The special meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held March 20, 2019 at the Bethlehem Elementary School Library Media Center, 92 East Street, Bethlehem, CT

<u>Present:</u> Janet Morgan, Carol Ann Brown, Mike Devine, Maryanne Van Aken, Dave Lampart, George Bauer, John Chapman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Olzacki, Wayne McAllister, and one community member. Missing: Pam Zmek, George Bauer left the meeting at 6:45pm.

Call to Order

Ms. Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a pledge to the flag.

Mr. McAllister advised that he and Dr. Olzacki reviewed questions sent to them from Ms. Morgan and Ms. Van Aken in advance of the meeting. Dr. Olzacki and Mr. McAllister then answered each question in front of the members present. Discussion followed each response with conversation on each topic

The addition of funds for musical instruments and library books was discussed as this was a necessity this year at we are trying to stretch every dollar. It was also noted that a library media specialist was being shared between BES and WMS and the committee discussed the impact for teaching and learning. Dr. Olzacki gave his explanation and thoughts on the subject.

Mr. Chapman asked for the Superintendent to explain his budget preparation and process. Discussion followed regarding the detail in which the new requests were reviewed and incorporated into his proposed budget.

Ms. Morgan encouraged the board members to continue their budget homework and to forward any other questions as soon as possible, so that they could be addressed at the next workshop on April 1, 2019.

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm

Respectfully Submitted.

Natascha Schwartz, BOE Clerk

chwarte

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Natascha Z. Schwartz, Board Clerk, 03/26/2019