

Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Board of Education  
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February 6, 2012

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Monday, February 6, 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 Pamela Zmek, Gary Suslavich, Board Chair Chuck Cosgriff sitting in for John Swendsen, Facilities Comm. Chair George Bauer and Business Manager James Reese.

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

The committee discussed the following:

1. **NHS Staffing and programs**: A request by A. O'Brien Principal of NHS for 1 FTE position to launch the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) program was discussed. J. Goeler spoke to the importance of having a systematic approach for course offerings starting in grade 9 thru 12 in the STEM area. The group of students at WMS involved in the Robotics Team would be perfect candidates for the STEM course offerings. After much discussion the Comm. requested a breakdown of our present course offerings and that A. O'Brien come to the next Planning Comm. meeting for further discussion.
2. **Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director Position**: J. Goeler presented a job description for this position. The Comm. discussed the importance of this position in moving the district forward in curriculum development and implementation. It was noted by J. Goeler that the Curriculum Coordinator positions had all been eliminated by the previous BOE.
3. **Protecting our Educational infrastructure**: The Comm. discussed the plans by the Facilities Comm. to develop a list of critical Capital Improvements that could be bonded and presented for taxpayer approval along with the 2012-2013 School Budget. G. Bauer expressed concerns regarding delaying of a much discussed Building Project. After much discussion the Comm. agreed that we should move forward with the bond and continue to develop a comprehensive plan that addresses the education needs for our "classrooms of the future". The consensus was that we should be prepared to present this plan to the public within the next 1 ½ - 2 years.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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