

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Region 14 Community/Public Relations Committee was held on Monday, September 20, 2010 in the Region 14 Central Office Conference Room, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: George Bauer, Board Chairman Stephen Sordi, Deborah Corsico, and Committee Chair Pamela Zmek.

The following members of the Region 14 Administration and Faculty were present: Dr. Robert Cronin, Superintendent and Jay Hubelbank, Director of Fiscal Services, Ms. Alice Jones, Ms. Arlene Campbell and Ms. Melinda McKenna.

Also in attendance were two members of the press and several members of the community.

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 by Pamela Zmek.

The following matters were discussed:

- A schedule of meetings for the remainder of the 2010 calendar year will be established in a future meeting. Any cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on the Region 14 Board of Education website.
- Copies of the draft blank format for the Grade Configuration Report were handed out. The format was reviewed with the following suggestions:
 - It was suggested also that the referendum question as written by Board counsel be placed in the “Purpose of Report” section.
 - It was suggested that the statutory language relating to section 10-47(c) of the Connecticut General Statutes be inserted in the “History” section, along with the Letter to Parents as written and approved by Dr. Cronin, Board counsel and Chairman Sordi.
 - Additional administrative staff and faculty will be added as needed.
 - Dr. Cronin recommended that the “Sources” section be deleted from the main body of the report and made a Bibliography appended to the final Report.
- Public hearing in Woodbury will be held in the Nonnewaug High School auditorium.
- Public hearing in Bethlehem will likely be held in Memorial Hall, but that will be confirmed at a later date.
- Dr. Cronin stated that technicians will set up equipment for both hearings the afternoon of the hearings.

- Once the Report is finalized, it will be posted in the following venues for public information: Board of Education website, Woodbury Town Clerk's Office, Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, Region 14 Central Office, Woodbury Public Library, Bethlehem Public Library, North Purchase in Bethlehem, Woodbury Senior Center. A power point presentation of major portions of the Report will be presented at public hearings in the towns of Woodbury and Bethlehem.
- The Committee thanked the faculty and members of the community present at the meeting for their input. The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Zmek

Public/Community Relations Committee Chair
Region 14 Board of Education