Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, March 18, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, April 1, 2024

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
Tikva Rose
Chris Griffin

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Maia Colavito, Student Representative

I. Call to Order
Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, February 26, 2024
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.

B. Regular Meeting, Monday, March 4, 2024
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to a accept/approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Student Representative Update

Student Representative Maia Colavito reported on happenings at Bethlehem and Mitchell Elementary Schools. The events included a Dr. Seuss birthday celebration with many planned activities, Pie Day on March 14th, which included a pie in the face for several staff members with proceeds to the Leukemia Society and a kick off to the Read-a-thon. There was also a Family Literacy Night, Invention Convention on March 12 at BES, the much anticipated baked potato bar on March 15th and a PTO sponsored 5th Grade Bowling Night at Thomaston Lanes.

B. Unified Champion School/Nonnewaug High School

Superintendent Murphy announced that the Nonnewaug High School's Unified Sport's team has been named a national unified champion school. The UCS annually contacts schools each spring with a survey to gauge the level of activity with respect to Unified Sports, inclusive youth leadership, and whole school engagement. Nonnewaug High School will be added to the National Unified Champion Schools list and appear on their list of schools across the nation. The recognition will be commemorated with banner in the gym.

C. Nonnewaug High School Athletic Club Hall of Fame

On Sunday, April 7th, the Nonnewaug Athletic Club will be inducting the Class of 2024 into the Hall of Fame. The Board was cordially invited to the induction ceremony at the Woodbury Old Town Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year's Hall of Fame class includes Matthew Martland, Amy Roberts, Caitlin Drakeley, Tyler Sheikh, Jackie Nicholas, James McKirdy and Doc Rosen.

D. Woodbury Middle School Development Plan/Nonnewaug High School Development Plan

Each district school was tasked with completing a Development Plan with specific, smart, and measurable goals.

Principal Nemec (Suzi Greene) and Principal Kuslis (Nicole Lewis, Declan Curtin) each presented their respective plans, which included specific goals, strategies to obtain the goals, and indicators to measure their success. Historical testing data was also included.

E. Agriscience Program Presentation

Jenn Jedd, SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) Coordinator/Teacher

along with Lee McMillan,Vo-ag Director/Teacher created a promotional Powerpoint Presentation on the Agriscience Program at Nonnewaug High School with the purpose of presenting at local sending districts' Boards of Education to highlight the success of their students enrolled in the program. The presentation, which outlines the curriculum and its many accolades and accomplishments, would also include in-person and written testimonies from students, parents, advisory committee members, and graduates of the program. Speaking on behalf of the program were Mark Dietrich, Advisory Committee member and owner of The Garden; Justine Ramsay, Class of 2010, Owner of Floral Designs by Justine; Sage Samuelson, Student Representative Grade 12 and written testimony by a parent on behalf of her daughter.

F. District Bus App

Region 14 is now collaborating with All-Star Transportation and Zonar MyView. Zonar MyView is a smartphone application that will allow parents to track their student's bus routes. A communication outlining the App set up was sent to parents.

V. Committee Reports

A. Policy Committee Update

On a recommendation by the Policy Committee to approve the following Policies (Second Read, Action Anticipated)

1. Policy 4117.6 Exit Survey/Interview
   Having no further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve Policy 4117.6 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. Policy 6145.2 Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics
   Having no further discussion, a motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve Policy 6145.2 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker thanked all who presented this evening.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There were no speakers

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

A. Nonnewaug High School Graduation Date for the Class of 2024 (Action Anticipated)

Principal Mykal Kuslis made a formal request to the Board to consider and approve the Nonnewaug High School graduation date for the Class of 2024 to which is to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 16, 2024 at 10:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept the Nonnewaug High School graduation date/time as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

X. Other Business

There was none

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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