

Board of Education Minutes  
February 19, 2014  
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mr. Macrino, and Mrs. St. Germain. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. McCord led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – None.
5. Presentations – a. Class of 2015 Travel Club – Students Max Reck and Simon Lindsay gave a report to the Board on the proposed trip to Florida in the spring of 2015. Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to approve the planning of the proposed trip.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. St. Germain told of happenings at the middle/high school including the ski trip. She spoke of testing and handed out some information. Mr. Nero had comment as did Mrs. St. Germain. Board members had comment and questions. Mrs. Ostrout, grade 7 teacher, had comment. There was further comment and discussion. Mr. Nero commented that Family Science Night was tonight at the elementary school and unfortunately the timing of the Joint Meeting didn't allow for Board members to stop over before the Board meeting. He had further comment.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – January 8, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2014, meeting.
  - b. Correspondence – None.
  - c. Personnel – Mr. Nero read a letter of resignation from Maureen Rust resigning from her position as library media specialist due to relocation. Mr. Nero and Board members had comment.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero explained what will be on the agenda for the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. He would like to pick an alternate date for the next meeting in March.
  - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. McCord thanked those working on the facility renovation plans and presentation.
  - c. Committee Chairperson – None.

d. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Mathwich said he attended the last meeting. He said they are pretty much done with the list we had given them a number of years ago. They are basically working on generators and are looking for a new list. The freezer has also been taken care of. There was comment and suggestions. There was discussion. The administration will put together a new list of items.

9. Finance – None.

10. Old Business – a. Bring Your Own Device Policy – Mr. McCord had questions for Mr. Pont. Mr. Nero had comment. There was comment and discussion. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to approve policy 5131.83, Bring Your Own Device.

b. Proposed 2014-2015 Education Budget - Mr. Nero explained where we started and where we are now. Mr. Nero explained the addition of an athletic trainer to the budget. He had further explanation.

11. New Business – a. 2014 – 2015 Proposed Calendar – Mr. Nero reviewed the calendar. This is based on the regional calendar. Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed calendar for 2014-2015.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

i. Budget Workshop Dates – March 19<sup>th</sup> will be the budget workshop .

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Negotiations Strategy – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. for the Purpose of Negotiations Strategy and to invite Mrs. Allen into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education