



**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education**  
**Monday, October 16, 2023; 7:00 p.m.**  
**Flanders Room**  
**Mitchell Elementary School**  
**Board Approved, Monday, November 6, 2023**

**Present:**

Jim Crocker, Chairman  
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman  
Carol Ann Brown  
Chris Griffin  
Tikva Rose  
Michael Carbonneau  
Alice Jones  
Caren Lipinski

**Absent:**

n/a

**Also Present:**

Brian Murphy, Superintendent  
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

**Presenters:**

Mike Molzon, Director of Facilities  
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. Regular Meeting, Monday, October 2, 2023**

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve the minutes for Monday, October 2, 2023 as presented; Tikva Rose and Chris Griffin abstained; none opposed; motion carried.

#### IV. Superintendent's Report

##### A. HVAC

Superintendent Murphy introduced Michael Molzon, the Director of Facilities for Region 14. As part of a new state law, periodic updates to the Board of Education regarding HVAC (Heating Ventilation and Cooling) systems in the district's schools are required. Mr. Molzon's presentation included how the systems function, images of the heating and cooling units, location, filters, and cooling availability in each of the buildings.

#### V. Committee Reports

##### A. Curriculum Committee Update

A Curriculum Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The following curriculum is brought before the Board on a recommendation by the committee for approval. Committee Chair Carol Ann Brown provided a summation.

##### K-5 Math Curriculum

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to accept/approve the K-5 Math Curriculum as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

##### B. *Forensic Science, Fundamentals & Investigations, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition*

At their meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, the Curriculum Committee approved the *Forensic Science, Fundamentals & Investigations, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* textbook and recommended that it be brought before the full board. A modified Textbook Adoption Proposal was submitted for 25 texts, including 6-year digital access.

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the textbook as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

##### C. Policy Committee Update

##### Second Read

##### i. Policy 4113.12, Minimum Duty-Free Lunch Periods for Teachers

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve Policy 4113.12 as presented; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

ii. Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve Policy 5131.7 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

iii. Policy 5144.2, Use of Exclusionary Time Out Settings

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve Policy 5144.2 as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Board Chair Comments**

Chairman Crocker thanked the board members for their time and expertise, the staff for their dedication and efforts, and the communities for their continued support. He also provided a status of the district's major projects and reiterated the four focus areas: academic performance, communication, safety, and budget.

**VII. Privilege of the Floor**

There were no spokespersons

**VIII. Old Business**

There was none

**IX. New Business**

A. Educator Evaluation Flexibilities

This year the changes are due to new guidelines which have been released by the state for teacher and administrator evaluations. Teachers will continue to create student learning objectives based on academic achievement. There are more frequent observations for shorter periods of time so that administrators are in the classroom more often. Utilizes holistic scoring rather than averaging specific scores.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the Educator Evaluation Flexibilities as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Relations

Carol Ann Brown had several reminders, the FFA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House and Grad Nite Clothing Drive Fundraiser on Saturday.

**X. Other Business**

There was none

**XI. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Chris Matta; was seconded by Tikva Rose to adjourn the meeting; all in favor; none opposed; *meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.*

*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".

*Patricia Paige*  
*Board Clerk*

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