Board of Education

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Mission: The mission of Connecticut Region 14 Schools is to educate all students to their highest level of academic potential and to teach them the skills and knowledge to become capable, creative, collaborative lifelong learners and responsible members of the world community.

Board of Education Goals:
Academic Performance - The district will strive to improve academic performance for all students on multiple assessment indicators and the staff will be committed to continuous improvement.
Communication - Region 14 will develop partnerships with all stakeholders in the school community to highlight the exemplary programs the district offers
Safety - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district
Budget - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.

A G E N D A

Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, June 17, 2024; 6:05 p.m. (Immediately Following District Meeting)
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room

I. Call to Order……...…..James Crocker

II. Pledge of Allegiance……...James Crocker

III. Introductions…….…….…….…James Crocker

IV. Approval of Minutes (Action Anticipated)……James Crocker
   A. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024
   B. District Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024
   C. Special Meeting, Thursday, June 6, 2024

V. Superintendent's Report……..…….……..……Brian Murphy
   A. Nonnewaug High School Update
   B. Leave of Absence

VI. Committee Reports

VII. Board Chair's Comments

VIII. Privilege of the floor
The Board of Education will recognize citizens of Bethlehem and Woodbury, any parent/guardian of a child enrolled in the Region 14 School District, or any current employee of the Region 14 School District who are asked to state their name and town of residence and to please limit comments to three (3) minutes. Up to 21 minutes of statements per topic are allowed. All comments should be addressed to the Board of Education Chair. Decorum will be enforced.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
A. Memorandum of Agreement Between Regional School District #14 and EdAdvance for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of $33,495 (Action Anticipated)

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Tuesday, May 21, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Elementary School
Library Media Center

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta (via phone)
Chris Griffin
*Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
Tikva Rose

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

I. Call to Order
Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, May 6, 2024
A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

IV. Superintendent's Report
A. Student Representative Update
There was no report

B. EdAdvance Before and After School Program Update
The district currently has an afterschool program provided by EdAdvance, which offers service to Mitchell and Bethlehem Elementary school students. Superintendent Murphy is looking to expand the program to include a before school program, but unfortunately, only one family has expressed an interest.

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Superintendent Murphy will continue to promote the program and provide the Board with future updates.

C. Student Capstone Project Presentation

Adrienne Coehlo, an 8th grade student at Woodbury Middle School, showcased her Capstone Project, New Horizons Teen Center. Her presentation outlined the benefits of a Teen Center, which include Entertainment, Education, Mental Health, and Relationships.

D. Portfolio – The Best of Varsity Yearbook

Art Teacher Genna Riggi, was recognized for her work with the Chief's Yearbook, which was included in *Portfolio*, Volume 29. As part of this best-of-the-best publication by Varsity Yearbook, Nonnewaug High School is among an elite group of schools as only the top 10 percent they publicize are chosen for this honor. Ms. Riggi acknowledged her students' contributions and was presented with a Certificate of Excellence.

E. National *Celebrating Art* Student Publications

Several of Art Educator Ms. Salkos' students had their drawings selected to be published in the national *Celebrating Art* book this spring. Each student was congratulated and presented with a Certificate of Excellence. The students are Taylor Carella, Brooks Lavertue, Piper Robinson, and Cadence Velky.

V. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

1. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the following Curriculum:

a. World History

This course has been updated to reflect the new State Social Studies Standards that particularly impact the historical periods of focus at the high school level to ensure that the course includes more recent history. The course encompasses the time periods from the Age of Exploration to the contemporary world. The course is taught in a chrono-thematic approach that focuses on change, continuity and context when studying historical events.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve World History as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

b. US History

This course has also been updated to reflect the new State Social Studies Standards beginning with Reconstruction and its roots and continuing through present day events. Continuing the chrono-thematic approach, students analyze primary and

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secondary sources as they engage continually in the inquiry process.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve US History as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

c. Aquaculture
This course is designed to bring students to an understanding of what the Aquaculture industry consists of, particularly aquatic ecosystems, both freshwater and marine water, and how to identify different aquaculture systems that are commonly used within the aquaculture industry, both freshwater and marine water systems. Students work regularly with all of the tanks at Nonnewaug, both in the Aquahouse and in the classroom. The course also includes local studies in Milford to understand oyster aquaculture production and the shell fishing industry.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Caren Lipinski to accept/approve Aquaculture as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the following Course:
   a. Agriculture and Society (UConn ECE Course)
   This course focuses on the development of agricultural systems and technologies and their influence on societies. Topics include plant and animal domestication, food and industrial crops and centers of production, environmental issues, and agricultural ethics. This course is an Early College Experience course with UConn. Students will earn 3 credits upon successful completion of the course with a C or higher.

