The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held September 18, 2017at the Board of Education Board Room, 67 Washington Ave, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Janet Morgan, Mary Ann Van Aken, George Bauer, Mike Devine, John Chapman, Pamela Zmek. Carol Ann Brown arrived at 7:32pm. Also in attendance were Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard, Mike Rafferty, Chrissy Fensore, Kimberly Culkin, Wayne McAllister, Principal Susan Ruddock and approximately 10 community members.

Missing: David Lampart.

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Student Rep Report**

Xander Leone and Kyleigh Paige of BES brought the BOE up to date on events that have taken place since the beginning of the year.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Van Aken motioned to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting on September 5, 2017 and Seconded by Mr. Bauer, the **motion carried 5-0-1, with Ms. Zmek abstaining.**

5. **Superintendent's report**

- FFA parliamentary procedure demonstration to be tabled until October to give the students a little more time to prepare before Nationals.
- Hiring processes in region 14 – Ms. Culkin gave highlights and updates on the hiring processes in the region

6. **Board Committee Reports**

A. Building Committee – Mr. Chapman was happy to announce that the project is moving along, is on schedule, on time and on budget. He advised that a finance subcommittee will be formed for Phase II of the NHS building project to help keep track of the lesser change requirements. The new subcommittee will meet monthly on the 1st Thursday of each month and will become more frequent as the project evolves. Mr. Chapman also encouraged community members to attend the building committee meetings. Lastly he advised that the committee will meet with the state on Friday to go over cost estimates.

B. Community Relations – Ms. Zmek advised that they are in discussions regarding the upcoming community conversation. Will be scheduling another meeting to discuss further to follow up on last year's conversation outcome.

C. Safe Schools – Ms. Van Aken updated the BOE regarding the meeting that was held on September 15, 2017.

7. **Board Chair Comments**

Mrs. Morgan gave responses to Mrs. Paolino's questions from the previous BOE meeting including student nutrition and school educational records.

Ms. Morgan advised that there will be a special BOE meeting on September 30, 2017 from 9:00-10:00am to discuss BOE goals.

8. Public Comment

Community member, Ms. Paolino commented on her dissatisfaction with the Board of Education and Central Office and did ask for more clarification on answers she received to previous questions asked and as they relate to vacancies filled at the administrator level, rising legal costs.

Dean Jones commented that the motion regarding the DECA Conference should read Business students rather than Agriscience students and gave more insight into the DECA conference.

9. New Business

A. Ms. Van Aken *moved that* the Region 14 BOE approve Nonnewaug High School business students to attend the DECA Conference in Atlanta, GA, from April 25, 2018 through April 25, 2018 for 2-8 students, and 1 chaperone via air, taxi, National DECA shuttle bus and funded by the NHS DECA fund and by students. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

B. Mr. Chapman *moved that* the Region 14 BOE certify the final plans and project manuals as prepared for bidding and dated July 17, 2017 and the professional cost estimate completed in accordance with level 3 ASTM international E1557 standard classification of building elements and related site work–UNIFORMAT II for this project dated August 28, 2017 have been reviewed and approved for this project on September 18, 2017 for state project #'s 214-0093 and 214-0096. Seconded by Mr. Bauer. The **motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

C. Ms. Van Aken *moved that* the Region 14 BOE go into executive session for the purpose of a personnel matter; specifically, the Superintendent's performance and evaluation. Seconded by Mr. Chapman. The **motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

The BOE moved into executive session at 7:53pm. Dr. Anna was invited to join in.

The BOE moved out of executive session at 8:36pm.

10. Old Business

Ms. Morgan read a statement that will be sent to the towns of Bethlehem and Woodbury in regards to the building permit fees. The BOE had a short discussion as to whether the language contained in the statement was acceptable. All BOE members which were present were in agreement as to the wording with one minor deletion.

11. Adjournment

Ms.Van Aken *moved to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Chapman*. The **motion carried unanimously 7-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 9/26/2017