



Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Elementary School
Gymnasium

Present:

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

Absent:

n/a

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 7:12 p.m.; members of the Board and Administration stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves.

Approval of the Minutes

A. *Regular Meeting, Monday, October 17, 2022*

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by David Butkus to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Michael Devine and Chris Griffin abstained, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

A. Transition Program Presentation

Donna Marcinek, the Director of Student Services along with faculty member Sandra Rogozinski, shared a slideshow presentation highlighting Region 14's Transition Academy (RTA) for students aged 18 to 22 with disabilities. The presentation was created by the RTA students and highlighted a number of program activities and learning experiences including independent living skills development; self-determination and interpersonal skills; mobility within the community; recreation, leisure, and community involvement and academic activities such as math skills and current events.

- B. Superintendent's Entry Plan
Superintendent Murphy devised an entry plan as an opportunity for the board to see the district through his lens with input from the many different stakeholders including the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, staff and parents. The plan defined a purpose, a focus and an outline of his first 100 days in Region 14. His plan also offered Stakeholder Feedback, Goals, Strategies for the Goals, the next steps for Vision of a Learner, Academic Rigor and priorities for the 2022-2023 school year.
- C. Personnel Report
Mr. Murphy announced the retirement of Ms. Donna Marcinek, the Director of Student Services, effective with the end of January 2023. Ms. Marcinek, who has been with the district for thirty-seven years, began her career in Region 14 as a sixth grade middle school teacher. She was thanked for her dedication and service to the district.

Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee
Tina Tanguay recapped the monthly financials for October and the school lunch program for the months of September and October. A discussion was also had regarding the horse barn project, which was tabled for further discussions due to time constraints.
- B. Policy Committee
1. Policy #9300 Committees
The policy was brought before the board as a first read and had several small revisions. Language was inserted to address the need for a regular meeting schedule and the agenda preparation protocols. To clarify further, a request was made to insert Committee before Chair with new language to read as *The **"Committee"** Chair will set the agenda in collaboration with the Superintendent.*
 2. Policy #9750
The policy was brought before the board as a first read regarding setting the agenda. To clarify further, a request was made to insert Committee before Chair with new language to read as *The **"Committee"** Chair will set the agenda in collaboration with the Superintendent.*

Additionally, **"Old Business"** will be included under "Order of Business"
 3. Policy P5131.911(a) Safe School Climate Plan(Bullying)
Second read with no additional edits.
A motion was made by David Butkus and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the policy as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

C. Publicity Committee

Carol Ann Brown extended an invitation to senior parents to participate in Grad Nite. Ben Roden was recognized as the Nonnewaug High School Athletic of the Week as quarterback on the undefeated co-op Football team. Ms. Brown also highlighted homecoming events.

Board Chair Comments

Mr. Crocker emphasized the four focus areas: Safety, Academic Performance, Budget, and Communication and Environment. He also highlighted four major projects: CABE Policy Review, Nonnewaug High School Building Project Finalization, High School Vo-ag Horse Barn Project and parking concerns at Nonnewaug High School.

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There was none

Old Business

There was none

New Business

A. 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting Dates

The BOE 2023 meeting schedule was presented as a first read. David Butkus made a suggestion to include the Regional District meeting for the purpose of nominations to the schedule. The schedule will be revised to include the date and brought back to the board for a second read and anticipated action.

Other Business

There was none

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Tikva Rose made a motion, seconded by David Butkus to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 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.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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