Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Budget Presentation to the Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance
of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury
Monday, March 25, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Woodbury Middle School
Cafeteria
Official Minutes - Board Approved – Monday, May 6, 2024

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Tikva Rose

Absent:
Chris Griffin
Caren Lipinski

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order

Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

III. Presentation of the Superintendent's proposed 2024-2025 budget to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance of the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury

Superintendent Murphy presented his proposed 24/25 budget. The budget summary noted an increase of $1,441,231 over last year or 3.59%, with Contractual Salaries, Student Services, and New Positions the driving forces behind the increase at 56%, 31%, and 13% respectively.

Based on the data of 200 districts and their schools, Bethlehem Elementary is in the top 28% of all elementary schools in Connecticut; Mitchell is in the top 18%; Woodbury Middle is in the top 23% of schools inclusive of grades 6-8; Nonnewaug High school is in the top 25% of all high schools in Connecticut and overall Region 14 is in the top 19%.

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A number of new initiatives were highlighted, notably a plan to add a Talented and Gifted Program (afterschool) for students in grades 3-8, a Girls Middle School Volleyball team to Woodbury Middle School, a Spanish experience at Woodbury Middle School (Grades 6&7), and further implementation of a new Science Program, OpenSciEd, at Woodbury Middle School to name a few.

V. **Discussion of Superintendent's Proposed 2024-2025 Budget**

Talking points and/or questions included college credits through ECE courses, out-of-district Agriscience tuition, savings in health care costs, several curricula inquiries and capital expenditures.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 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