

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Orientation and Workshop
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School

Present:

James Crocker, Chairman
Christopher Matta
Michael Devine
Jonathan Kapstein
Christopher Griffin
Tikva Rose (arrived 6:49 p.m.)
David Butkus (arrived 7:13 p.m.)

Absent:

Carol Ann Brown

Also Present:

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

Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Orientation

Region 14 Board Attorney Mark Sommaruga, with the firm of Pullman & Comley, LLC, provided a PowerPoint presentation on *Understanding Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act*, which included new remote meeting provisions. The presentation provided a number of definitions for FOIA related principles.

Attorney Sommaruga also reviewed the roles and responsibilities of being a Board of Education member emphasizing complying with the law, acting in good faith and recognizing your role and staying in your lane.

Board Workshop

Mr. Crocker led a discussion of the BOE performance, alignment and focus for the year, including measuring and meeting its goals. Crocker discussed the need for the BOE to follow up with respect to its action items and activities. This led to a discussion specifically with respect to the BOE's ability to communicate to and with the public as to the District's activities and BOE actions, along with maintaining appropriate pathways of communications within the BOE's membership, while acting in a manner consistent with the law. In addition, Crocker led a discussion as to the need for the development of a process for the evaluation of the Superintendent, including whether the BOE may look to various formats that have been used by other districts. Crocker made a suggestion that Region 14 Board of Education committees have a regular meeting schedule. Currently the Finance Committee meets an hour before the regular meeting of the Board on the first meeting date of the

month; it is anticipated that the Policy Committee will meet an hour before the regular meeting on the second meeting date of the month.

Executive Session

Despite being a part of the original agenda, the Board did not move to enter into Executive Session, partly due to time constraints.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

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