

Board of Education Minutes
November 16, 2016

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski via telephone, Dr. Robert, and Mr. McCord. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Madison Wagner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations - None.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators’ Reports – Mrs. Wilkison said last Thursday was the Veterans’ Day celebration and she elaborated. Andrew Slitt was the guest speaker. The first trimester closes on the 23rd. December 9th is a fundraiser for the elementary drama club at the Knickerbocker in Westerly. Mrs. St. Germain said they wanted to present the results of the SERAC survey to the Board. Mrs. St. Germain said the survey was given earlier in 2016 and she elaborated. Mr. Chaney said the audience for this was last year’s grades 7 through 11. The survey was taken in the spring and has been an ongoing process. Linda Costanza, Social Worker, Carley Higginbotham, School Psychologist, Trish Albamonti, Administrative Intern, and Liz Cantelli, Administrative Intern, were at the meeting to go over the results as well. Mrs. Cantelli reviewed several aspects of the survey results. Mrs. Albamonti reviewed other aspects of the survey. The mental health aspect of the survey was discussed. Mrs. Higginbotham explained the memorandum of understanding between areas schools if there were a need for other counselors to come in. That group meets at least twice a year to discuss other concerns as well. Mrs. Costanza commented on services provided. Mrs. Albamonti said these results will be presented to parents in February. She had further comment. She reviewed what is being done to help our students. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Albamonti said they felt this was a pretty reliable survey. The survey is anonymous. Mr. Chaney had comment. Further questions were asked and answered. There was discussion.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – October 26, 2016 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2016, minutes.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to move the financial information up in the agenda and then continue with the rest of the agenda.

8. Finance - a. October 2016 Financial Statements – Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the October 2016, Financial Statements.
 - b. Transfer Request – Dr. Robert made a motion that was seconded by Mr. McCord to accept the transfer request. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.
9. New Business – a. Meeting Schedule for 2017 – Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the meeting schedule for 2017.
 - b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero said we received a letter from NEASC and he explained. He read the items that still needed work. He had comment. A letter was sent to Mr. Robert Fecito regarding the amendment we made to the educational specifications. Mr. Nero said we found out today that everything is in place for our projects. A letter was sent to the parents on Cedars Road regarding the transportation. Mr. Nero had comment.
 - c. Personnel – None.
10. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero had comment on the mock disaster meeting that was held at the end of October. He had comment. Mr. Nero spoke of the workshop held for the building project. Mr. Urgo and Mr. Malik met with staff today to get more input.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson said he and Mrs. Wagner are attending the CUBE conference tomorrow.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – None.
 - d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – None.
 - e. PSPBC Liaison – None.
 - f. Building Committee – Mr. Carlson spoke of the meetings held with the staff. New renderings will be coming out shortly. He had further comment. Mrs. Albamonti said they saw some of the renderings today. There was comment.
11. Old Business – a. Board Policies – The Board will be meeting Saturday to do policy review.
12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – Policy meeting on Saturday, the 19th and the next regular meeting is December 13th.
 - b. Committee Action List – None.
13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Collective Bargaining – Did not go into session.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The North Stonington Board of Education