   A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve Agriculture and Society as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

3. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the following textbook
   a. AP Psychology Textbook and on-line Access
   This textbook has been approved by the College Board and has been revised to reflect the changes in the structure of the course moving to specific modules of instruction. Students will have both print and digital access to the text.

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A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the AP Psychology Textbook as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy Committee

1. On a recommendation by the Policy Committee to approve the following policies:
   a. Policy 6172 Alternative Education Program
   The purpose of the policy is to recognize the need for alternative education programs for some District students. Region 14 has two alternative programs, Transition and Scope.

   b. Policy 9750 Conduct of Meetings
   Language in Policy 9750 was edited to address those permitted to speak during public comment at Board meetings. The Order of Business was also edited, specifically the sequence of Committee Reports and Superintendent Report.

   The policies were presented as a first read, no action taken.

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker highlighted the progress Region 14 has achieved over the past 2 years. He thanked the Board of Education, Region 14 Superintendent Brian Murphy, faculty and staff and the communities of Bethlehem and Woodbury. He reiterated the four focuses, safety, academic performance, communication and budget as well as the three major projects, a comprehensive policy review, NHS building project and Agriscience Horse Barn.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

***Carol Ann Brown adjourned at 6:48 p.m.**

Both plans were collaboratively developed by the members of Region 14's Professional Development and Evaluation Committee and approved by the Region 14 Board of Education during the 2023-2024 school year. The plan fully aligns with the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Educator Growth and Evaluation Guidelines. Portions of the following plans have been adapted from the "Connecticut Leader and Educator Evaluation and Supports Plans 2024" document developed by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) which provides model evaluation

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and support plans for leaders and educators. The CSDE has granted PDECs permission to adapt the model plan in accordance with a self-assessment of district needs and goals.

A. Educator Evaluation and Support Plan

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve the Educator Evaluation Support Plan as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Leader Evaluation and Support Plan

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the Leader Evaluation and Support Plan as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

X. Other Business

A. Superintendent's Evaluation (Executive Session)

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to move into Executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation, all in favor, none opposed, the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. and invited Superintendent Murphy.

**Carol Ann Brown returned at 7:25 p.m.

Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:53 p.m.

Motion

Michael Carbonneau made a motion, seconded by Alice Jones, to approve extending Superintendent Murphy's employment contract an additional year, (3 years inclusive), five additional vacation days, and a 4% increase for 24/25, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Chris Griffin to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman
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
Jamie McLaughlin, 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.

III. Appointment of Moderator
Chairman Crocker appointed Jamie McLaughlin to serve as Moderator of the Meeting.

V. Call of the Meeting
Jamie McLaughlin 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

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Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Elementary School; Flanders Room; 14 School Street; Woodbury, CT.

PURPOSE:
TO CONSIDER THE AMENDED 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 $41,486,051.
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, June 4, 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

Mr. McLaughlin noted the referendum hours

Referendum, Tuesday, June 4, 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 $41,486,051 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.

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VIII. Adjournment

Mr. McLaughlin noted the following:

The Annual District Meeting this evening is to be considered in recess until the following day, Tuesday, June 4, 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

Mr. McLaughlin read the voting machine question

QUESTION:

Shall the amended 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

$ 41,486,051 be approved?

_____yes _____no

Chairman Crocker recessed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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Minutes
Special Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Thursday, June 6, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski
*Tikva Rose (arrived 6:05 p.m.)

Absent:
Chris Griffin

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

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.

III. Discussion/possible action on revised budget for 2024/2025

Superintendent Murphy proposed a cut of $200,588 from the district-wide building maintenance line item, which will reduce the proposed increase from 3.3% to 2.83% for the overall budget for 2024/2025.

Motion

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Chris Matta that the Region 14 Board of Education approve and adopt the Superintendent's proposed amended budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of $41,285,463 as presented to the Board, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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IV. Discussion/possible action on creation of (and/or conversion of "reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures" into) a "reserve fund for educational expenditures."

Motion

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Chris Matta that the Region 14 Board of Education create a "reserve fund for educational expenditures", effective immediately and commencing with the 2023-2024 fiscal year, consisting of annual appropriations and supplemental appropriations from surplus funds, in accordance with (and subject to the limitations of) Public Act 24-45, Section 8, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Motion

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Chris Matta that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the administration to transfer all funds from the "reserve fund for capital and nonrecurring expenditures" into the "reserve fund for educational expenditures", to be used for any educational expenditures, including for capital expenditures, to the extent permitted by law, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

*(Tikva Rose arrived 6:05 p.m.)

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

Motion

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Chris Matta that the Board of Education schedule and warn a District Meeting for Monday, June 17, 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 18, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury, CT, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion

Jim Crocker made a motion, seconded by Chris Matta 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 18, 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, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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