



**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Flanders Room**  
**Mitchell Elementary School**

**Present:**

Jim Crocker, Chairman  
Christopher Matta  
Christopher Griffin  
David Butkus  
Carol Ann Brown  
Michael Devine  
Tikva Rose

**Absent:**

Jonathan Kapstein

**Also Present:**

Brian Murphy, Superintendent  
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations  
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.; the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; members of the Board and Central Office Administration introduced themselves

**Approval of the Minutes**

- A. Regular meeting, Monday, August 15, 2022  
A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the minutes as presented; Tikva Rose abstained; motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report**

- A. Personnel Report  
Superintendent Murphy noted that all certified staff positions have been filled to date, a feat given the teacher and worker shortage in the state. Several non-certified positions remain vacated; staff is working diligently to secure recruits.  
Mr. Murphy read the names of the district's new hires and welcomed them to Region 14.
- B. School Opening Update  
Visits to all the schools on the first day in session depicted an excellent start to the new school year; Superintendent Murphy gave a heartfelt thank you to the Board for their support.

He stated that there are a few bus issues that Ms. Tanguay is working to resolve; tweaking bus runs and newly hired drivers, with some still in training, the main culprits.

**Committee Reports**

- A. Finance/Facilities Committee  
Ms. Tanguay recapped the Finance Committee meeting with an overview of the monthly financials through August 31st. With only a few weeks into the new-year, the

district is in good standing. Other agenda items before the committee included a School Lunch Program Update, the Ellis Clark Agri-Science Air Conditioning project, and discussions regarding IT staffing needs.

Ms. Amelia Pillis, a senior at Nonnewaug High School and an Eagle Scout, presented a proposed project before the committee and again before the full board. Her project entails building an approximate 60' trail to the riverbed from an area behind the athletic fields that could be utilized by students for hands-on learning. The trail would eliminate the haphazard footprint in the area, which is causing damage to the environment.

Prior to Board members granting approval, it was suggested that Ms. Pillis research its feasibility with the Inland/Wetlands Commission.

B. Curriculum Committee

A recommendation was made by the Curriculum Committee that the Board accept/approve the following vetted curricula:

**1. American Government: The Law and You Curriculum**

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

**2. AP Computer Science A Curriculum**

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

**3. AP Computer Science Principle Curriculum**

A motion was made by Chris Matta and David Butkus to accept/approve the curriculum as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**4. AP English Language and Composition/ECE English 1007 Curriculum**

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

**5. English 10 Curriculum**

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

C. Public Relations

Ms. Carol Ann Brown publicly thanked all those who contributed to the new-year convocation. She also highlighted the recent FFA 102<sup>nd</sup> event and the accomplishment of Region 14 students, twins, Dean's List academic achievement.

### **Board Chair Comments**

Mr. Crocker echoed Superintendent Murphy's and Ms. Brown's sentiments regarding the start of the school year as excellent. He also reminded the Board members of the upcoming workshop/orientation scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

There was none

### **Old Business**

- A. Andrew Grivner/Eagle Scout Project Update  
Student and Eagle Scout, Andrew Griver, updated the Board on his project, a POW/MIA Chair of Honor. The reveal is scheduled for Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>; 3:15 p.m.; Nonnewaug Athletic Field.

### **New Business**

- A. ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition/Authorized Signature Change Form

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by David Butkus to accept/approve the revision of the authorized signers of the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs to that of Superintendent Brian Murphy and Director of Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

The motion is a formality to remove Mr. McAllister's name and Acting Superintendent title to Mr. Brian Murphy, as Superintendent of Schools and the district's authorized signer along with Tina Tanguay as the Director of Finance and Operations.

- B. Ellis Clark Agri-Science Air Conditioning

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the air conditioning bid award for the Ellis Clark Agri-Science program from TradeTwins, LLC for Bid #1 in the amount of \$90,000 and Bid #2 in the amount of \$65,000; all in favor; none opposed; David Butkus abstained; motion carried.

The project, which was originally scheduled to be completed over a two-year period, was reduced to one year with the attainment of Agri-Science grant funding after the budget was approved.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.; seconded by Tikva Rose; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted,*



*Patricia Paige*  
*Board Clerk*

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