

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Education  
Regional School District 14 [www.ctreg14.org](http://www.ctreg14.org)  
May 7, 2009

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the central office, 5 Minortown Road, Woodbury, CT. Present were Board members Scott Baider, Deborah Corsico, Charles Cosgriff, Monica Gati, Stephen Paluskas and Stephen Sordi. Also, Superintendent Robert Cronin, Jay Hubelbank, Jim Uberti and John Dominello were present.

Ms. Gati, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Board addressed the first issue on the agenda – a proposed football co-op with Region 12.

Dr. Cronin gave an update on his conversation with Dr. Storm in Region 12.

- Dr. Storm thought that Region 12 would not have to pay
- Dr. Storm acknowledged receiving a letter from Mr. Hubelbank, but only after the Region 12 Board meeting.
- Dr. Storm indicated that the Region 12 Board voted without the information from Mr. Hubelbank's letter.
- The Region 12 Board voted to coop with Region 14, but at no cost to Region 12
- Dr. Storm asked the Region 12 Board to place the football coop on their agenda again to clarify the issue.
- Region 12 Board declined to place the item on the agenda

Mr. Hubelbank gave an update on his conversation with the CIAC.

- Need to have a decision on the coop by May 13, 2009
- Once the coop is established either Board (12 or 14) may drop out at any time.
- Once the coop is established there can be no cuts – all who try out must make the team.

Dr. Cronin indicated that there are four givens:

- Region 14 is running a football program next year
- Region 14 needs additional players
- If the Boards agreed to the coop, it could be a pilot for a year.
- There would be no additional cost to Region 14 if Region 12 cooped (insurance would be provided by Region 12 through pay-for-play)

Steve Sordi moved that:

Based on the information provided this evening from Region 12, Region 14 would not coop at this time; however, Region 14 would reconsider the motion at such time as the parties have reached an arrangement on mutually agreeable terms.

Mr. Cosgriff seconded the motion.

There was discussion that the Region 12 Board would need to take action on the football co-op by May 13, 2009.

Mr. Sordi withdrew the motion.

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Ms. Gati moved that:

Region 14 agrees to coop for the sport of football with Region 12 contingent upon the following terms:

- 1) Region 12 assumes insurance costs for their students for the life of the coop; and
- 2) Both Boards of Education for Regions 14 and 12 review the agreement at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 football season to establish costs to be assumed by each region in the future years.

Mrs. Corsico seconded the motion.

Votes in favor: 6  
Votes opposed: 0  
Motion passed

Mr. Baider moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss an early retirement offer.  
Mr. Cosgriff seconded the motion. Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 pm.

Votes in favor: 6  
Votes opposed: 0  
Motion passed

Board came out of Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

Mrs. Corsico moved that the Board authorize Dr. Cronin to enter into discussions with the teachers' union about an early retirement offer. Mr. Sordi seconded the motion.

Votes in favor: 6  
Votes opposed: 0  
Motion passed

Mr. Cosgriff moved that the Board meeting be adjourned. Mr. Sordi seconded the motion.

Votes in favor: 6  
Votes opposed: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Deborah Corsico  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
Regional School District 14 Board of Education