Minutes
Special Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Thursday, June 6, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, June 17, 2024

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