

  
**Region 14 Schools**

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**Minutes**

**Special Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022; 6:00 p.m.**

**Flanders Room/Mitchell Elementary School**

**14 School St, Woodbury, CT 06798**

**Present:**

George Bauer, Chairman

Jim Crocker

Carol Ann Brown

Christopher Matta

Michael Devine

Jonathan Kapstein

David Butkus

\*Tikva Rose (arrived 6:11 p.m.)

**Absent:**

N/A

**Also Present:**

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent

Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited; Mr. Bauer recognized the observance of Flag Day

**III. Introductions**

Members of the Board and Central Office introduced themselves

**IV. Appointment of New Assistant Principal at Nonnewaug High School**

Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister, headed the commentary. The applicant pool for Assistant Principal yielded 89 applications, of which seven were invited to first-round interviews; three for a second round and final. The interview process was noted to be both vigorous and thoughtful. Mr. McAllister was pleased to appoint Ms. Nicole Lewis as Nonnewaug High School's new Assistant Principal; he quoted from several letters of recommendation sent on her behalf.

Ms. Lewis was not available due to a school-related function in her current employ and it is anticipated that she will be in attendance at the Board meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

V. **Executive Session**

Jim Crocker made a motion; seconded by Michael Devine, to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the possible election/appointment and terms of employment of a new superintendent of schools; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. and invited Attorney Mark Sommaruga.

\*(Tikva Rose arrived 6:11 p.m.)

**Public Session**

The Board returned to Public Session at 6:47 p.m.

**Motion**

Jim Crocker made a motion that the Regional School District #14 Board of Education on the recommendation of a search committee and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 10-157, hereby elects Brian Murphy as its superintendent of schools with Mr. Murphy's initial term commencing on or about August 25, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025 subject to the execution of a contract between the parties; seconded by Chris Matta;

**Further Discussion**

Mr. Bauer provided an overview of the superintendent hiring procedure. There were a number of well-qualified candidates, but through the execution of the process, Mr. Brian Murphy stood out. His experiences demonstrated quality leadership, communication, improved student achievement and smart fiscal responsibilities. Mr. Murphy comes to the district as a highly qualified sitting and experienced Superintendent.

All other applicants were thanked for their interest.

all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

Mr. Crocker made a motion to authorize the Board chair to negotiate and enter into and execute a contract with the superintendent consistent with the terms discussed in Executive Session and subject to any necessary legal review; seconded by Michael Devine; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murphy, a resident of Woodbury for the past 15 years provided a few words and express that it was both a honor and a privilege to lead the district and to continue its excellent tradition. He is looking forward to working with the Board, who always makes decisions in the best interest of the students.

Mr. Bauer also thanked Mr. McAllister for all he has done up until this point in leading the district.

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Tikva Rose to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

*Patricia Paige  
Board Clerk*

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