Minutes
Special Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Thursday, May 16, 2024; 5:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, June 3, 2024

Present:
Chris Matta, Presiding Board Member
Jim Crocker, Chairman (via Zoom)
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
Chris Griffin
Tikva Rose

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

I. Call to Order
Chris Matta called the special meeting to order at 5:05 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. Discussion with Board Attorney of referendum advocacy issues
Attorney Sommaruga explained strategies for advocating for the budget, what is, and what is not allowed. Superintendent Murphy outlined Region 14 advocacy strategies.

IV. Discussion/possible action on revised budget for 2024-2025
Superintendent Murphy indicated that any reductions to the budget are impactful. The amended budget proposed totals $41,486,051 or 3.33%.

Motion
Chris Matta moved that the Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the Superintendent's proposed budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 in the amount of

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$41,486,051 as presented to the Board, seconded by Michael Carbonneau, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

V. Discussion/possible action on calling of District meeting and referendum on revised budget

Chris Matta moved that the Board of Education schedule and warn a District Meeting for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Flanders Room at Mitchell Elementary School, 14 School Street, Woodbury, CT concerning the amended 2024/2025 budget, with said meeting to be adjourned to a referendum on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, CT, seconded by Alice Jones, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VI. Discussion/possible action on authorization and approval of explanatory text/neutral materials and notices

Chris Matta moved that the Secretary of the Board of Education is authorized, in such official's discretion, to prepare and cause to be printed and distributed explanatory text and other neutral materials and notices regarding the 2024/2025 budget referendum scheduled for June 4, 2024, with such explanatory text and materials and notices subject to the review and approval of the District's legal counsel and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes, seconded by Caren Lipinski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 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

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