



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education

Monday, December 4, 2023; 7:00 p.m.

Mitchell Elementary School

Flanders Room

Official Minutes – Board Approved – Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Present:

Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski

Absent:

Chris Griffin
Tikva Rose
Alice Jones

Also Present:

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Gianna Lodice, Student Representative

I. Call to Order

Jim 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, Tuesday, November 21, 2023

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the minutes as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Board of Education Student Representative

Student Representative Gianna Lodice reported on the many happenings at both Woodbury Middle School and Nonnewaug High. Events at the high school included the upcoming musical, "Radium Girls", National Honor Society Inductions, Open House for students in grade 8, holiday plant sale, annual Grinch breakfast, athletic events, Powder Puff and Corn

Bowl game, blood drive, and the Senior Citizen Drive-Through meal to name a few.

Her report for the middle school included the World Class Warriors' breakfast, school scholastic book fair, art and diversity presentations, Leo Club Food Drive, and Winter Concert.

B. National FFA Convention Students

Agriscience Department Chair Jennfier Jedd introduced the students who represented the Nonnewaug High School Agriscience Program at the FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The one-week event is a highlight of the year with many hours spent behind the scenes preparing for the competition. Students were asked to introduce themselves and share their favorite experience. Of mention were the many new friendships and networking prospects that were established.

C. Next Generation Accountability Results and 2023 Assessments Results

Dr. Taryn Fernandez, the Director of Teaching and Learning, presented the Next Generation Accountability Report for Region 14 Schools. The Accountability Index has 12 indicators that provide a picture of how well schools are preparing their students for future achievements. Her report included a comparison over prior years for the district as a whole, versus the state, and for the district's schools. Areas for strength and targeted growth were also touched upon. Additional components of the report included State Assessments comparisons for SBAC and PSAT testing as well as action steps for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee (there was no report)

B. Policy Committee

The following policies were brought before the board on a recommendation by the Policy Committee; first read; no action anticipated.

i. Policy 3542.43 Charging Policy Food Service

ii. Policy 4000.1 Title IX Sexual Harassment of Employees

iii. Policy 5141.72 Emergency Action Plan - Student Sports

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker reiterated his remarks from previous meetings which include thanking the board, staff, and community members for their dedication and continued support; the four focus areas of academic performance,

communication, budget, and security; and an update on the district's projects. He also noted that the December 18th Board of Education meeting will be canceled and paid homage to Superintendent Murphy regarding his outstanding 5-Year Strategic Plan.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

A. Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2024 (Second Read)

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the 2024 Board of Education Meeting Calendar as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. Field Trip:

National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, KY; February 14, 2024 to February 17, 2024

Faculty member Drew Zielinski provided a brief summary of the trip. The National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) is the largest indoor ag trade show in the United States. Students can participate in seminars throughout the show that are led by industry professionals. They will have the opportunity to make connections with agricultural businesses as well as learn about the latest in agricultural technology.

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinsky to accept/approve the field trip as presented; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. School Bus Issue (tabled)

X. Other Business

Carol Ann Brown acknowledged the success of the Annual Senior Meals with 140 served and the Bethlehem Elementary School Bike Building project.

XI. Adjournment

Having no further business, a MOTION was made by Chris Matta; seconded by Michael Carbonneau to adjourn the meeting; all in favor; none opposed; *meeting*

adjourned at 8:18 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" and a long, sweeping underline.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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