



Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, September 18, 2023; 7:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
Board Approved Monday, October 2, 2023

Present:

Jim Crocker, Chair
Chris Matta
Chris Griffin
Caren Lipinski
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau

Absent:

Tikva Rose
Carol Ann Brown

Also Present:

Brian Murphy, Superintendent

Presenters:

Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning

I. Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

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

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Special Meeting, Monday, August 21, 2023

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the minutes as presented; Caren Lipinski abstained; motion carried.

B. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2023

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the minutes as presented; Alice Jones abstained; motion carried.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Agriscience Director

Superintendent Murphy presented Lee McMillian as the new Director of Agriscience at Nonnewaug High School. Dr. Kuslis, the principal at Nonnewaug High School, said a few words on her behalf. Ms. McMillian comes to the Region 14 School District from the Bloomfield Public Schools where she recently served as a horticulture teacher. She has worked in education for 20 years and is involved in many professional associations including the Connecticut Association of Agriculture Educators (CAAE) and National

Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE).

Ms. McMillian was given an opportunity to speak; she provided a brief summary of her background, which led her to where she is today and thanked the board for the opportunity to join the district.

B. The Woodbury Republican Town Committee/Young American Essay Contest Winners

Dr. Tayrn Fernandez introduced Sadie Nichols, a 7th grader at Woodbury Middle School and Chloe Weaver, an 11th grade student at Nonnewaug High School as two of the Young American Essay Contest winners. Each read their winning essay; Chloe wrote on behalf of her uncle serving in the Coast Guard under the essay title, "My American Hero" and Sadie, for her passion for reading, "American History is a Favorite Subject."

Concluding the Superintendent's report, Mr. Murphy reported that Nonnewaug High School earned a prestigious athletic award, the CIAC - Fred Balsamo Award for Sportsmanship.

V. Committee Reports

There were no committee reports

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker thanked the Board for their contribution and expertise, the Region 14 staff for their dedication and efforts, and the communities for their continued support. The Board of Education remains focused on academic performance, budget, communication and safety as well as three major projects, NHS building completion, policy audit, and horse barn.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There were no spokespersons

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

There was none

X. Other Business

There was none

XI. Adjournment

MOTION by Chris Griffin; seconded by Chris Matta, to adjourn the meeting; all in favor; none opposed. *Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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