mr. McAllister introduced Nicole Lewis as the new Assistant Principal at Nonnewaug High School.

Wendy Nelson Kauffman and Taryn Fernandez provided an update on Standardized Tests and Teaching and Learning. The CSDE completed the rollout of scores to districts; in mid-August scores will be released to the public, a comparison with other districts will be available.

III. Committee Reports

A. Finance

1. Memorandum of Agreement Between Regional School District #14 and EdAdvance effective for the 2022/2023 School Year:

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to accept/approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented; no further discussion; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy (Second Read)

1. Policy 6144 Controversial Issues

A motion was made by David Butkus, seconded by Tikva Rose, to accept/approve Policy 6144 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

2. Policy 6147 Advanced Course Participation

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve Policy 6147 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

3. Policy 9300 Bylaws of the Board

A motion was made by Tikva Rose, seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve Policy 9300 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

4. Policy 4110, Sexual, Racial, and Other Unlawful Harassment (Personnel)/Policy 4110A, Administrative Regulations, Procedure for

Employee Complaints of Sexual, Racial, and Other Unlawful Harassment (Personnel)

A motion was made by Tikva Rose and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve Policies 4110 and 4110A as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

5. Policy 5145.5 Sexual, Racial, and Other Unlawful Harassment (Students)/Policy R5145.5A Procedures for Complaints of Sexual, Racial and Other Unlawful Harassment (Students)

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve Policies 5145.5 and R5145.5A as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. Curriculum

Jonathan Kapstein reported that the Curriculum Committee met on June 9th. Recommendations from the committee were brought forward under New Business.

IV. Board Chair's Comments

The BoE ad hoc Sports Committee held a meeting on June 15 regarding the topic of a potential Lacrosse Program in the district. The committee was recently notified that the CIAC Board has now approved Co-op programs to start with a larger number of players, with the caveat that they will not be able to participate in tournament play. The consensus of the committee was to bring the proposal to the full board for consideration once the framework for a MoU has been constructed. Efforts are on-going.

Mr. Bauer expressed his appreciation to Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister, a strong and steady leader who leads by example. He was thanked for his service to the district.

V. Privilege of the Floor

Paul Zulpa

Congratulated the new Board members, commended the Board for their hard work in hiring Mr. Brian Murphy as the new Superintendent; thanked Mr. McAllister for all of his hard work and acknowledged departing Board member and Chairman, George Bauer.

Acknowledged some of the Art recognitions in the district and inquired why he was bringing the information to the Board and not the Director of Fine Arts.

VI. Old Business

A. Textbook (second read)

1. McKay's: A History of Western Society Thirteenth Edition

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to accept/approve the textbook as presented; Tikva Rose and George Bauer abstained; motion carried.

B. Curriculum

1. Guitar Class

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Michael Devine to accept/approve the Guitar Class/textbook; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried

unanimously.

2. Sports and Society (framework)

A motion was made by Jim Crocker; seconded by Chris Matta; to accept/approve the framework of the Sports and Society class and to hold the class pending curriculum approval;

Discussion

The framework is the level of approval before doing a rigorous detail of curriculum work.

David Butkus and Michael Devine abstained; motion carried.

VII. New Business:

Out-of-State Field Trip; Camp Oswegatchie, Croghan, NY; July 31, 2022 to August 5, 2022

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Dave Butkus to accept/approve the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Wayne McAllister, on behalf of the Region 14 leadership, acknowledged and thanked George Bauer for his 12 years of service to the Board and for always putting the interests of students first. Mr. Bauer was presented with an engraved pewter bowl for his service as both a member and chair.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Chairman Bauer announced that a Meet and Greet would immediately follow the meeting for newly appointed Superintendent, Mr. Brian Murphy.

IX. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Devine to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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