

Board of Education Minutes
April 25, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia (7:33 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 Race is on Memorial Day weekend. He had further comment.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators’ Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – April 11, 2018 – On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018, meeting.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. Personnel – None.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said there has been a lot going on with the building project. They are making progress and he elaborated. He commented on the elementary school project. The budget will be discussed later in the agenda.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said there was a meeting with Mr. Nero, Mr. Urgo, and Mr. Spring and she this morning. They spoke of the budget and talked about reducing it. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Nero said they got it down to 4.91%. He had further comment. Mrs. Wagner had comment about the meeting. They are putting it out as one budget and not two separate budgets. She had further comment. Dr. Robert and Mr. Karpinski will meet with Mrs. Turner on a follow-up to the winter sports season. Mrs. Wagner also spoke of the substitute teacher situation and that she will be meeting with the union representation. She also spoke of the goals and wanted to set a meeting for May 12th. There was discussion. The goals meeting will be set for May 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at Wheeler Library if possible.

c. Committee Chairperson – Mr. Mathwich said the financials will be discussed later in the agenda. The Student Success Committee will meet again in June.

d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – Dr. Potemri was not able to attend the meeting.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Building Committee – Dr. Potemri gave an update on the status. They are a week ahead of schedule and she elaborated. There was discussion of having the Board tour the site. Mr. Nero had comment on the web site. They will try to meet on the 15th at 5:30 p.m. to tour if possible.

9. Finance - a. March 2018 Financial Statements – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. McCord to approve the financial statements for March 31, 2018. Mrs. Martin answered the questions via telephone. The motion and second was withdrawn. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to postpone action on the March 2018 financial statements.

10. Old Business – a. Environmental Issues – Mr. Nero spoke to Jeff Duigou from Eagle and all the results are in. Air samples and wipe tests were done. Only one expansion joint had a slight crack and it was repaired under warranty. The carpet by the front door came in higher and Mr. Nero explained. Part of the carpet was professionally removed, disposed of, and the area was professionally cleaned. He explained the process to put something in its place. He is waiting for the final reports.

b. 2018-2019 Proposed Education Budget – Mr. Nero handed out a new budget sheet. We got the budget down to 4.95%. Mrs. Wagner had comment on the process of taking the reductions. Mr. Nero had comment on the reductions. Mrs. St. Germain had comment. There was further discussion.

c. Board Members Concerns/Topic of Discussion – None.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to add under New Business, Non-renewal of One-year Teaching Positions for Staff Members on Leave.

11. New Business – Mr. Nero read the following statement: In my capacity as Superintendent of Schools, I recommend that the Board of Education non-renew the teaching contracts of Brenda Clark and Krista Peltier at the end of the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, and that the Board authorize me to furnish written notice of the action. I am making this recommendation for the following reasons, any one or all which I view to be a sufficient basis for the recommended action. Mrs. Clark and Ms. Peltier were hired for one-year positions. Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert that the contract of Brenda Clark not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2017-

2018 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person in writing of this action. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert that the contract of Krista Peltier not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2017-2018 school year, and that the Superintendent of Schools is directed to advise such person in writing of this action. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – May 7th is the town budget hearing and May 21st is the town budget meeting.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Discussion of Transportation RFP Results with Respective Bidders – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussion of Transportation RFP Results with Respective Bidders and to invite the bidders into such session separately in alphabetical order.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.

The Board went back to the budget discussion. There was discussion on the budget reduction sheet. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revised budget with a 4.975% increase.

May 7th is the town hearing. There was discussion on possible presentation scenarios. They will meet at 6:30 p.m. before the hearing.

On a motion by Dr. Potemri, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education