Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Monday, November 3, 2025; 6:00 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School
OFFICIAL MINUTES - BOARD APPROVED – *WITH AMENDMENT – MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Present:
Chris Matta, Chairman
Alice Jones, Vice Chairman
Jim Crocker
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Carbonneau
Tikva Rose

Absent:
Chris Griffin
Caren Lipinski

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations

I. Call to Order
Chairman Matta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and acquaintances were made

II. Approval of Minutes
A. Regular Meeting, Monday, October 6, 2025
A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Alice Jones to accept and approve the minutes as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

III. Superintendent's Report
A. Student Representative Reports
Maia Colavito reported on numerous events occurring at Nonnewaug High School and Woodbury Middle School and included:

NHS Events
- NHS homecoming dance at the Grand Oak Villa
- PSAT Testing/senior college activities
- Annual Trick-or-Treat Street

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- Girls and boys' soccer, girls' volleyball, and field hockey all won their respective BL tournament titles
- Veterans Day ceremony
- Fall play production of Dracula
- Senior citizen lunch drive-through pickup and NHS winter blood drive
- NHS winter concert

WMS Events

- 8th graders attended electives fair at Nonnewaug
- Halloween dance
- Cross country competed at Middle School Championships at Woodbury Park
- Senior Citizen Harvest Luncheon
- Winter concert

B. Award Presentations
- The Board recognized Maia Colavito as a 2025 National Merit Scholar - This is a recognition for students who score in the top 3-4% on the PSAT/NMSQ. It is an honor awarded to approximately 50,000 students (out of about 1.5 million) annually based on their PSAT scores.

- The Board also recognized staff member Jennifer Jedd, who received the U.S. Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher Award, nominated by 2025 graduate Chloe Weaver, who won the Presidential Scholar recognition.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Agriscience Funding Committee Update
- Jim Crocker, Chair of the Committee, presented an update on Connecticut AgriScience Foundation funding for Region 14
- ~~*State significantly reduced AgriScience funding across Connecticut~~
- Region 14 engaged consulting group to provide assessment and contact districts about potential involvement
- Meeting covered wide range of discussion on Connecticut AgriScience funding statutes and history

B. Finance Committee Update Reported by Tina Tanguay
- Financials as of October 31st show revenue of $15,836,615 with 37.02% collected
- Total expenses to date are $14,703,403 (34.38% spent)
- First billing to towns for tuition completed in October
- Special Education expenses billed out
- Revenue and expenses are trending as expected for this point in fiscal year

C. Curriculum Committee – Reported by Alice Jones, Chair of the Committee
1. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to accept/approve

the following curricula (Action Anticipated):

a. AP Biology
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the AP Biology Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

b. Biology
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the Biology Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

c. Biotechnology
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Chris Matta to accept/approve the Biotechnology Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

d. World Languages – 3rd Year
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the World Languages – 3rd Year Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

e. The Writer's Studio (Engl 3082)
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Writer's Studio (Engl 3082) Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

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

g. Aquaculture 11/12 Year B
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Aquaculture 11/12 Year B Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

h. Greenhouse 10 Plant Production and Processing
   A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Greenhouse 10 Plant Production and Processing Curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. On a recommendation by the Curriculum Committee to accept/approve the following course proposals (Action Anticipated):
    a. Video Game Design II/EGM201 Psychology of Gaming (Post University)
    A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Video Game DesignII/EGM201 course proposal as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

    b. Video Game Design III/EGM401 Gaming Project Management (Post University)
    A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Video Game DesignIII/EGM401 course proposal as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

D. Policy Committee – Reported by Chris Matta, Chair of the Committee
1. On a recommendation by the Policy Committee to accept/approve the following policies: (Second Read, Action Anticipated)
    a. Policy and Regulation 4112.5/4212.5 Security Check/Fingerprinting/Criminal Justice Information
    A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the policy as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

    b. Policy and Regulation 5144.12 Challenging Behavior Prevention: Restorative Practices Response
    A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Alice Jones to accept/approve the policy as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

2. On a recommendation by the Policy Committee to accept/approve the following policies: (First Read, No Action Anticipated)
    The policies below were brought before the board as a first read with action anticipated at their next meeting.
    a. Policy 1312.5/6161.14 Library Display and Program Policy
    b. Policy 5118.2 Educational Opportunities for Military Children

E. Safe Schools Committee Update – Reported by Chris Matta, Chair of the Committee
- District completed district-wide safety assessment with detailed recommendations
- Principals notify parents in advance that evacuation drills are coming (not exact date)

- Evacuation drills completed at all schools
- Chief Morgan conducted investigation and provided answers

V. Board Chair Comments

There were no comments by Chairman Matta

VI. Privilege of the Floor

There were no participants for Privilege of the Floor

VII. Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the board

VIII. New Business

There was no New Business brought before the board

IX. Other Business

There was no Other Business brought before the board

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chris Matta and seconded by Jim Crocker to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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