PUBLIC HEARING
Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Auditorium, Nonnewaug High School
5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, May 6, 2024

Present:	**Absent:**
Jim Crocker, Chairman	Alice Jones
Chris Matta	Chris Griffin
Carol Ann Brown	Caren Lipinski
Michael Carbonneau	Tikva Rose

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Dina Ericson, Director of Student Services
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Jamie Mclaughlin, Moderator

Patricia Paige, Board Recording Clerk

I. Call to Order

Mr. Crocker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions

III. Appointment of Moderator

Mr. Crocker appointed Mr. Jamie Mclaughlin as moderator of the meeting.

IV. Appointment of Meeting Clerk by the Moderator

Mr. Mclaughlin appointed Patricia Paige as meeting clerk.

V. Call of the Meeting

Mr. Mclaughlin read the Call of the Meeting:
To present and receive questions about the Regional School District 14

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Superintendent's proposed budget for 2024-2025. Mr. Mclaughlin deferred to Superintendent Brian Murphy to present the proposed budget.

VI. Presentation of the Superintendent's proposed Region 14 Budget for the 2024/2025 School Year

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%.

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.

VII. Budget Comments and Questions by the Public

There were no comments and/or questions

VIII. Adjournment

Hearing no further comments, Jamie Mclaughlin adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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