Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, July 15, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes - Board Approved - Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Present:
Jim Crocker
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau

Absent:
Tikva Rose
Chris Griffin
Caren Lipinski

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Mykal Kuslis, Principal, Nonnewaug High School, Presenter
Declan Curtin, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Nonnewaug High School, Presenter

I. Call to Order
Superintendent Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II/III. Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and members of the Board of Education and Central Office Staff introduced themselves.

IV. Election of Chairperson
Superintendent Murphy called for nominations for Board Chairman.

A motion was made by Christopher Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to nominate Jim Crocker to serve as Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Jim Crocker; Mr. Crocker will serve as Chairperson.

V. Election of Board Officers
Vice Chairperson

Board Chairman Jim Crocker called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to nominate Chris Matta as Vice Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was

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taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Mr. Matta; Mr. Matta will serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to nominate Carol Ann Brown to serve as Secretary; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Carol Ann Brown; Ms. Brown will serve as Secretary.

Treasurer
A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Matta to nominate Chris Griffin to serve as Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Chris Griffin; Chris Griffin will serve as Treasurer.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to nominate Caren Lipinski to serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Caren Lipinski; Caren Lipinski will serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

VI. Board Appointments

Board Clerk
A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the appointment of Patricia Paige as Board Clerk; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

District's Physician
A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve the appointment of Andrea Needleman, MD, Health as the School District's Physician; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

District's Dentist
A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the appointment of James Bauer, DMD, as the School District's Dentist;

Further Discussion
For the record, Chris Matta indicated that it was his understanding that Mr. Bauer will be retiring and offered Dr. Arya Saniee as a candidate upon Mr. Bauer's retirement.

all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VII. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024

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

B. District Meeting (Budget) Monday, June 17, 2024

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

C. Regular Meeting, Monday, June 17, 2024

Chris Matta made a motion, seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approved the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Nonnewaug High School Football Program Update

Principal Mykal Kuslis and Athletic Director Declan Curtin provided a 2024 Football Update to the Board.

Due to the increased number of players in the co-op, the CIAC has made the decision to grant Region 14 a one-year phase-out. There is full CTC and CIAC membership for the 2024 season. Region 20 and Region 12 have formally agreed to join Nonnewaug football co-op for the 2025 year.

B. Nonnewaug High School Staff Update

Superintendent Murphy paid homage to Nicole Lewis, who recently resigned from her position as Assistant Principal at Nonnewaug High School, stating that she did a fantastic job. He went on to explain the posting/application process noting that he plans to be fully staffed for the start of the 2024/2025 school year.

IX. Committee Reports

There were none

X. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker thanked the students, parents, and staff for a successful school year and restated the four focus areas, which include curriculum, policy, NHS Building, and the Horse Barn project.

XI. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

XII. Old Business

There was none

XIII. New Business

There was none

XIV. Other Business

There was none

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Carbonneau and seconded by Alice Jones to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 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