Minutes
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
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, July 15, 2024

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta, Vice Chairman
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
Mykal Kuslis, Principal, Nonnewaug High School, Presenter

I. Call to Order

Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Jim Crocker made a motion to accept/approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Chris Matta, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. District Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024

Jim Crocker made a motion to accept/approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Caren Lipinski, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

C. Special Meeting, Thursday, June 6, 2024

Jim Crocker made a motion to accept/approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Alice Jones, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Nonnewaug High School Update

Principal Kuslis shared with the Board the changes for the 2024/2025 school year. These changes included tightening up the cell phone policy, parking, the addition of a spring parent/teacher conference date, frequency of counselor meetings with

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students, diagnostic assessments, an eight-period schedule, and staffing changes. Adjustments will also occur with midterms/finals and due to safety concerns, the student leave/return policy implemented during Covid, which will be revoked.

B. Leave of Absence
Caroline South made a request for a one-year, leave of absence for childrearing purposes for the 24/25 school year. Superintendent Murphy recommended to the Board that they approve the request.

Discussion
Ms. South will not collect a salary nor have health care benefits provided during her leave of absence.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the leave of absence as presented, seconded by Chris Matta, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

V. Committee Reports
There were none

VI. Board Chair Comments
Mr. Crocker gave a heartfelt thank you to the students and their families, Region 14 staff and the communities for their support. He noted that Region 14 is in the top 19% of schools in the State of Connecticut based on state testing and that Mitchell Elementary School is a "School of Distinction".

VII. Privilege of the Floor
There was none

VIII. Old Business
There was none

IX. 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)

A motion was made by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented, seconded by Chris Matta, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

X. Other Business
Board member Carol Ann Brown publicly recognized that 13 students obtained their bi-literacy certificate. She also added some positive words regarding the four recent graduation ceremonies.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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