

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
14 School Street, Woodbury, CT

Present:

Jim Crocker
Jonathan Kapstein
Tikva Rose (*arrived 7:15)
Christopher Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Devine

Absent:

David Butkus
Christopher Griffin

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

I. Call to Order

Acting Superintendent Wayne McAllister called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

III. Introductions

The Board members introduced themselves

IV. Election of Chairperson

Acting Superintendent Wayne McAllister called for nominations for Board Chairperson.

A motion was made by Christopher Matta and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to nominate Jim Crocker to serve as Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Jim Crocker; Mr. Crocker accepted the nomination and will serve as Chairperson.

V. Election of Board Officers
Vice Chairperson

Board Chairman Jim Crocker called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to nominate Chris Matta as Vice Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Mr. Matta; Mr. Matta accepted the nomination and will serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Carol Ann Brown to serve as Secretary; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Carol Ann Brown; Ms. Brown accepted the nomination and will serve as Secretary.

Treasurer

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Tikva Rose to serve as Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Ms. Rose; Ms. Rose will serve as Treasurer.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to nominate David Butkus to serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Mr. Butkus; Mr. Butkus will serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

*Tikva Rose arrived (7:15 p.m.)

VI. Board Appointments

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the appointment of Patricia Paige as Board Clerk; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carol Ann Brown and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the appointment of Andrea Needleman, MD, Health as the School District's Physician; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Carol All Brown to accept/approve the appointment of James Bauer, DMD, as the School District's Dentist; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Tuesday, June 14, 2022

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Monday, June 20, 2022

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

VIII. Acting Superintendent's Report

A. Lacrosse Update

Declan Curtin, the high school Athletic Director and Mr. McAllister led the conversation. A copy of the Lacrosse Intergovernmental and Cooperative Arrangement Agreement by and between Litchfield Board of Education, Region 6 Board of Education, and Region 14 Board of Education was provided to Board members for review and consideration. Mr. Curtin and Mr. McAllister fielded questions and addressed concerns.

Mr. McAllister noted that Attorney Sommaruga assisted in the preparation of the agreement, with many of his suggestions and considerations of Region 14's best interests

accepted by Litchfield and Region 6.

Litchfield, through grant funding, will be solely responsible for the initial startup costs through year two. The co-op, which still requires CIAC approval, will provide for college opportunity recognition and a competitive schedule. Region 14 costs would include the stipend for two coaches at \$4900 each for the current school year, subject to change yearly based on contractual obligations. Other terms and conditions were also discussed.

Mr. Devine expressed the need to have the language in the contract revised to clarify that Nonnewaug High School will host one-half the home games as Mr. Curtin stated.

A motion was made by Mike Devine and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the Lacrosse Co-op and agreement; subject to revised language that Nonnewaug High School will host a minimum of fifty percent of the home games as opposed to "at least 4" as noted in Section I, Services and Obligations, Item C; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum

The Curriculum Committee met on Thursday, July 7th. The agenda included draft Protocols constructed by Dr. Fernandez for approving Curriculum, Textbooks, and Course Offerings, a review of a textbook for third graders, "Where I live Connecticut" and Wellness Curriculum for students in grades 9-12.

X. Board Chair Comments

Mr. Crocker plans to orchestrate a board workshop(s) in an effort to broaden the communication between the eight members; he also highlighted Region 14's Athletic and Agriscience programs as excellent programs for the district's students.

XI. Privilege of the Floor

Haley Sarandrea

Spoke to the Lacrosse, establishing a co-op will help to alleviate fees.

Liam Sandor

Spoke to the Lacrosse, thanked the Board for their support in establishing a co-op.

XII. Old Business

There was no Old Business

XIII. New Business

Due to timing, Mr. Crocker extended the terms of the current membership of the Negotiations committee for at least two months, and until the completion of the Instructional Support Negotiations. The Board was in full agreement.

XIV. Other Business

There was no Other Business

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tikva Rose and seconded by Chris Matta to adjourn the

meeting at 7:51 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, flowing style.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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