Minutes

Board of Education – District Meeting (Budget)
Monday, May 4, 2026; 6:00 p.m.
Flanders Room, Mitchell Elementary School
Official Minutes – Board Approved – Monday, June 1, 2026

Present:
Chris Matta, Chairman
Alice Jones
Jim Crocker
Carol Ann Brown
Michael Carbonneau
Caren Lipinski
Bridget Calabrese
Tikva Rose

Absent:

Also Present:
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Tina Tanguay, Director of Finance and Operations
Attorney John McDonald, Moderator of the Meeting
Patricia Paige, Meeting Clerk

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

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

III. Appointment of Moderator
Chairman Matta appointed Attorney John McDonald as the Meeting Moderator

IV. Appointment of Meeting Clerk by Moderator
Attorney McDonald appointed Patricia Paige as the Meeting Clerk

V. CALL OF MEETING
Attorney McDonald read the "Call of the Meeting"

All electors and citizens who are qualified to vote in town meetings of the Towns of

Bethlehem and Woodbury, Connecticut, are hereby notified and warned that a District Meeting of Regional School District No. 14 will be held Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Elementary School; Flanders Room; 14 School Street; Woodbury, CT.

PURPOSE:
TO CONSIDER THE BUDGET SUBMITTED BY
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $44,757,503

The vote on said budget will be by the voting machines in the towns of Bethlehem, (Town Hall, 36 Main Street South) and Woodbury, (Senior Center, 265 Main Street South) Connecticut on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., the day following the District Meeting.

VI. NOTE OF REFERENDUM HOURS

Attorney McDonald noted the referendum hours

- Referendum, Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

VII. STATEMENT BY CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Matta read the Statement by Chairperson

I present the 2026-2027 School District Budget, approved by the Region 14 Board of Education in the amount of $44,757,503 in accordance with Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

In accordance with Section 10-51 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Region 14 Board of Education has separately established a "Reserve Fund for Educational Expenditures" in which the aggregate amount of annual appropriations and any supplemental appropriations from surplus funds shall not exceed 2% of the annual district operating budget.

In accordance with Section 10-51 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Region 14 Board of Education has a statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditures for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 fiscal years, Estimated Surplus or Deficit in operating funds at the end of the current fiscal year, Bonded Debt, and Estimated Per Pupil Expenditures for the Current and Next Fiscal Year.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT (Read by Attorney McDonald)

The Annual District Meeting this evening is to be considered in recess until the

following day, Tuesday, May 5, 2026 when the polls open in each of the two member towns for the purpose of voting the question. The meeting shall then be considered adjourned following the close of the polls in the two member towns and announcements made of the results of the voting question.

IX. VOTING MACHINE INFORMATION (Read by Attorney McDonald)

QUESTION:

Shall the budget submitted by the Board of Education for Regional School District No. 14 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 in the amount of $44,757,503 be approved?

_____Yes _____No

The Board recessed at 6:05 p.m.