

Minutes of the Planning Committee of the Board of Education  
Regional School District 14 [www.ctreg.org](http://www.ctreg.org)  
April 2, 2012

A meeting of the Planning Committee of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Monday, April 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 Pamela Zmek, Gary Suslavich, Agri-Science Chair Bill Davenport, Community Members Deb DeSorbo, Pam Gagenbach, George Bauer joined the group at 6:30.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Van Aken at 6:00PM.

The committee discussed the following:

#### **AquaScience Program at Nonnewaug High School**

B. Davenport discussed the importance of adding an AquaScience offering for our Vo-Ag students. NHS and Glastonbury High School are the only two schools out of the 19 Vo-Ag programs statewide that do not offer AquaScience in their course offerings. The enrollment for 2012-2013 will grow to 354 which will further tax the student – teacher ratio. NHS has been cited twice by the State Dept. of Ed. for being noncompliant of the 35 -1 state regulated ratios. The addition of the .5 staff will bring the student – teacher ratio to 47. The Region still has work to do to bring these numbers closer to 35-1 in the future. The group also discussed elevating some of the Agri-Science course offerings to Level 1 status rather than the Level 2 & 3 designation they now have. B. Davenport will bring suggestions to a Planning Comm. meeting before the end of the school year to address this issue.

#### **Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Position**

The Planning Comm. discussed whether the Assistant Superintendent position in the 2012-2013 budget could be changed to a Curriculum Director position if reductions needed to be made to the bottom line of the budget. J. Goeler responded that the curriculum component of that position was critical to the advancement of the Region and that he and his Leadership Team would be in support of that decision if need be.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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