Minutes
Board of Education – District Meeting (Budget)
Monday, May 6, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, June 3, 2024

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

Absent:
N/A

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Attorney John McDonald, Moderator of the Meeting

I. Call to Order
Chairman 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. Chairman Crocker recognized Attorney John McDonald, who will be appointed to serve as Moderator of the Meeting.

III. Appointment of Moderator
Chairman Crocker appointed Attorney John McDonald to serve as Moderator of the Meeting.

IV. Appointment of Meeting Clerk by Moderator
Attorney John McDonald, Moderator the Meeting, appointed Patricia Paige as Meeting Clerk

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V. Call of the Meeting

Attorney John McDonald read the "Call of the Meeting"
All electors and citizens who are qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 14 will be held Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Elementary School; Flanders Room; 14 School Street; Woodbury, CT.

PURPOSE:
TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 IN THE AMOUNT OF $41,590,505.
The vote on said budget will be by the voting machines in the towns of Bethlehem, (Town Hall, 36 Main Street South) and Woodbury, (Senior Center, 265 Main Street South) Connecticut on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the day following the District Meeting.

VI. Note of Referendum Hours

Attorney McDonald noted the referendum hours

Referendum, Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VII. Statement by Chairperson

Chairman Crocker read the following statement:

I present the 2024-2025 School District Budget, approved by the Region 14 Board of Education in the amount of $41,590,505 in accordance with Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

In accordance with Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Region 14 Board of Education has separately established a "Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures" in which the aggregate amount of annual appropriations and any supplemental appropriations from surplus funds shall not exceed 2% of the annual district operating budget.

In accordance with Section 10-51 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Region 14 Board of Education has a statement of Estimated Receipts and

Expenditures for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years, Estimated Surplus or Deficit in operating funds at the end of the current fiscal year, Bonded Debt, and Estimated Per Pupil Expenditures for the Current and Next Fiscal Year.

VIII. Adjournment

Attorney McDonald noted the following:

The Annual District Meeting this evening is to be considered in recess until the following day, Tuesday, May 7, 2024 when the polls open in each of the two member towns for the purpose of voting the question. The meeting shall then be considered adjourned following the close of the polls in the two member towns and announcements made of the results of the voting question.

IX. Voting Machine Information

Attorney McDonald read the voting machine question

QUESTION:

Shall the budget submitted by the Board of Education for Regional School District No. 14 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 in the amount of

$ 41,590,505 be approved?

_____yes _____no

Chairman Crocker recessed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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