

Board of Education Minutes
January 11, 2017

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. McCord, and Dr. Robert. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – None.
5. Presentations – Web Site Update – Mr. Greg Pont, Director of IT, and Mr. Rob Niedojadlo, web designer, gave an overview and demonstration of the new web site for North Stonington Schools. Questions were asked and answered.
6. Administrators’ Reports – The administrators gave their reports.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – December 14, 2016 – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2016, meeting.
- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero told the Board that Alice Peduzzi who was the bookkeeper retired as of January 3rd, and Stacey Haskell who was the special services administrative assistant resigned as of January 6th to take a position as Stonington’s First Selectman’s Executive Assistant.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero spoke.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson spoke.
- c. Committee Chairperson – Nothing to report.
- d. LEARN Board of Directors’ Liaison – Nothing to report.
- e. PSPBC Liaison – Nothing to report.
- f. Building Committee – Nothing to report.
9. Finance – None.

10. Old Business – a. Legal Services – Mr. Nero explained that one of our current attorneys, Nick Grello, has left the firm of Siegal, O’Connor, O’Donnell & Beck to start his own firm. Attorney Grello now belongs to the firm of Zangari, Cohn, Cuthbertson, Duhl & Grello. Attorney Grello’s services have been used for negotiations. Mr. Nero recommended continuing with Attorney Grello at his new firm since we have a number of contracts that expire this year that will need to be negotiated. Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted five in favor and one abstention to retain Attorney Grello’s services and send out an RFP for legal services in February of 2018. Dr. Robert abstained.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – January 25th is the Board’s workshop, February 8th and February 22nd are the next regular meetings. The after-school program will be presented at the meeting on the 8th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Personnel Matter, b. Progress of Superintendent’s Goals, c. Contract Negotiations – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. for the Purpose of Personnel Matter, Progress of Superintendent’s Goals, and Contract Negotiations.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Nero, Secretary Pro-Tem