

Board of Education Minutes
October 25, 2017

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Student Cody Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – Mr. Nero told the Board the North Stonington Education Foundation meeting was held on October 12th, the dinner dance is November 3rd at Lake of Isles and he is currently working on program, the road race is May 26th, and the trivia contest is February 2nd with a snow date of February 9th.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports –None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – October 11, 2017 – Mr. McCord made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2017, meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion to accept the minutes as amended passed unanimously.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. Personnel – None.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero commented on Mr. Carlson's service to the Board and thanked him for his service. He wished him well. Mr. Nero commented on the new members coming in. He spoke of the CABA/CAPSS conference and about meeting with the new members. He elaborated. Mr. Nero spoke of the electricity RFP and elaborated. He said there is nothing to report on the environmental issues. He met with Gary Baran, Director of Emergency Management, regarding our updated security plan. He had comment on the plan and its ability to be flexible. He and Greg Pont went to the Westerly Education Center and had a tour and met with the director. He elaborated. He explained what they saw on the tour and what some of the center's plans are for the future regarding high school programs. He and the director co-sponsored a grant application for the NSEF. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had further comment.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson thanked his fellow Board members, Mr. Nero, Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Allen before her and the administrators for

- c. Committee Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said action will be taken later in the agenda.
- d. LEARN Board of Directors’ Liaison – Mrs. Wagner attended the meeting last week and gave highlights of the meeting. She elaborated. Board members had comment.
- e. PSPBC Liaison – Nothing to report.
- f. Building Committee – Committee has not met in a month. The next meeting is tomorrow.
- 9. Finance - a. September 2017 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending September 30, 2017.
- 10. Old Business – a. Policy 4112.5 - Mrs. Wagner had comment. Questions were asked and revisions were made. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept policy 4112.5, removing the optional language and adding “intern” to the verbiage.
 - b. Policy Review - Policy 2141 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept amended policy 2141.

Policy 2151 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept new policy 2151.

Policy 2400 – Mrs. Wagner reviewed the changes. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept amended policy 2400.

Regulation 2400 – Mrs. Wagner had explanation. Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the regulation with appendices b and c and forms 1, 2, and 3. She commented about keeping the timeline and doing a better job of evaluating themselves. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Policy 5141.251 – Mrs. Wagner had comment and suggested the language in paragraph 4. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to accept new policy 5141.251 using the language in paragraph 4.

Policy 6172 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept amended policy 6172.
 - c. Environmental Concerns Update – Covered above in Superintendent’s Report.

d. Makeup Days – Mrs. Wagner had comment. Mr. Nero had comment and suggested meeting with the union and a few Board members to discuss this. Questions were asked and answered. Board members had comment.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – Questions were asked and answered. November 15th is the next meeting.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Contract Negotiations – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education