

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
Amended and Board Approved 10-17-2022

Present:

James Crocker, Chairman
Christopher Matta
Christopher Griffin
Jonathan Kapstein
Michael Devine
Carol Ann Brown

Absent:

Tikva Rose
David Butkus

Also Present:

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

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; members of the Board and Administration stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and then introduce themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, Monday, September 19, 2022

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Carol Ann Brown and Chris Griffin abstained, motion carried.

B. Special Meeting, Workshop & Orientation, Tuesday, September 20, 2022

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Carol Ann Brown abstained, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

A. Woodbury Middle School Update/Alliance Team Presentation

Principal Bill Nemecek and Assistant Principal Suzi Greene offered an update on the start of the new school year at Woodbury Middle School.

Student Alliance Team representatives, Max Nichols and Morgan Willis, shared their motivation for choosing to be a member of the Alliance team.

Volunteer leaders from the Woodbury-Bethlehem Advocates for Substance Abuse Prevention

(ASAP) Jeff McKenna, Maryanne Van Aken and Natalie Scott received, on behalf of the organization, the 2020 CAS Distinguished Friend of Education Award for their continued generosity and support.

B. Personnel Report

Superintendent Murphy welcomed several new staff members to Region 14 and reported that all certified staff positions have been filled.

Mr. Murphy shared news that he received from Ed Belinsky. Each year the National FFA grants exemplary chapters an award for excellence called the National Premier Chapter Award. During the selection process, the 8,995 chapters nationwide, who submit applications, are rated in three categories, "Growing Leaders", "Building Community", and "Strengthening Agriculture." After a formal interview with chapter officers, Region 14 was selected in the top three of the "Growing Leaders" category securing a spot on the grand state during the National Convention.

Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Tina recapped the committee report. Through September collections totaled \$9,353,548 or 24.21% of anticipated revenue. Expenditures totaled \$10,084,680 or 26.10%. No major concerns at this time.

B. Policy Committee

1. Policy #4100 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect

Policy #4100 was brought to the Board as a First Read; members were asked to review for next meeting.

C. Public Relations

Carol Ann Brown highlighted a number of newsworthy events including the Flanders Nature Center Brochure –K-5 Next Generation Science Standards programs, Coach Nick Sheikh's 200th win for girls' soccer, and the donation of a new Christmas tree on North Green by the family of a prior Nonnewaug FFA Student, **Allison Pabst**.

Board Chair Comments

Mr. Crocker thanked the Board members for their contribution of time and expertise. He also commented on the very positive start to the new school year, recent open houses, Freshman Orientation, and the FFA National Recognition.

The four major focuses this year include safety, academic performance, budget preparation and communication, and establishing a positive environment.

Mr. Crocker asked that Committee Chairs generate a pre-determined meeting schedule.

Privilege of the Floor

There was none

Old Business

There was none

New Business

A. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to enter into Executive Session for:

1. Discussions regarding draft/proposed policy and membership contract from CABE, which is exempt under Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-200(6)(E) and 1-210(b)(1) in that the public interest in withholding the draft contract currently outweighs the public interest in disclosure.
2. Discussions and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Administrators' Group covering the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

The Board invited Superintendent Brian Murphy and Director of Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay into Executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:28 p.m.

Motions

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to approve the Region 14 CABE Membership and policy review and audit proposal at a cost of \$15,637; Michael Devine was a nay, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin that the Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Administrators' Group covering the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Carol Ann Brown and seconded by Chris Matta that the Board of Education authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement, subject to any further legal review, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

There was none

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Chris Matta made a

motion, seconded by Chris Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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" and a long, sweeping underline.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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