Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, September 16, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
OFFICIAL MINUTES – BOARD APPROVED – MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Griffin
Carol Ann Brown
Alice Jones
Tikva Rose *(arrived 6:07 p.m.)
Michael Carbonneau **(arrived 6:55 p.m.)

Absent:
Chris Matta
Caren Lipinski

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.

***Tikva Rose Arrived – Quorum Established**

III. Approval of Minutes
A. Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 3, 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. K-12 Fine Arts Program Presentation

- Jamie O'Dell (K-12 Fine Arts Director) and Todd Gorski (NHS Fine Arts Department Chair) presented

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- Elementary school:
    - Visual arts taught by Sandra Andes, aligned with core art standards
    - Music and chorus taught by Jessica Lopa-Iannotti
    - Instrumental music taught by Mr. Pietrorazio
    - 3rd grade students can begin string instruments
- Middle school:
    - Art led by Lee Skalkos, offering various courses including new options like ukulele and digital music
    - Band, orchestra, and chorus available
    - **5** musicians performed at Northern Region Music Festival
- High school:
    - New PLC time implemented for Fine Arts Department
    - Honors level option added for orchestra and choir, available to freshmen
    - **$600** grant received from Woodbury Bethlehem Community Music Foundation for "Make Music" program
    - New classes: guitar, piano, sound engineering, dramatic music theater
    - Video production partnering with Fox 61 student news
    - Several visual arts classes now offer UConn ECE credit

B. Agriscience Sending Districts Update

- Dr. Kuslis reported **362** students currently in the program, an increase of about **20** from last year
- Region 5 (Amity Regional School District) officially adopted as a sending district
- Horse barn **95%** complete with temporary certificate of occupancy
- Recruiting visit for sending districts scheduled for Thursday, 9 AM to 12 PM
- Agriscience Open House planned for October 17th
- 2nd Annual Car Show scheduled for October 6th

V. Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Committee

On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the following curricula:

1. History through Film

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

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

3. Chemistry
   A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Tikva Rose to accept/approve the curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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

5. ECE Contemporary Issues in Sports (This is a slight edit of the Sports and Society curriculum approved by the Board on 8/15/22 to align with UConn's requirements for those students taking the UConn credit)

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

****Mike Carbonneau arrived 6:55 p.m.**

On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to approve the following textbook:

1. Textbook for ECE Contemporary Issues in Sports – "Social Issues in Sports" by Ronald B. Woods and B. Nalani Butler (this textbook is required by UConn for the ECE Course)

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

VI. Board Chair Comments

Mr. Crocker referenced the four focus pillars and on-going projects

VII. Privilege of the Floor

There was none

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

A. Field Trip: National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, October 21, 2024 to October 26, 2024 (Presented by Jenn Jedd)

- Approved for **44** students, October 21-26, 2024
- Destination: Indianapolis, Indiana
- Student cost: **$400** each
- Activities include competitions, workshops, service projects, and career expo
- **6** past graduates receiving American degrees at the convention

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

There was none

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Alice Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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