

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
14 School Street, Woodbury, CT

Present:

Chris Matta, Vice Chair/Presiding Board Member
Jonathan Kapstein
Christopher Griffin
David Butkus
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Devine

Absent:

Jim Crocker
Tikva Rose

Also Present:

Wayne McAllister, Acting Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

III. Introductions

The Board members introduced themselves

IV. Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular meeting, Monday, August 1, 2022

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to accept/approve the minutes as presented; Chris Matta abstained; motion carried.

V. Acting Superintendent's Report

A. Personnel Report

Mr. McAllister read the personnel report for the record, which included resignations, transfers, and new hires.

With the restructuring of the cafeteria program, lunchroom personnel will be moving to prepared meals rather than packaged. In addition, Tina Tanguay reported that, under the American Rescue Plan, the Connecticut State Department of Education Free Meals for Children Grant, has been allotted monies for meals at no cost. Region 14's allocation will cover roughly 53K meals, which equates to around 3 months' worth. Administration will notify parents approximately 30 days prior to when the free meal program will conclude and what the cost of the meals will be at each of the schools. Ala cart items are not covered under the grant and will be paid out-of-pocket.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

Next meeting of the Curriculum Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Jonathan Kapstein, speaking as the Curriculum Committee chair, recommended that the following curricula be approved:

Advanced Placement Research

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

Advanced Placement Seminar

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

Sports Society

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the curriculum as presented;

Further Discussion

Mr. Butkus inquired whether or not there was cross-over between Sports Society and the African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino course electives so that students are not receiving credit for similar assignments in both classes.

B. Public Relations

Carol Ann Brown thanked Mr. Bingham, a reporter for the Republican American, for his articles on the 102nd Anniversary of the Ellis Clark School and the retirement of Acting Superintendent, Wayne McAllister effective August 24, 2022.

She also thanked faculty member Jenn Jedd for reporting on the achievements of the FFA students.

VII. Board Chair Comments

Mr. Matta acknowledged Mr. McAllister for his service, a man who was described by his colleagues as a one with integrity, a rock from day one, a skillful leader who is caring and humorous, and a gentleman. This is to be Mr. McAllister's final board meeting in Region 14.

VIII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

IX. Old Business

There was none

X. New Business

A. Maine Agriculture Education Field Trip; April 11, 2023 to April 15, 2023

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve

the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Faculty members Jennifer Jedd and Edward Belinsky addressed the board and provided details of the trip, which will occur over spring break of 2023.

B. Executive Session

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Michael Devine to enter into Executive Session for the discussion and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education and Nonnewaug Instructional Support Union Local 1303-443 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously. The Board invited Acting Superintendent Wayne McAllister and the Director of Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:40 p.m.

Motions

David Butkus moved that the Region 14 Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Instructional Support Union Local 1303-443 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025; seconded by Jonathan Kapstein; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Carol Ann Brown moved that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Board Chair to sign said agreement, subject to any further necessary legal review; seconded by David Butkus; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.; seconded by Carol Ann Brown; 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