Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, December 2, 2024; 6:00 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
Flanders Room
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, January 13, 2025

Present:
Jim Crocker, Chairman
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown
Chris Griffin
Alice Jones
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski

Absent:
Tikva Rose

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Addison Bushka, Student Representative

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.

III. Approval of Minutes
N/a

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Board of Education Student Representative Report
Student Representative Addison Bushka

- MES and BES reported successful November activities including Veterans Day celebrations, Kid Governors program, parent conferences, and STEM float parades with many student participants

B. Nonnewaug High School National Merit Semi-Finalists

- Students Micah Tracht and Luke Vitalis qualified as semifinalists in 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program

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- The students joined 16,000 semifinalists nationwide in top 1% of PSAT scores in their junior year
- Semifinalists will compete for 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $26 million

C. Middle School Music Department Grant
- The trustees of the Battell-Stoeckel Music Trust approved Adam Snyder's application, on behalf of Woodbury Middle School, for funding
- A check in the amount of $10,000.00 was granted and will be used for keyboards, DAW Licenses, Audio Interfaces, headphones, lesson materials and resources, which will greatly enhance the musical arts programs at Woodbury Middle School

D. Woodbury Middle School Development Plan
Overview/Goals
- Woodbury Middle School will increase the number of students meeting or exceeding CT State proficiency targets in English Language Arts SBAC Testing, in Math SBAC Testing, and in NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) SBAC Testing by 3 percentage points in each grade level
- Progress Monitoring - Data Teams (2 times per month), SST (weekly), Instructional Leader Meetings (weekly), Devoted Team Discussions (weekly) and NWEA (3 times per year)

E. Nonnewaug High School Development Plan
Overview/Goals
- At least 75% of students will meet grade-level proficiency targets on state standardized assessments (SAT/PSAT/SBAC) in ELA and mathematics each year
- A minimum of 2% improvement per year on all standardized state assessments
- At least 75% of students will meet grade-level proficiency targets on state standardized assessments NGSS science each year
- The school chronic absenteeism will decrease to under 10% for the 2024-2025 school year

V. **Committee Reports**

A. Curriculum Committee

Ms. Jones, Committee Chair, provided a brief summary of the curricula brought before the Board for approval. All of the curriculum documents were initially reviewed and approved by the Curriculum Committee before coming before the Board.

1. Calculus Honors

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to

accept/approve the Calculus Honors Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. AP Computer Science Principles

   Motion

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

3. Computer Programming with Mathematical Modeling

   Motion

   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve Computer Programming with Mathematical Modeling Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

4. Algebra II

   Motion

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

5. Probability and Statistics

   Motion

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

6. Computer Aided Drafting

   Motion

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

B. Finance Committee

Transportation contract bid selection

- Finance committee reviewed 2 bids for contract starting July 2025
- All Star Transportation (current vendor) proposed 10% first-year increase
- First Student proposed 30% increase
- Board selected All Star Transportation for 5-year contract through June 2030
    - 10% increase in first year
    - 5% annual increases thereafter

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve the All-Star Transportation bid commencing July 1, 2025

through June 30, 2030, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy Committee

Policy committee presented District Goals (Policy 0200) and Non-discrimination (Policy 0521) for second read and vote

1. Policy 0200 District Goals

Motion

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to accept/approve Policy 0200 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. Policy 0521 Non-discrimination

Motion

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Chris Griffin to accept/approve Policy 0521 as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VI. Board Chair Comments

Chairman Crocker offered his sincere appreciation to each of the Board members for their dedication, experience, and commitment to the benefit of the Region 14 students, staff, and communities. He reiterated the four focus groups and status of district projects and stated that Region 14 is a great place to be, learn, and work and is continuously improving.

VII. Privilege of the Floor

Paul Zulpa, Woodbury Board of Finance

Mr. Zulpa publicly thanked the administration, staff, and students of Region 14 for their support of the town's annual report. He also recognized the Nonnewaug Art program for their contributions to this year's publication.

VIII. Old Business

There was none

IX. New Business

A. 2025 Board of Education Meeting Dates

- Commencing January 2025, regular Board of Education meetings will be held once per month, unless otherwise noted

Motion

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

B. Discussion and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Teachers' Association dated July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028

Executive Session (Action Anticipated)
A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the negotiations between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Teachers' Association, including discussion and review of the draft/tentative agreement between the parties, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously. The Board invited Superintendent Brian Murphy and Director of Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay into the Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.

Public Session
The Board returned to Public Session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion
A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Chris Griffin to ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Region 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Teachers' Association, with a term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, subject to any necessary further legal review, and hereby move to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute said agreement upon finalization, 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 Caren Lipinski to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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