



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

Present:

James Crocker, Chairman
Christopher Matta
David Butkus
Tikva Rose
Jonathan Kapstein
Carol Ann Brown

Absent:

Michael Devine
Chris Griffin

Also Present:

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
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 introduced themselves.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Officer Alex Hamzy and Sgt. Dustin Demonte who were killed in Bristol on October 12th.

Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, Monday, October 3, 2022

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by David Butkus to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendment:

Under Committee Reports/Public Relations

Make note of and mention by name, Allison Pabst, for her family's donation of a new Christmas tree on North Green.

All in favor, none opposed, David Butkus and Tikva Rose abstained, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

A. Region 14's Constitution Contest Winners

A Constitution Contest, sponsored by the Woodbury Republican Town Committee and brought to the district by Thea Elfes, was undertaken at the elementary schools. Taryn Fernandez

organized the contest in conjunction with the elementary principals Wendy Yatsenick and Kelly Pinho. Thirty posters were submitted and of those, five students were given the honor of presenting their project to the Board. Christina Strell, a Region 14 Instructional Coach for Social Studies and Science at both of the elementary schools, assisted students with their projects during their lunchtime, and again with their presentations this evening. Winners included:

Levi Chmielewski - 4th Grade, MES, Mrs. Chapman
Angelina Stein - 3rd Grade, MES, Mrs. Guay
Emma Golden - 5th Grade, BES, Ms. Casey
Desmond Ambruso - 1st Grade, BES, Mrs. Tscheppe
Colton Besescheck - 4th Grade, BES, Mrs. Asselin

Committee Reports

A. Curriculum

Jonathan Kapstein reported that a Curriculum Committee meeting was held on October 11th. Topics included a briefing on Vision of a Learner and the number of credits required to graduate from the high school.

Presentations to the full board are anticipated.

B. Policy Committee

1. Policy #4100 Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect (Second Read)
No revisions were made to the policy.

A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve Policy #4100 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. Policy 5131.911(a) Safe School Plan
First read, no action anticipated.

Discussions during the Policy Committee meeting included updates on several existing policies, specifically Policy 9300 and 9750, and reinstating student representation on the Board.

C. Safe Schools Tabled

D. Community Relations

A Northwest United Team Coach, Jennifer Stango Garzone, was noted in the paper as being the best head coach and, of note, the only female head football Coach in Connecticut High School history.

Board Chair Comments

- Board Chair Jim Crocker thanked Region 14 staff for all they do and for the very positive start to the new school year.
- The focus remains on safety, academic performance, budget, communication and a positive environment for students and staff.
- Current undertakings include high School building project completion, a comprehensive policy review with CAFE, and budget preparations.

Privilege of the Floor

Thea Elfes

Thea thanked the Board for allowing the Constitution contest, everyone was very supportive, it was a big effort and everyone came together.

Old Business

- A. Eagle Scout/Senior Project/Nonnewaug River Walking Trails/Amelia Pillis Documentation from the Woodbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency indicates that a permit is not required for the project.

A motion was made by Jonathan Kapstein and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the Walking Trail as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Athletic Director Declan Curtin and participating coaches provided details on the proposed field trips and fielded questions from Board members.

- A. Athletic (Baseball) Field Trip, Vero Beach, Florida, April 7th to April 12th, 2023
A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/ approve the Field Trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.
- B. Athletic (Tennis Training) Field Trip, Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 21st to March 25th, 2023
A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the Field Trip as presented; 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, David Butkus made a motion, seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 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