

Board of Education Minutes  
February 26, 2014

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia. Absent was Mrs. Wagner. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Macrino, and Mrs. St. Germain. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 7:11 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. Building Project – Mr. McCord spoke. Mr. Mathwich, who is also chairman of the Ad Hoc Building Committee, introduced the committee members that were present. He gave background information as to how they got to the point we are at now. He continued with the explanation. He introduced Rusty Malik from Quisenberry Arcara Architects. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Mathwich gave an explanation of the Ed. Specs. Mr. McCord had further explanation. Mr. Malik began the presentation with facility challenges and went over some of the issues. He went over enrollment projections, which are flat. He had further comment and explanation on the projections and placement of the students. Mr. Malik said this is based on a pre-k to 6 and 7-12 configuration. He spoke of reimbursement percentages and explained. He reviewed some of the design criteria, including phasing and explained. Mr. Malik reviewed some of the different options that were presented two years ago in 2012. He went over Option D for the elementary school. He went over Option A1 for the middle/high school. He reviewed Option A2 which eliminates the gym/community space and encloses the outdoor walkways between the two sides of the street. Mr. Malik reviewed Option A3 which is a new school, pre-k to 12. He had further explanation of Option A3. He reviewed prior study options and budget estimates. He spoke of current budget considerations including market conditions and material cost increases and state funding. He went over different timeline scenarios. He continued with the budget considerations. Mr. Malik reviewed the project budget for Options D and A1. He spoke of space waivers and explained. He went over the budget projection for Option A2. He explained the projection for Option A3. He reviewed the current budget projections for each of the projects. Mr. Nero had comment. He spoke of timing. He had further comment. He spoke of issues at each of the schools. He said he didn't want any hidden costs in this. He spoke of the children changing classes outside every day. He elaborated. Mr. Mathwich had comment regarding the formulas for reimbursement and spoke of where to find them online. He had further comment. Mr. McCord had comment and commended the Ad Hoc Committee. Questions were asked and answered. There was comment. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero

had further comment. There were further questions asked and explanation given. Mr. Mathwich explained the progression. Further comments were made as well as questions asked.

6. Administrators' Reports - None

7. Administrative – a. Minutes – Joint Meeting February 19, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2014 Joint Meeting.

February 19, 2014 Special Meeting – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2014, Special Meeting.

b. Correspondence – None.

c. Personnel – None.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Peter thanked everyone for working on the Bring Your Own Device policy. Mr. Nero said the Grange is looking for projects to do around the schools.

b. BOE Chairperson – None.

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

d. PSPBC Liaison – The committee needs a list of projects because they have completed the list that was given to them a couple of years ago. Mr. Mullane said Mr. Aiello resigned as chair. Board members had comment.

9. Finance – a. December 2013 Financial Statements – Mr. Carlson had comment. On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial statements for December 2013.

b. January 2014 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mr. Carlson seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the January 2014 Financial Statements.

c. Transfer Request – On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the transfer request as presented.

10. Old Business – None.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – March 5<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting on the building project, March 19<sup>th</sup> will be a meeting on the budget at 6:30 p.m., and March 26<sup>th</sup> will be a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. for the Facilities and Finance Committee.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – Mr. Urgo commented on the attendance of the meeting and thought it was a good turnout.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Personnel Matter – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. for the Purpose of Personnel Matter and to invite Mr. Macrino into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:44 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education