REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14
RESIDENCY COMMITTEE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
5:02 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES – BOARD APPROVED – MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

A special meeting of a committee of the Board of Education consisting of Chris Matta, James Crocker and Alice Jones that was designated for the purpose of (and delegated the responsibility for) conducting a student residency hearing convened at 5:02 PM.

MOTION by Chris Matta, seconded by James Crocker, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a student residency hearing, during which matters of personal privacy of the Student involved are likely to be discussed. Further, I move that the following persons be invited into Executive Session to assist in either giving testimony or assist in the representation of the various parties to the proceedings: Brian Murphy, Superintendent of Schools; the Parents of the Student who is the subject of the residency hearing; Attorney Mark Sommaruga, Board attorney and procedural advisor; Dina Ericson (Region 14's Director of Student Services); Wendy Yatsenick (Principal at Bethlehem Elementary School); Danielle Cangelosi (teacher at Bethlehem Elementary School); Christine Davis (Advanced Investigations); and Matthew Heim (Advanced Investigations).

AYE: Chris Matta, James Crocker and Alice Jones. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (3-0)**

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:03 PM during which the student residency hearing took place.

The Parents, along with Murphy, Ericson, Yatsenick, Cangelosi, Davis, and Heim left the executive session at 6:33 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:58 PM.

MOTION by Chris Matta, seconded by James Crocker, that:

1. The Board of Education via this committee adopt the Findings of Fact discussed in executive session regarding the Student who was the subject of the residency hearing conducted in executive session.

2. That the Student's/Parents' appeal is denied and that as a consequence of the factual findings adopted by the Board, the decision of the school administration to dis-enroll said student from the Region 14 school system is affirmed, since (based upon the facts offered) the Student is not a resident of a member town of the school district and is therefore not entitled to attend schools in this school district, as the Parents have not met their burden of proof..

3. That the Board's procedural counsel is authorized to notify the parents in writing of the Board's decision.

AYE: Chris Matta, James Crocker and Alice Jones. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (3-0)**

MOTION by Chris Matta, seconded by James Crocker to adjourn the meeting:

AYE: Chris Matta, James Crocker and Alice Jones. NAY: None. **MOTION PASSED (3-0)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.