The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held Monday, June 1, 2015 at Nonnewaug High School, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present: Board members George Bauer, Carol Ann Brown, Charles Cosgriff, Michael Devine, Janet Morgan (7:50 pm), Maryanne Van Aken and Pamela Zmek; Director of Finance/Operations Wayne McAllister; Director of Instruction Sue Domanico, Ed.D.; Agriscience Director William Davenport; and about five additional members of the community.
Absent: John Chapman, Dr. Anna Cutaia-Leonard

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Student Representatives

No report.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bauer requested *a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2015.* Entered by Ms. Van Aken and seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 6-0**.

5. Information and Proposals

A. Committee Reports – none.

B. Superintendent's Report

Mr. McAllister introduced the topic of School Climate Update by saying it would be in follow up to the report given in October of 2014. Dr. Domanico supplied the Board with a handout illustrating progress made in staff education and training – including Title IX and mandated reporter training, bullying reporting, responsive classroom training, and PBIS training – as well as student education and training. This included the use of the SROs, instruction in health classes, topics in advisory, community circles, and PBIS matrix, to name a few.
Mr. McAllister gave an update on school safety improvements, noting that 293 volunteers have been background checked; exterior camera installation is 98% complete and training will occur on 6/5; school offices will be equipped with split screen cameras and SROs will have large screen computers at their desks to view security camera footage; and shades/blinds have been measured for a bid package to be brought to the board in late June. Asked if the interior cameras and the shades/blinds will be completed for the start of the 2015-16 school year, he replied they would.

Mr. Cosgriff entered a *motion that the Region 14 Board of Education opt out of the Connecticut Healthy Foods Certification for the 2015-2016 school year.* Second by Ms. Van Aken. Mr. McAllister explained the district opts out due to the restrictions of the program. **Motion carried 6-0.**

C. Chairman's Comments

Mr. Bauer noted an upcoming Tech Night at BES, on June 8th from 6-7 pm in the café. The Board workshop/retreat is also that night, which is when several subcommittees of the board typically meet. Mr. Bauer urged those committee chairs to contact him if they still need to meet so that arrangements can be made.

6. Privilege of the Floor

Bob Kolesnik, Woodbury, complimented the Board on a remarkable job of getting the budget together and presenting it. He noted the Board is often subject to community divisiveness which he feels they handle with professionalism and respect. He will be submitting a proposal for legal services for the Board's consideration. He said he would offer legal advice different from what is received from our current legal counsel, Mark Sommaruga. He would be very accessible to the Board and believes he could help the Board avoid litigation. He feels cases the district has been involved in could have been avoided or settled. He feels he would be a good fit for the district and, because he wants happy clients, would want a month-to-month agreement that could be ended at any time.

7. New Business requiring Board action

Ms. Van Aken entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education award the WMS roof replacement contract to Ultimate Construction, LLC, of 19C Andover Drive, West Hartford, in the amount of $49,455.* Second by Mr. Cosgriff. Mr. McAllister explained this is the final of four phases of roof replacement at WMS, and the lowest responsible bid from the company which has completed the other three sections. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to apply to the Commissioner of Education to accept or reject a grant for the Agriscience Equipment Grant at Nonnewaug High School in the amount of $587,568.* Second by Mr. Cosgriff. Mr. Davenport reviewed with the Board that the Agriscience program participates in a building and equipment grant system through the State, and the motions approved tonight are the first step in applying for grants to be awarded in 2016. He highlighted the items in the equipment grant request and gave reasons for them, ranging from the age of the current equipment to the desire to have students working with equipment comparable to what is used in the industry. **The motion previously entered and seconded carried 7-0.**
Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Chairman to form a building committee for the Agriscience Equipment Grant at Nonnewaug High School.*
Seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**
Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Agriscience Equipment Grant at Nonnewaug High School.*
Seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**
Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to apply to the Commissioner of Education to accept or reject a grant for the Agriscience Building Grant at Nonnewaug High School in the amount of $662,000.*
Seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**
Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorize the Chairman to form a building committee for the Agriscience Building Grant at Nonnewaug High School. Said committee is authorized to engage in an architect, engineer or other specialists for the purpose of providing architectural, engineering or technical services, including outline specifications and preparation of schematics.*
Seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**
Mr. Devine entered the following: *Move that the Region 14 Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Agriscience Building Grant at Nonnewaug High School.*
Seconded by Ms. Van Aken, the **motion carried 7-0.**

8. Future Meetings

Mr. Bauer reviewed upcoming meetings:
Monday, June 8, 2015, BoE Retreat, 6:00 pm, COCR
Monday, June 15, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm, NHS LMC

Monday, July 6, 2015, BoE Reorganizational Meeting, 7:30 pm, BES
Monday, August 17, 2015, BoE Regular Meeting, 7:30 pm , NHS LMC

9. Adjournment

Ms. Van Aken entered a *motion to adjourn*.
Seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, the **motion carried 7-0.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carol Ann Brown, Secretary
Regional School District #14 Board of Education

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Debra W. Carlton, Board Clerk, 6/2/2015