

Board of Education Minutes  
October 11, 2017

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. McCord, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Students in attendance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nero commented on the new faculty that was hired. Their administrators introduced them. Mrs. Costa introduced Emily Butterworth, the speech/language pathologist, and Ms. Butterworth gave a brief history of her background. Mrs. Wilkison introduced Lauren Anderson, elementary art teacher, and Ms. Anderson gave a brief history of her background. Mrs. St. Germain introduced Chris Zyrlis, business teacher, and Mr. Zyrlis gave a brief history of his background.

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.

4. Community Relations – Mr. Nero attended the PTO meeting. The NSEF meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He said the dinner-dance is November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the trivia contest is February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the road race is May 26<sup>th</sup>.

5. Presentations – a. Student Service Trip to Texas – Mrs. Rebecca Schilke had comment. The students present at the meeting are from the Class of 2018. She said this class started a giveback club and she explained their fundraising efforts and the recipients. She had comment. She said they have been contacted by two groups about going to Texas to help with hurricane recovery. She explained why they are wearing the Wheeler Speaks shirts this evening. Chris Orr, Matthew Mendolia, Kelsey MarcAurele, and Anna Hundt were present at the meeting. Kevin Velez and Emma Morgan will also be going on the trip but were not able to attend the meeting. Mrs. Schilke had comment on Samaritan's Purse, the organization sponsoring the trip. Mr. Nero had comment. Mrs. Schilke had further comment. Board members had questions. Mrs. St. Germain had comment. Mrs. Schilke had further comment. On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Class of 2018 Gives Back Club's trip to Texas. Mrs. Wagner suggested approving a second day off from school. The motion was amended to add a second day. The amended motion to approve a second day off passed unanimously.

b. United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Summer Teacher Institute on Innovation, STEM and Intellectual Property – Postponed to November.

c. Athletics Update – Mrs. Turner handed out a summary of the fall athletic programs. She reviewed the handout and had comment on the high school programs. She reviewed the middle school sports. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Turner spoke of the ECC and also the ECC player of the week.

- d. Professional Development Update – Postponed to November.
  
6. Administrators’ Reports – Mrs. Wilkison said student assessments are continuing as well as the following activities: PBIS, the Harvest Festival, National Walk to School Day, CT Loves to Read Day, the Drama Club is doing Little Mermaid with auditions coming up, and Walk Your Can a Mile. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. St. Germain spoke of the middle school dance, the PSAT and SAT testing was done. She spoke of the give back club. She said they went to the Rotary of the Stoningtons meeting. Four students will be representing us at the RYLA conference and she explained. The Rotary is paying for the four students. In the spring, four more students will be selected to go. She had further comment.
  
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – a. September 27, 2017 – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Wagner to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2017, meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero said they are receiving draft documents from Eagle Environmental.
  - c. Personnel – The elementary school nurse resigned to take another job and he elaborated.
  
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero spoke of numerous items including the electricity RFP and had comment regarding that. He spoke of the transportation RFP. He spoke of the draft documents received from Eagle that have not been approved by the EPA and DEEP. He had further comment. He participated in the National Walk to School Day and he had his annual EpiPen training.
  - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson said this is his second to the last meeting. He suggested getting the town clerk here if the elected members have not been sworn in by the next meeting after the election. He would still like to be on the committee to advertise the school.
  - c. Committee Chairperson – Action will be taken later in the agenda.
  - d. LEARN Board of Directors’ Liaison – There is a meeting tomorrow.
  - e. PSPBC Liaison – None.
  - f. School Modernization Building Committee – The next meeting is the 26<sup>th</sup>.
  
9. Finance - None.
  
10. Old Business – a. Policy 1330 – Use of Facilities – Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to approve version two of Policy 1330-Use of Facilities with recommended revisions. Questions were asked and answered. The motion was amended and passed unanimously.

b. Policy Review – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Wagner to approve Policy 3542.43 as amended. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 6172.4 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept Policy 6172.4 with the recommended amendments.

Policy 4112.52 – On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to accept policy 4112.52.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to remove current policy 4112.5. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to remove Regulation 4112.5.

c. Environmental Concerns Update – Covered in the Superintendent’s Report.

11. New Business – a. Makeup Days – Three days needs to be made up at the elementary school. Mr. Nero said they have a staff development day planned for November 7<sup>th</sup> that they really need so that cannot be used as a makeup day. There was discussion. Mr. Nero had further comment. The Board will have a continuing discussion of this.

b. RFP for Electricity – Covered in the Superintendent’s Report.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – October 25<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> are the next meetings. Mr. Mathwich and Mr. Karpinski will not be in attendance on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. for the Purpose of Superintendent’s Goals, Contract Negotiations, and Personnel and to invite Mrs. Martin in for the negotiations portion.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:51 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Board of Education

