Board of Education

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Mission: The mission of Connecticut Region 14 Schools is to educate all students to their highest level of academic potential and to teach them the skills and knowledge to become capable, creative, collaborative lifelong learners and responsible members of the world community.

Board of Education Goals:
Academic Performance - The district will strive to improve academic performance for all students on multiple assessment indicators and the staff will be committed to continuous improvement.
Communication - Region 14 will develop partnerships with all stakeholders in the school community to highlight the exemplary programs the district offers
Safety - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district
Budget - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.

A G E N D A

Special Meeting
Board of Education –Policy Committee
Tuesday, November 19, 2024; 5:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Elementary School
Library

I. Call to Order

II. Policy (Action Anticipated)
   A. Policy 0200 District Goals
   B. Policy 0521 Nondiscrimination Policy and Notice

III. Adjournment

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District Goals

The Region 14 Public School District established the following goals:

***Board of Education Goals**:*

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3. **Safety** - Region 14 will provide safe and secure facilities equipped with technology, enabling a 21st century learning environment that supports the values of the district.

4. **Budget** - Region 14 will prepare a budget that meets the needs of every student and communicates the needs and priorities of Region 14 in a clear and concise manner.

The Region 14 Public School District established the following mission statement:

Board of Education Mission Statement:

The mission of the Region 14 School District is to educate all students to their highest level of academic potential and to teach them the skills and knowledge to become capable, creative, collaborative lifelong learners and responsible members of the world community.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-4(c) Duties of boards. Reports. Comprehensive plan for elementary, secondary, vocational, career and adult education.

10-220(b) Duties of boards of education (as amended by P.A. 21-46, Section 13)

P.A. 21-46 An Act Concerning Social Equity and the Health, Safety, and Education of Children Policy adopted:

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Nondiscrimination

Nondiscrimination Policy and Notice

Pursuant to Title IX and its regulations ("Final Rule" released on April 19, 2024), the Region 14 Board of Education has adopted and implemented a policy stating that the District does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity it operates, including admission and employment.

The Region 14 Public Schools does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, marital status, pregnancy or related conditions, national origin, protective hairstyles, alienage, ancestry, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by law and prohibits discrimination, including harassment, in any education program or activity it operates.

The Board shall provide protections from all forms of sex-based harassment, including sexual violence and unwelcome sex-based conduct that creates a hostile environment by limiting or denying a person's ability to participate in or benefit from a school's education program or activity.

The District shall take prompt and effective action to end any sex discrimination in its education programs or activities to provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of sex discrimination complaints, prevent recurrence, and remedy its effects. To that end, the District shall act promptly and effectively in response to information about conduct that reasonably may constitute discrimination, including sexual violence and other forms of sex-based harassment. The district shall also ensure that all school employees are trained about their obligations to address sex discrimination and their obligations to notify or provide contact information for the Title IX Coordinator.

The Region 14 Board of Education Non-discrimination policy includes protections for students, employees, and applicants against discrimination based on pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, related medical conditions, or recovery from these conditions and shall provide reasonable modifications for students based on pregnancy or related conditions, allow for lactation for employees, and access to a clean, private lactation space for students and employees.

The District shall not disclose personally identifiable information obtained through complying with Title IX, with limited exceptions, such as when there had been prior written consent or when the information is disclosed to the parent of a minor.

Retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, makes a report of harassment or discrimination,

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files a complaint of harassment or discrimination, serves as a witness, or participates in an investigation or grievance process is also a violation of the Region 14 Board of Education's non-discrimination policy and is prohibited.

The Region 14 Public Schools shall notify *students*, *employees*, *parents*, and *others* of this policy and publish it widely. The Board shall publish a statement that the District prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates and that individuals may report concerns or questions to the Title IX Coordinator. The Board's Non-Discrimination Statement shall be as follows:

The Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education does not discriminate in any employment practice or any educational program or activity on the basis of race, color, religion, national/ethic origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, status as a domestic violence victim, or any other basis prohibited by Connecticut state and/or federal laws. Regional School District No. 14 further provides equal access to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and all other designated youth groups. Any person having inquiries concerning Regional School District No. 14 Public Schools' compliance with its nondiscrimination policies and procedures, including compliance with Section 504, Title VI or Title IX, should contact:

