Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, July 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
OFFICIAL MINUTES – BOARD APPROVED – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Present:
Jim Crocker
Chris Matta
Carol Ann Brown (via phone)
Alice Jones
Caren Lipinski
Michael Carbonneau
Tikva Rose

Absent:
Christopher Griffin

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Patricia Paige, Recording Clerk

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

Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and acquaintances were made

Election of Chairperson
Superintendent Murphy called for nominations for Board Chairperson

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

Election of Board Officers
Vice Chairperson

Board Chairman Chris Matta called for nominations for Vice Chairperson

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to nominate Alice Jones as Vice Chairperson; no other nominations were cast; a rollcall vote was taken; all were in favor of the appointment of Ms. Jones; Ms. Jones will serve as Vice Chairman.

Secretary
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker 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.

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Treasurer
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Caren Lipinski to nominate Chris Griffin to serve as Treasurer;

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

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Michael Carbonneau 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 Ms. Lipinski; Ms. Lipinski will serve as Assistant Secretary/Treasurer.

Board Appointments

A. Board Clerk
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the appointment of Patricia Paige as Board Clerk; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

B. District's Physician
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the appointment of Andrea Needleman, MD, Health as the School District's Physician; Tikva Rose abstained, the remainder were in favor; motion carried.

C. District's Dentist
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the appointment of James Bauer, DMD, as the School District's Dentist; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting of the Board of Education dated Friday, May 9, 2025
A motion was made Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Caren Lipinski abstained, motion carried.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated Monday, June 2, 2025
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

District Meeting (budget) of the Board of Education dated Monday, June 9, 2025
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the minutes as presented, Tikva Rose and Caren Lipinski abstained, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

A. Nonnewaug Athletic Club (NAC) McEneaney/Condon Ironman Awards
Tim Drakeley and John Dominello of the Nonnewaug Athletic Club presented the McEneaney/Condon Ironman Awards to Lincoln Nichols – Basketball; Kelly Farrell - Field Hockey; RJ Barksdale – Football.

The NHS Athletic Club has been awarding the Nonnewaug Ironman Award for 17 years.

Several years ago, the name of the award was changed to the Kyle McEneaney/Shane Condon Ironman Award in honor of two hard-working, three-sport athletes that played at Nonnewaug and have since passed away. The award is given to those athletes that show true grit throughout their respective seasons.

B. American Sign Language Course Update
The sole teacher of the ASL course left during the school year and has been very difficult to replace. The plan moving forward is to phase out ASL I at this time. Those students who have signed up have been moved, depending on their preference, to a Spanish or French class. Students in ASL II or III will continue forward with the Posner LLC. Program with the ECE option for ASL III.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

On a recommendation by the Policy Committee to accept/approve the following policy, Second Read, Action Anticipated.

1. Policy 6141.3273/4118.53/4218.53 Generative AI (Artificial Intelligence)

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

Board Chair Comments

Newly appointment Chairman, Chris Matta, thanked and acknowledged Jim Crocker for his service to the board noting some of his accomplishments during his tenure as Chairman.

Privilege of the Floor

There were no partakers

Old Business

There was no Old Business

New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Administrators' Group covering the period of July 2026 through June 30, 2029. (Executive Session Anticipated)

Executive Session

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to enter into Executive Session for the discussion and possible action on the ratification of proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Administrators' Group covering the period of July 2026 through June 30, 2029, Superintendent Murphy and Director of Finance and Operations Tina Tanguay were invited into the executive session at 6:24 p.m.

Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 6:42 p.m.

Motions

Chris Matta moved that the Board of Education ratify the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education and the Nonnewaug Administrators' Group covering the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, seconded by Jim Crocker, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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

Other Business

There was no Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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