Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, June 3, 2024; 6:07 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
Chris Griffin
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski
*Tikva Rose (adjourned the meeting)

Absent:
N/A

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

I. Call to Order

Jim Crocker called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2024

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2024

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Tikva Rose and Chris Griffin abstained, none opposed, motion carried.

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Student Representative Update

Maia Colavito reported this evening for the elementary schools and on behalf of Gianna Lodice, for the high school and middle school. Events included a pet contest; Cereal Box Dominos, a fundraiser for the food bank; spring concerts; art shows; CAS Scholar of the Year award; Berkshire banquet; and Scholarship Night to name a few.

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B. Student Recognitions

Superintendent Murphy thank Maia for her service to the Board for the past year and presented her with a certificate. He also acknowledged Gianna Lodice, the senior student representative, who was not able to attend the meeting.

1. Litchfield County Superintendent Awardees

   Thea Oleynikov (8), Kirill Oleynikov (8), Madison Stewart (12) and Sean Classey (12) were this year's recipients of the Litchfield County Superintendent's Awards. The awardees attended a banquet at the Grand Oak Villa in May, where they were recognized for the academic prowess and leadership.

2. Invention Convention Semi-Finalists

   Ten Invention Convention semi-finalists have advanced to the CIC State Finals scheduled for June 8th at the University of Connecticut. Superintendent Murphy acknowledged each of the students and presented them with a Certificate of Excellence.

The Plant Protector	Bethlehem Elementary School	Charlie Fusco
The Desk Dividers	Bethlehem Elementary School	Daniela Garzon Arcile
The Desk Dividers	Bethlehem Elementary School	Kennedy Amodio
The Karate Belt Buddy	Bethlehem Elementary School	Lyla Johnson
The Karate Belt Buddy	Bethlehem Elementary School	Mae Ambruso
Butter Be Soft	Mitchell Elementary School	Luca Maini
Butter Be Soft	Mitchell Elementary School	Thomas Stevens
Winter Deluxe	Mitchell Elementary School	Marabella Macomber
Winter Deluxe	Mitchell Elementary School	Peyton Fisher
The Spider Grip	Mitchell Elementary School	Orien Rose

3. Chief Advocate Award-Winning Stories

   Superintendent Murphy and the Board of Education recognized the Chief Advocate staff for their award-winning stories. The stories, which were selected for re-publication on the national Best of SNO (School Newspapers Online) website. Each student was presented with a Certificate of Excellence.

   "Referees: Panic and Patience" by Aubrie Salisbury '27 and Ava Hirleman '27
   "Udvardi Makes 'Life-Changing' Trip as a Foreign Exchange Student" by Emma Cummings '24
   "Maki Makes History" by Kaylee Jackson '24
   "Post-Grads and Reclassing — Is An Extra Year Worth It?" by Anna Crocker '26
   "For Class of 2024, Modern Roommate Shopping Proves Problematic" by Brianna Johnson '25
   "NHS Hosts Inaugural EKG Scanning for Students" by Alexa Sweeney '25

***Tikva Rose adjourned the meeting**

IV. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

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

a. MOS Certification

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve MOS Certification curriculum as presented; all in favor; none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

b. Personal Finance

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

c. AP European History

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

d. AP Government

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

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

a. SAT/NGSS Prep

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the SAT/NGSS Prep Course as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

3. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the Graduation Requirements

a. Revised Graduation Requirements

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Caren Lipinski to accept/approve the Graduation Requirements 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

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve Policy 6172 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

b. Policy 9750 Conduct of Meetings

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve Policy 9750 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

C. Finance Committee (AGENDA AMENDED)

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to amend the agenda to include under IV. Committee Reports, subsection C, Finance Committee Report, for the purpose of discussion a Technology Lease Request, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

1. Technology Lease Request for $350,000 for school year 2024-2025

Phil Pagano, the Director of I.T., devised a five-year technology plan, to replace end-of-life equipment, which includes desktops and laptops for staff and servers. The lease will be paid annually over a five-year period commencing with the 2025/2026 school year.

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

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker reiterated his words of gratitude to the Board of Education for their contribution of time and expertise. He also thanked the communities for their continued support of the district's work and progress. He spoke to the major project priorities including Policy Review, NHS Renovation Project, Union Contract Negotiations, and Superintendent's Evaluation.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

A. Spanish Club Field Trip; Barcelona, Madrid, Seville; April 10 to April 19, 2025
Karen Sandor provided a brief overview of the field trip to the Board, which is planned for April of 2025.

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

X. Other Business

A. Discussion and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Paraeducator Union covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 (executive session anticipated).

B. Discussion and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Secretarial Association covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027(executive session anticipated).

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the proposed/draft collective bargaining agreements between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Paraeducator Union and the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Secretarial Association, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. and invited Superintendent Murphy and Director Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay into Executive Session.

Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:39 p.m.

Motions

Jim Crocker moved that the Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Paraeducator Union covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028; seconded by Chris Griffin, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Jim Crocker moved that the Board of Education authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement, subject to any further legal review, seconded by Chris Griffin, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Jim Crocker moved that the Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Secretarial Association covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, seconded by Chris Griffin, all in favor, none, opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Jim Crocker moved that the Board of Education authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement, subject to any further legal review, seconded by Chris Griffin, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

XI. Adjournment

Chris Matta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., seconded by Chris Griffin, 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