

The Regular Meeting of the Regional School District 14 Board of Education was held on Monday, April 6, 2009, following the budget hearing, in the Nonnewaug High School Library, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, Connecticut.

Present were Board Chairperson Linda Bulvanoski, and Board members Scott Baider, Deborah Corsico, Charles Cosgriff, Monica Gati, Carla Juhas, Stephen Paluskas and Stephen Sordi. Also present, Superintendent Robert Cronin; Director of Finance and Operations Jay Hubelbank; newspaper reporters and three members of the community.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Bulvanoski called the meeting to order at 9:17 p.m.

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Bulvanoski led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Board Meeting of March 16, 2009
2. Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2009

Ms. Juhas *moved to accept both sets of minutes*, and the motions were seconded by Mr. Paluskas. **The motions carried 8-0.**

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **V. REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Bulvanoski expressed appreciation to her fellow Board members for their attendance at the recent CABE workshop on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **VI. REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

1. Update on Board of Education Goal #1

Dr. Cronin explained that he is in the process of gathering data in order to report on progress with this goal. A language arts audit will be done at staff meetings in May.

2. Technology Performance Tasks

Dr. Cronin spoke of a Grade 2 technology project which involved designing invitations for an end of the year party. Similarly, Grade 5 students are designing flyers about summer jobs, including costs and experience needed.

3. Pomperaug Health District School-Based Influenza Vaccination Initiative

Dr. Cronin explained the PHD is seeking to hold flu shot clinics during school in the fall. Logistics still need to be worked out and the region has not committed to it at this time.

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### **VII. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Gary Suslavich, Woodbury, thanked the Board for what he considered one of the better budget hearings; thanked them for answering what they could and admitting when they did not have an answer. He understands the Board policies to be under revision, but sees no updates from the policy committee on its progress.

Dr. Cronin indicated that he has been meeting with the policy chair, and the 1000, 2000, part of the 3000, and 9000 series have been revised and changes are being reviewed by counsel.

Mr. Suslavich also asked whether the region has priority for sports field use. Mr. Hubelbank responded that we do; there is a cooperative relationship with Park and Rec. and Woodbury Baseball; we work to maximize use for all; and sometimes there are conflicts but the goal is to work those out.

Mr. Suslavich indicated there is currently a conflict between track and field and the lacrosse club.

Pam Gengenbach, Woodbury, suggested that discussions about the special education preschool, costs and/or cost reductions, have not been had with the ladies at CAST. She believes that the region cannot anticipate all that will be needed for this program, is only looking at staffing and should not rush it.

### **VIII. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

Mr. Hubelbank explained that the region's electrical generation contract expired in November of this year. Negotiations are currently being done with 2 other groups and he looked to the Board for guidance and parameters so he will be able to act on a contract. In response to a question from Mr. Baider about bringing offers to the Board, he explained that often only a 24-48 hour window exists and adequate time to post and assemble the Board would not necessarily be feasible. After discussion, Mr. Paluskas made a *motion to empower Mr. Hubelbank, along with a Board representative, with authority to accept a contract within 3.5% or less of current contract rates.* The motion was seconded by Mr. Cosgriff and the **motion carried 8-0.**

### **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **X. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. Bullying Policy**

Discussion of this item was postponed to allow review of new materials provided by Mr. Sordi.

#### **2. Football Co-op**

It was explained that a copy of a letter from the Shepaug principal to Region 12's Superintendent had been received, in which he cautions against their participation in a co-op with Region 14. The co-op is on Region 12's Board of Education agenda, and Mr. Hubelbank will be researching costs of such an arrangement.

### **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Personnel**

Approval of Appointment to Coaching Positions

- a. Peter Carlson, Nonnewaug High School Junior Varsity Baseball
- b. Lauren Valla, Woodbury Middle School Track and Field Co-Coach

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Dr. Cronin requested a *motion to approve these two coaching assignments*. The motion was made by Mr. Paluskas, seconded by Mr. Baider, and the **motion carried 8-0**.

## **2. School Calendar**

After discussing the number of snow days this year and the number of school days required for students, Dr. Cronin requested a *motion to set June 20, 2009 as the Nonnewaug High School graduation date this year*. Mr. Paluskas made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cosgriff, and the **motion carried 8-0**.

## **XII. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Corsico made the *motion to adjourn*, seconded by Mr. Paluskas. The **motion carried 8-0**.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carla Juhas, Secretary  
Regional School District #14 Board of Education