

Board of Education Minutes
April 11, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia (7:04 p.m.). Mr. Mathwich was attending the Board of Finance meeting. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 – The North Stonington Education Foundation Road Race is Memorial Day Saturday and their next meeting is tomorrow. The dinner dance will be held on November 9th.
5. Presentations – a. Senior Travel Club 2019 Proposed Trip – Two students, Ryan Hare and Daniela Roy, requested that the Class of 2019 Travel Club be allowed to go on a trip to Disneyworld in March of 2019. Mrs. Reyes said the tickets will be purchased in August and will be non-refundable and had further comment. Questions were asked and answered. Seventeen students have shown interest in the trip. Further questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Reyes had further comment. Board members had questions. Mr. Karpinski made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Potemri to approve the Class of 2019 Travel Club trip. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. History Clubs Proposed Trip – Mr. Tardiff had comment on the previous history club trips. Daniela Roy, Ute Zeeman, and Zoe Mathew explained the trip they would like to plan to Washington D.C. Mr. Tardiff had further explanation of the trip. He explained the window of time to take the trip. He had further explanation of the itinerary and number of students that had attended in previous years. Board members had further questions. Dr. Robert made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the proposed history clubs trip. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. St. Germain passed out information on the proposed changes to the graduation requirements. She commended those that helped make the Wheeler Drama production a success. She thanked the St. Bernard Community for allowing our production to be held there. Mrs. St. Germain explained the history of the graduation requirements. Mr. Chaney had comment on the requirements. Mrs. Reyes had comment. Mrs. St. Germain had further comment. There was further explanation on the proposed requirements. Mr. Nero had questions. Mrs. St. Germain, Mr. Chaney, and Mrs. Reyes had further explanation on the proposal. Questions were asked and answered. This will be on the next meeting's agenda. Further questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Wilkison said on February 7th the Invention Convention was held and she elaborated. She thanked Mrs.

Servidio for her time on this. She thanked Jen Welborn for organizing Family Science Night. The Little Mermaid was performed and she gave kudos to Mrs. Gonzalez. She spoke of the parking situation and elaborated. Grade three classes have been working with Carol Glenn and their presentation will be Friday. April is the month of the Military Child and they will be having a “Purple Up” day and she explained. Grades 3-5 have been practicing for the SBAC’s and she elaborated.

7. Administrative – a. Minutes – March 28, 2018 – On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 28, 2018, meeting.

b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero read a letter that was sent to Don Macrino, Headmaster of St. Bernard School, thanking him for allowing us to use their auditorium for the drama production.

c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said that we received a resignation from our network technician and he elaborated.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said his building project update letter will not go out next week but the following week. He explained that he would like to do a time capsule and he elaborated. He spoke of his thoughts about the safe that is in the high school principal’s office.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner had comment on her communications to the Board on budget issues. The goal workshop will be cancelled for tomorrow night and rescheduled.

c. Committee Chairperson – Student Success Committee will meet next month. Mrs. Wagner and Ms. Welborn will be attending a workshop and Mrs. Wagner explained.

d. LEARN Board of Directors’ Liaison – There is a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. that Dr. Potemri will be attending.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Building Committee – Dr. Potemri said there was a meeting on Monday and they are on track. She will be meeting with Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin regarding submissions of reimbursements. Mr. Nero had comment. There was further comment.

9. Finance - None.

10. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Mr. Nero said everything is online. The middle school testing was done 4-5 weeks ago but we have not received those results yet. He had comment. The elementary school was tested last week.

b. 2018-2019 Proposed Education Budget – Mrs. Wagner said the Board of Finance is meeting this evening. She had further comment.

c. Transportation Bid Discussion – The transportation companies will be coming to the next meeting. There was comment and discussion.

d. Kelly Services – Mrs. Wagner said they will ask Kelly Services to come in sometime in May.

e. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – None.

11. New Business – a. Graduation Date – Mrs. St. Germain said they have been offered to have the graduation ceremony at Fox Theatre. She had further explanation. Board members had comment. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Dr. Potemri, the Board voted unanimously to set graduation date as June 21, 2018.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is April 25th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – Mrs. Hines, teacher, had a question on the PCB testing and asked how soon the results come in. Mr. Nero had comment. Mrs. Hines had a question on her leave request. Mrs. Wagner had comment. Mrs. Curry thanked the Board for their calendar consideration. She said some of the NSEA membership had approached her to ask that those two professional development days be made up during the April vacation. She had further comment on that and personal days. Mr. Nero had comment.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to add Contract Negotiations to Executive Session.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Dr. Potemri, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education