

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**Number of Members**

In accordance with the plan of reapportionment, dated March 6, 1978, the Regional School District No. 14 Board of Education shall consist of eight (8) members with four (4) members from the Town of Bethlehem and four (4) members from the Town of Woodbury.

**Term of Office**

In accordance with the plan of reapportionment, dated March 6, 1978, the regional district meeting for the purpose of nomination shall be held on the second Thursday in the month of May in those years that require regional elections. All members of the Board of Education shall serve for three (3) years and shall take office on the first day of July following their election by region-wide vote on the first Thursday in June.

**Resignation**

When a Board member shall cease to be a bona fide resident of the town from which he/she was elected to represent, membership on the Regional School District No.14 Board of Education shall immediately cease.

If a member decides to resign, such member is expected provide the Board with notification of the intent to resign as early as possible so that the Board may plan appropriately. Any such resignation shall become effective upon the date specified therein or, if no date is so specified, upon the date of its submission.

**Vacancies**

If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, such vacancy shall be filled by a regional meeting called within thirty (30) days from the beginning of the vacancy. Nominations of candidates to fill the unexpired term of a Board member vacating his/her position shall be made at the meeting. Without limitation as to the number of candidates, there must be at least one more candidate than the number to be elected. Nominations may be made by residents of either Bethlehem or Woodbury, but the candidates must be residents of the same town as the previous Board member. Election shall be by region-wide vote of those registered voters in attendance at the district meeting.

**Limits of Authority**

The Board of Education is the unit of authority for the school district. Apart from their function as part of the unit, Board members have no individual authority. Individual Board members may not commit the district to any policy, act, contract or expenditure. Individual Board members may not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the school or command the services of any school employee. Board members do not represent a factional segment of the community, but rather, are a part of the body which represents and acts for the community as a whole.

**Censure or Reprimand**

The Board may vote to censure or reprimand a member by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the whole Board. Such vote may only take place after the Board member in question has been given an opportunity to respond to the evidence supporting the censure or reprimand.

Legal Reference:        Connecticut General Statutes  
                                 10-46 Regional board of education  
                                 10-218 Officers. Meetings.