Board of Education

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Mission: The mission of Connecticut Region 14 Schools is to educate all students to their highest level of academic potential and to teach them the skills and knowledge to become capable, creative, collaborative lifelong learners and responsible members of the world community.

Board of Education Goals:
Academic Performance - The district will strive to improve academic performance for all students on multiple assessment indicators and the staff will be committed to continuous improvement.
Communication - Region 14 will develop partnerships with all stakeholders in the school community to highlight the exemplary programs the district offers
Safety - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district
Budget - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.

A G E N D A

Special Meeting
Board of Education –Policy Committee
Monday, March 18, 2024; 5:30 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room

I. Call to Order

II. Policy 6161.3 Comparability of Services

III. Policy 9700 Time, Place, and Notice of Meetings

IV. Adjournment

A mandated policy.

Instruction

Comparability of Services

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall pursue funding under Title I of the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to supplement instructional services and activities in order to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged or deprived children.

All District schools, regardless of whether they receive Title I funds, shall provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable. Teachers, administrators and other staff shall be assigned to schools in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools. Curriculum materials and instructional supplies shall be provided in a manner that ensures equivalency among the District's schools.

Comparability, is defined, for purposes of this policy, that the District uses state and local funds to provide services to Title I schools that are comparable to those offered in non-Title I schools in order to get federal funding under ESSA.

The Board of Education believes that at all times its schools should be equally as well equipped and maintained as may be possible within existing financial limitations.

It shall be the policy of the Board of Education to insure comparability of services funded by state and local sources in both Title I project schools and non-project schools. The Board of Education will therefore:

1. Establish and maintain a district-wide salary schedule that is applicable to all staff whether assigned to Title I or non-Title I schools.
2. Provide services with federal, state and local funds in schools serving Title I project areas that are at least comparable to services in non-project areas.
3. Use federal, state and local funds to provide for an equivalence among all schools in all schools with the same grade levels in teachers, administrators, auxiliary personnel.
4. Use federal, state and local funds to provide for an equivalence among all schools with the same grade levels in the provision of curriculum and instructional materials, books and supplies.

The District shall maintain records that are updated biannually documenting its compliance with this ESSA requirement.

Instruction

Comparability of Services (continued)

For the purposes of determining comparability in compliance with 20 U.S.C. 6321(c), the District, may exclude

1. State and local funds expended for English Learners language instruction education programs.
2. Excess costs associated with providing services to students with disabilities.
3. Unexpected changes in enrollment or personnel assignments occurring after the beginning of the school year.
4. Staff salary differentials for years of employment.
5. Other expenditures from supplemental state or local funds consistent with the intent of Title I (serving only children who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the State's standards)

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide in a timely manner all assurances, documentation, or other information required by the State Department of Education to demonstrate the District's compliance with Title I fiscal requirements.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall maintain reports and other documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this policy.

Nothing in this policy will prohibit the administration from addressing identified problems at individual schools.

Legal Reference: Title I Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Educational Agencies, Improving Every Student Succeeds Act, P.L. 114-95, Section 1118c of Title I, ESEA/ESSA
20 U.S.C. Section 6321(c)
Agostini v. Felton 521 U.S. 103 (1997)

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Bylaws of the Board

Time, Place and Notice of Meetings

Time, Place and Notice of Regular Meetings

Commencing January 1, 2025, the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education shall have regular meetings on the first ~~and third~~ Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. If any regular meeting falls on a holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next business day. The location of the meeting shall be included in the notice of the meeting.

The Board of Education shall file with the Town Clerk, not later than January 31st of each year, the schedule of the regular meetings of the Board of Education, and shall post notice of such schedule on the Board's website to the extent required by law. No regular meeting shall be held sooner than thirty days after such filing.

The annual organizational meeting of the Board shall be held at the first regular meeting in July, at which time the Board shall elect its officers from its membership.

Time, Place and Notice of Special Meetings

The Board may schedule special meetings that are supplementary to the schedule of regular meetings. The term "special meeting" includes make-up dates for regular meetings that may have been postponed.

The Superintendent shall notify each member of the Board in writing not less than 24 hours prior to the start of the special meeting of the time, place and business to be transacted. Any Board member may waive the 24 hour notification by a written waiver of delivery or such notice or telegram (including by electronic means), to the purpose. The 24 hour notification requirement may be dispensed with as to any member who is actually present at the meeting at the time it convenes.

Three members of the Board may request a special meeting of the Board to discuss a specific agenda item by making such request in writing to the Chairperson of the Board. The Chairperson shall schedule a special meeting in response to the request or add the specific agenda item to a regularly scheduled meeting. If no meeting is called with 14 days after such a request has been made, a special meeting may be called by any three members by giving the usual written notice to the other members with the agenda for the meeting included and properly posted in accordance with the law.

Notice of each special meeting of the Board of Education shall be posted not less than 24 hours before the meeting on the Board's website to the extent required by law and filed not less than 24 hours before the meeting with the Town Clerk of member towns. Such notice shall give the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered by the Board at the special meeting.

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Time, Place and Notification of Meetings (continued)

Requests to Receive Notice of Meetings by Mail

Notice of all meetings will be mailed to persons filing a written request renewable in January o the meeting, except that the Board may give such notice as it deems practical for special meetings called less than seven days prior to the date set for the meeting. The Board of Education will charge a fee for these notices based upon cost of the service, as provided by law.

Construction of the Agenda

The Superintendent, in cooperation with the Chairperson of the Board of Education, shall prepare an agenda for each meeting. Any member of the Board of Education may contact the Chairperson of the Board to request that an item be placed on the agenda. Such requests should be made no later than 48 hours prior to the legally required public posting of the agenda. The Chairperson will take such requests into consideration when preparing the agenda but is not obligated to include them.

Posting of the Agenda

At least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting, the agenda shall be posted on the Board's central offices and in the Town Hall of member towns as well as the Board's website to the extent required by law. Any subsequent business not included in such filed agendas may e considered and acted upon at **regular** Board meetings upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Education present and voting; however, no such additional items may be considered by the Board at special or emergency meetings.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
1-200 (2) Definitions. "Meeting"
1-206 Denial of access to public records or meetings.
1-225 Meetings of government agencies to be public, as amended by June 11 Special Session, PA 08-3
1-227 Mailing of notice of meetings to persons filing written request.
1-228 Adjournment of meetings. Notice.
1-229 Continued hearings. Notice.
1-230 Regular meetings to be held pursuant to regulation, ordinance or resolution.
10-218 Officers. Meetings

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Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut