

Board of Education Minutes
August 28, 2013

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Testa, Mr. McCord, Mr. Mendolia, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Carlson, and Dr. Robert. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, and Mrs. St. Germain. Chairman Testa called the meeting to order at 7:08 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.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. Wilkison spoke of the start of the school year and the upcoming open house. Questions were answered about enrollment. Mr. Sandford passed out the Theory of Action for the middle/high school and he explained. He spoke of block scheduling and he elaborated. Questions were asked and answered. There was further discussion on the scheduling. Mr. Sandford said Mr. Hassell is doing his administrative internship and he is heading this up. Further questions were asked and answered.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – July 24, 2013 – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting.

August 13, 2013, Special Meeting – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2013, special meeting.

- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero reviewed the new staff members.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero commented that although it was the first day of school everyone was busy over the summer. The administrators had training in the SEED model and he elaborated. Mr. Nero said the first staff development day went well. There was training with the ProTraxx system for the teachers being evaluated with the new model. Next Thursday and Friday are early dismissals for further training. He explained. Mr. Nero asked that the building project be put on the next agenda. He elaborated and had further comment.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Testa said he will address RISSA in Old Business. He said he and Mr. Nero had met a number of times during the summer to discuss the building project. He elaborated. He commended the

Board again as well as the administrators on their work getting the budget passed early. He had further comment. He spoke of the tuition payments coming back to the school department and he commented on that conversation. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion on the tuition income.

c. Committee Chairperson – The Facilities and Finance Committee met and action will be taken later in the agenda.

d. PSPBC Liaison – Nothing new to report.

9. Finance – a. June 2013 Financial Statements – Mr. McCord said the Finance Committee met and approved the statements. Mr. McCord made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to accept the June 2013 Financial Statements as presented. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

b. 2012-2013 Year End Closeout – Mr. McCord said these were reviewed as well. On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the year-end transfers for the 2012-2013 year dated August 28, 2013.

c. July 2013 Financial Statements – Mr. McCord made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to accept the July 2013 Financial statements. Comments were made and questions were asked. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Transfer Requests – Mr. McCord made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve the transfers for July 2013. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Middle School Boiler Project – Mr. Testa had comment. He said the project came in under budget and he elaborated. Mr. Nero had comment. There was further comment.

b. RISSA Update – A meeting was held with Mr. Spring, Mr. Mullane, Mr. Testa, and Mr. Nero. The comment was that they are in favor of it but the suggestion was made to raise the PSPBC budget to \$200,000. There was comment and explanation from Mr. Testa. Mr. Testa explained there was a suggestion made to set up a committee and he gave explanation of how the committee would function. There was discussion. Mr. Nero had comment. There was further discussion. Mr. Testa had further comment.

11. New Business – a. Authorized Signatures Change for Child Nutrition Programs' Reimbursement – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to revise the authorized signers on the ED099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to be signators.

b. Retirement Benefits – Tabled.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The September 11th meeting is cancelled due to negotiations. The next meeting will be on September 25th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Residency Hearing – On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the Purpose of Residency Hearing and to invite Mr. and Mrs. Austin into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

15. Possible Action Concerning Residency Hearing – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to affirm the appeal but with conditions.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Update of Negotiations' Strategy and Evaluation and Employment of Superintendent.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

17. Possible Action Concerning Evaluation and Employment of Superintendent – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Carlson, voted unanimously to extend the Superintendent's contract an additional year and to authorize the chairman to execute an employment contract between the Board of Education and Peter L. Nero in effect from July 1, 2013 to and including June 30, 2016.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education