

Board of Education Minutes
September 27, 2017

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, and Mr. Mendolia (7:10 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin. Since there was not a quorum, Mr. Carlson called the non-meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Diego Barajas, student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – Mr. Nero typed up a summary of what he would be talking about at the meeting and passed it out to the Board. He reviewed what he covered under community relations. With Mr. Mendolia's arrival at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Carlson called the meeting to order.
5. Presentations – Request for French Class Trip to Quebec – Mrs. Janet Devaux, teacher, thanked the Board for allowing them to go to Canada this past February of 2017. A total of 57 students attended between Ledyard and Wheeler. Wheeler had 13 students go on the trip. She reviewed the cost of last year's trip. She showed pictures of last year's trip and students Diego Barajas and Liam Warren spoke about their experiences. Mrs. Devaux reviewed the prospective itinerary and explained why she doesn't do the same itinerary every year. She had further comment on the trip. Questions were asked and answered. There was comment. Further questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 4-day Quebec trip from February 16 -19, 2018.
6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – September 13, 2017 – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Karpinski to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2017, meeting. There were questions asked as a follow-up to an item at the last meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero said they had contacted CIRMA regarding the PCB issue and it would not be covered. Questions were asked and answered. There was comment.
 - c. Personnel – None.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said Gordon Greene, the coordinator at M&J Bus Inc. is retiring. He and Mrs. Martin met with Mr. Greene and the new supervisor, Marian Buchanan. The bus contract is due to expire. There was discussion of going out to bid. A meeting was held with a consultant regarding the Next Generation Science Standards and he elaborated. Mr. Nero gave an update on the environmental issues. He and

Mr. Murphy signed off on the plan that was approved by DEEP and he explained. The unbudgeted total so far is \$46,164.34. Questions were asked and answered.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson said negotiations are ongoing with the administrators, the town hearing was Monday, and he has been attending the school modernization meetings.

c. Committee Chairperson – Mr. Mathwich said they will cover financials later in the agenda. Mrs. Wagner said policies will be covered under old business.

d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – None.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Building Committee – Items were reviewed.

9. Finance - a. August 2017 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2017.

b. Transfer Request – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer request dated September 21, 2017, for \$686.35 from medical supplies (1000) to instructional supplies health (0240).

10. Old Business – a. Board Policies - Mrs. Wagner suggested waiting to act on policy 2000 because it is lengthy. She had comment. She thought a policy workshop in January to include new Board members would be a good idea. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to modify as recommended policies 1330, Use of School Facilities, and 1412, Fire Department. On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept policy 523, Equity and Diversity.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – October 11 and 25th are the next regular meetings.

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 go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations and Superintendent's Goals.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:21 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mendolia, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education