



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education

Monday, February 5, 2024; 6:00 p.m.

Mitchell Elementary School

Flanders Room

Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, February 26, 2024

Present:

Jim Crocker, Chairman

Chris Matta

Tikva Rose

Carol Ann Brown

Michael Carbonneau

Caren Lipinski

Absent:

Chris Griffin

Alice Jones

Also Present:

Brian Murphy, Superintendent

Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

Taryn Fernandez, Director of Student Learning

I. Call to Order

Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:01 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.

A moment of silence was held in memory of staff member Theresa Basile.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Special Meeting, Friday, January 5, 2024

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the minutes with the following amendment:

To note Board Member Tikva Rose as absent only

Tikva Rose abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

B. Special Meeting, Monday, January 22, 2024

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Tikva Rose abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Personnel Update

A periodic update of new hires was offered by Superintendent Murphy, with the majority employed as paraprofessionals. Mr. Murphy extended a welcome to all. Of note, one paraprofessional position remains unfilled.

B. Teacher Exit Interview Process

A new law was passed by the State Legislature last year regarding exit interviews for certified staff which will require the Board of Education to develop an exit survey. The survey will be completed by any certified professional educator, who voluntarily ceases employment with the school district. The state has provided guidance on which questions were required. Dr. Fernandez has developed a survey in Google Forms, which will be used as one piece of the exit interview process.

C. New Kindergarten Registration Process

The Board recently adopted Policy 5112, which addresses the minimum age of admission to kindergarten. Two informational sessions were recently held, one at each of the elementary schools, informing the parents about the changes in the law. Dr. Fernandez explained the process that Region 14 will follow in alignment with district policy.

V. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Update

Ms. Tanguay recapped the Finance Committee meeting. Topics included a financial update, audit results, and health insurance RFP outcomes.

B. Policy Committee Update

The following policies were brought before the Board on a recommendation by the Policy Committee, first read, no action this evening, second read with action anticipated at the next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26th.

1. Policy 6141.232 Internet Safety Policy/Filtering with Regulation
2. Policy 6172.1 Gifted and Talented Students

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker commented that the Board continues to remain on task with the four focus areas of academic performance, safety, budget and improved communications. The CAFE Policy audit continues, NHS renovation project is nearing a certificate of occupancy, and the horse barn is being constructed and nearing completion.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

Carol Ann Brown recognized Nonnewaug High School senior, Rubie Lombardi, as the second place winner of the American Legion Oratorical Contest and Scott Meyer as the recipient of the Michael H. Savage Spirit of Sport Award given by the CIAC.

She also plugged Red Out week encouraging donations and Grip and Grin.

X. Other Business

There was none

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Tikva Rose to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 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, flowing style.

Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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