

Board of Education Minutes
March 28, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 7:45 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. St. Germain, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Pont, and Mr. Boucher. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:56 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 – Mr. Nero said the North Stonington Education Foundation meeting was held. The road race is the next event. He explained about getting a rendition of the new building.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports –None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – March 14, 2018 – On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2018, meeting.

March 17, 2018, Special Meeting – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Potemri, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2018, special meeting.

- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said there was a resignation.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero reviewed the construction field meeting that was held yesterday. Mr. Nero said a letter will be going home quite frequently regarding the project to keep everyone informed. There was comment. The PTO meeting was held. The basket raffle is tomorrow. Mr. Nero said the elementary school play was awesome. He gave kudos to Mrs. Gonzalez.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner thanked Mr. Nero for everything the staff has done. Mr. Nero said everyone worked very hard to get things done to move out of the building. He elaborated.
- c. Committee Chairperson – None.
- d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – The next meeting is April 12th.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Committee – Dr. Potemri had comment. Mr. Nero spoke of reimbursement. There was comment. Mrs. Wagner had comment on meeting attendance. Dr. Potemri suggested having Downes meet with Mr. Nero weekly to touch base. Board members had questions and comments. Mr. Nero had comment.

9. Finance - a. February 2018 Financial Statements – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve the financial statement of February 28, 2018. Board members had questions. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Mr. Nero said right now we are status quo.

b. 2018-2019 Proposed Education Budget – Mrs. Wagner said we will wait to hear back from the Board of Finance. There was comment on the Board of Finance setting up the RISSA account.

c. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – Board members had questions on local districts.

11. New Business – a. Healthy Foods Certification – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Potemri, the Board voted four in favor, one opposed, and one abstained to certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups. Dr. Robert voted against the motion and Mr. Karpinski abstained.

Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school play and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held. There was comment. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Transportation Bids – Mrs. Martin had comment. Mr. Karpinski had comment since he had reviewed the bids. Board members and Mr. Nero had comment. There was discussion. Questions were asked and answered.

The companies will be invited in for a short presentation and the contract will be voted on at the April 25th meeting. There was further comment.

c. Board of Education Goals – Mrs. Wagner said they got some good momentum going on the goals. There was comment. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 12th, at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Wagner will check on reserving the Wheeler Library.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – April 11th is the next regular Board of Education meeting, April 12th is the goals meeting, and April 25th is the next regular Board of Education meeting.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – Mrs. Linda Coats, teacher, asked a question on Kelly's Services. Mr. Nero had comment. Board members had comment. Kelly's Services will be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Mrs. Roberta Curry, teacher, had comment.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to add Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel to the agenda.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. for the Purpose of Personnel.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education