District Title IX Coordinator:

Dina Ericson
Title IX Coordinator/Director of Student Services
DEricson@ctreg14.org
Regional School District 14
5 Minortown Road
Woodbury, CT 06798
(203) 263-6356

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District's Other Designees Under Section 504

The Region 14 Public School District is required not to discriminate on the basis of sex by Title IX and its implementing regulations. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, or both.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights Contact Information:

U.S. Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Bldg
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-1100
OCR@ed.gov
800-421-3481

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to The Region 14 Public School's non-discrimination policy and grievance procedures (**Title IX Policy and Administrative Regulation**) Policy #4000.1/4200.1 and 5145.44. Any person may also report sex discrimination, including harassment, using the contact information listed for the Title IX Coordinator.

The Region 14 Public School's non-discrimination policy and grievance procedures (**Title IX Policy and Administrative Regulation**) Policy #4000.1/4200.1 and 5145.44.

(cf. 4000.1 – Title IX)
(cf. 4111 – Recruitment and Selection)
(cf. 4111.1/4211.1 – Affirmative Action)
(cf. 4118.11/4218.11 – Nondiscrimination)
(cf. 4118.112/4218.112 – Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment in the Workplace)
(cf. 4118.113/4218.113 – Harassment)
(cf. 5145.4 – Nondiscrimination)
(cf. 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment)

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(cf. 5145.51 – Peer Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5145.52 – Harassment)
(cf. 5145.6 – Student Grievance Procedure)
(cf. 6121 – Nondiscrimination)
(cf. 6121.1 - Equal Educational Opportunity)

Legal Reference: Title VII, Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq.
29 CFR 1604.11, EEOC Guidelines on Sex Discrimination.
Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.
Title IX Final Rule, May 6, 2020
Age Discrimination in Education Act, 29 U.S.C. §621
Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794
Title II of the Genetic Information Act of 2008
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et. Seq.
34 CFR Section 106.8(b), OCR Guidelines for Title IX.
Definitions, OCR Guidelines on Sexual Harassment, Fed. Reg. Vol 62, #49, 29 CFR Sec. 1606.8 (a0 62 Fed Reg. 12033 (March 13, 1997) and 66 Fed. Reg. 5512 (January 19, 2001)
20 U.S.C. 7905 (Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act)
Meritor Savings Bank. FSB v. Vinson, 477 U.S. 57 (1986)
Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, No. 97-282 (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26,1998)
Gebbser v. Lago Vista Indiana School District, No. 99-1866, (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26,1998)
Davis v. Monro County Board of Education, No. 97-843, (U.S. Supreme Court, May 24, 1999.)
The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Act of 1974, as amended, 38U.S.C. §4212
Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008
Connecticut General Statutes
46a-51 Definitions (as amended by PA 17-127, PA 21-2 and PA 22-82)
46a-58 Deprivation of rights. Desecration of property. Placing of burning cross or noose on property. Penalty. (as amended by PA 17-127 and PA 22-82)

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46a-60 Discriminatory employment practices prohibited. (as amended by PA 17-127 and PA 21-69 and PA 22-82)
46a-81a Discrimination on basis of sexual orientation: Definition
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds. (Amended by P.A. 97-247 to include "sexual orientation" and P.A. 11-55 to include "gender identity or expression")
10-153 Discrimination on account of marital status.
17a-101 Protection of children from abuse.
PA 17-127, An Act Concerning Discriminatory Practices Against Veterans, Leaves of Absence for National Guard Members…
Public Law 111-256
Meacham v. Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory 128 S.Ct. 2395, 76 U.S.L.W. 4488 (2008)
Federal Express Corporation v. Holowecki 128 S.Ct. 1147, 76 U.S.L.W. 4110 (2008)

Kentucky Retirement Systems v. EEOC 128 S.Ct. 2361, 76 U.S.L.W. 4503 (2008)

Sprint/United Management Co. v. Mendelsohn 128 S.Ct. 1140, 76 U.S.L.W. 4107 (2008)

Bostock v. Clayton County, Georgia, 140 S.Ct. 1731, 2020 WL3146686 (June 15, 2020)

2024 Amendments to the U.S. Department of Education's Title IX Regulations ("Final Rule")

Policy adopted:
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