



**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education**  
**Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Flanders Room**  
**Mitchell Elementary School**  
**14 School Street, Woodbury, CT**  
**\*Board Approved 8-21-23 with Amendment**

**Present:**

Jim Crocker  
Chris Matta  
Carol Ann Brown  
Alice Jones  
Caren Lipinski  
Michael Carbonneau

**Absent:**

Tikva Rose  
Christopher Griffin

**Also Present:**

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

**Call to Order**

Superintendent Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and members of the Board of Education and Central Office staff introduced themselves.

**Election of Chairperson**

Superintendent Murphy called for nominations for Board Chairperson.

A motion was made by Christopher Matta and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to nominate Jim Crocker to serve as Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Jim Crocker; Mr. Crocker will serve as Chairperson.

**Election of Board Officers**

**Vice Chairperson**

Board Chairman Jim Crocker called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to nominate Chris Matta as Vice Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Mr. Matta; Mr. Matta will serve as Vice Chairman.

## **Secretary**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Carol Ann Brown to serve as Secretary; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Carol Ann Brown; Ms. Brown will serve as Secretary.

## **Treasurer**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Tikva Rose to serve as Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Ms. Rose; Ms. Rose will serve as Treasurer.

## **Assistant Secretary/Treasurer**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Chris Griffin to serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Mr. Griffin; Mr. Griffin will serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

## **Board Appointments**

### **A. Board Clerk**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the appointment of Patricia Paige as Board Clerk; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

### **B. District's Physician**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the appointment of Andrea Needleman, MD, Health as the School District's Physician; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

### **C. District's Dentist**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the appointment of James Bauer, DMD, as the School District's Dentist; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting dated Monday, June 19, 2023**

A motion was made Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the minutes as presented. The approval was tabled until the next regular meeting due to the abstention of the three new board members.

## **\*Acting Superintendent's Report**

### **Personnel Update/Request for a Leave of Absence**

A. A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the requested leave of absence for Brenda Williams for the 23/24 school year. Ms. Williams will not collect a salary nor have health care benefits during her absence; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Football/Sports**

Chris Matta recapped the Sports Committee meeting, which was primarily a review of the 2022/2023 school year.

### **Board Chair Comments**

Mr. Crocker thanked Brian and his team for an exceptionally positive 2022/2023 school year. A board workshop is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with presentations by Attorney Mark Sommaruga and C.A.B.E.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

There were no partakers

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business

### **New Business**

#### A. Food Service Update for 23/24

Ms. Tanguay performed a review of the Food Service Program, which should be self-funded with no cost to the Board of Education. Records indicate that breakfast prices have not increased since the program's inception in 2015 and lunch prices, since 2018.

Ms. Tanguay recommended that the cost of breakfast, lunch, and a la carte items be adjusted in attempt to breakeven. She offered a comparison with surrounding towns.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to increase breakfast prices to \$1.75 at the elementary schools and \$2.25 for middle and high school and to increase lunch prices to \$3.25 at elementary schools and \$3.75 at both the middle and high schools; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

#### B. EdAdvance Food Services Contract for 23/24

Jim Crocker made a motion that the district continue with the EDAdvance Child Nutrition ten-month program for the 23/24 school year; Chris Matta seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

### **Other Business**

There was no Other Business

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; 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*