

Board of Education Minutes
June 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich via telephone, Mr. Karpinski, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, and Mr. Malik of Quisenberry Arcari Architects. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.

On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to move item 11, New Business, Education Specifications, to item number 4 and to move the rest of the agenda down.

4. New Business – a. Education Specifications – Mr. Malik explained these Ed. Specs. were very similar to what the Board had previously approved. He spoke of the enrollment projections that were included. Programmatically, the specs have not changed; they have been tailored to the new project. He spoke of the roof project for the Board of Education space. Mr. Nero spoke of the meeting held with Mr. Malik regarding the Ed. Specs. He said some of the Ed. Specs. are the same but some had to be modified. Mr. Nero is hoping to have the grant application completed next week. Mr. Malik will also be supplying information to the town for the USDA application. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Malik explained they are providing a report on the concepts and parameters as well as financial data. He said it makes it easier going to the state if you have that information. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Karpinski wanted to make sure it captured the NEASC aspects and he was told it did. Mr. Malik said the report would be part of the appendix to the application. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Carlson asked questions about special services in Central Office. He was told they currently are part of Central Office but located elsewhere. Mr. Malik said there are no space requirements for central office. Mr. Mendolia asked questions. Mr. Nero had comment. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Karpinski reiterated that these are the Ed. Specs. that were already approved but were modified for the project. Mr. Malik had comment. Further questions were asked and answered. There was discussion on enrollment and tuition students. Further discussion ensued on funding priority and space standard waivers. Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mendolia the Board voted unanimously to approve the Ed. Specs. for the middle and high school, elementary school, and board of education offices dated June 1, 2016.

5. Community Relations – Mr. Nero said the North Stonington Education Foundation meeting is next week and that the road race was very successful.
6. Presentations – None.
7. Administrators' Reports – None.

8. Administrative – a. Minutes – May 25, 2016 - Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Karpinski to accept the minutes of the May 25, 2016, meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

May 26, 2016 Tri-Board Meeting – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2016, Tri-Board meeting.

b. Correspondence – None.

c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said the third grade position has been filled with Kellie Moore and a candidate has been found for the one-year science position at the middle school.

9. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said the application for Wheeler High School to be on the SEVP list is moving along. He has attended Fifth grade graduation, field day, and has been meeting with Mr. Murphy and Mr. Malik. He said it looks like by next Thursday everything will be done. Mr. Malik has a good reputation with the State. Mr. Urgo of the Building Committee (formerly the Ad Hoc Committee) will be putting out an RFP for an architect. Mr. Nero said we will be submitting our application electronically and Mr. Malik will also be delivering a copy in person to the State.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson will be attending the end-of-year functions.

c. Committee Chairperson – None.

d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – Mrs. Wagner is not able to attend the next meeting.

e. PSPBC Liaison - Mr. Nero said he had a conversation with Mr. Murphy regarding the sealing of the parking lots. He elaborated. Mr. Nero said that line item is at \$15,000. He elaborated on other maintenance items that will be required regardless of the new buildings. Board members had comment.

f. Ad Hoc Committee – Mr. Urgo said they are officially a building committee now. Everyone stayed on the committee except Brad Borden and Tyler DiBrino. Mark Perkins, Dave Sellins, and Sam Cherenzia have been added as members. He said they have already started to look at the RFP for the architect. Questions were asked and answered. It was asked if having a student on the committee would be helpful. Mr. Urgo said he would welcome a student on the committee. There was discussion. He said he is chair again and Jay Peterson is vice chair. Pam Potemri is the secretary. They will be meeting Mondays as needed.

10. Finance - None.

11. Old Business – a. 2016-2017 Proposed Education Budget – Will remain on the agenda until the budget passes.
b. School Modernization Plan – covered above.
12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates - June 22nd is the next regular meeting. The next Tri-Board meeting is August 25th.
b. Committee Action List – None.
13. Public Comment – Mrs. Ostrout, teacher and citizen, had questions relating to next year's spending since the referendum is late.
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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education

Approved unanimously at a special meeting on June 8, 2016.