

Board of Education Minutes
April 27, 2016
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Buzzee and Mr. Mendolia (6:37 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. St. Germain. Due to the lack of a quorum, Chairman Carlson called the non-meeting to order at 6:36 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 – None.
5. Presentations – None.

Since there was now a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – April 13, 2016 – On a motion by Mrs. Buzzee, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted four in favor and one abstention to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2016, meeting. Mrs. Wagner abstained.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. Personnel – None.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said we will be losing an elementary school teacher due to relocation. The teacher will be submitting a letter of resignation soon.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson said tomorrow is a Tri-Board meeting. He said he is going to have some comment to make at the meeting and he elaborated. There was comment. Mr. Nero had comment. Board members had further comment.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – None.
 - d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – None.
 - e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Carlson said the Ad Hoc Committee is presenting tonight at the Board of Finance meeting. Mr. Nero had comment on the resolution passed by the Board of Education.

9. Finance - a. March 2016 Financial Statements – Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the financial statements for March 2016. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Food Service RFP – Mr. Nero had comment and gave background information on why we had to go out to bid again for the food service contract. He spoke highly of Brett Nadeau, the site manager. He had further comment on the program. Aramark’s District Manager had comment. Board members had comment and questions. There was discussion regarding the on-site managers. Mr. Nero had comment regarding green packaging and farm-to-table. Questions were asked and answered about items that had to change in the RFP due to the State’s and the Department of Agriculture’s mandate. Mr. Nero said it should be all set with the State Department of Education. Board members had comment. Mr. Nadeau said Aramark is excited to be continuing with North Stonington. He elaborated. There were further questions regarding what changed and why the RFP changed.

b. 2016-2017 Proposed Education Budget – Mr. Nero and Board members had comment.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – There is a Tri-Board meeting tomorrow and the next regular meeting is scheduled for May 11th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education