

June 12, 2013

A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Mr. Testa, Mr. McCord, Mr. Mendolia (7:05 p.m.), Dr. Robert and Mr. Mathwich. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Apicelli. Mr. Testa called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – Thomas Steinbrecher, student, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – None.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mr. Sandford said that Flag Day is the 14th and due to the weather forecast, it will be held in the gym at 8:00 a.m. Trooper Abley is coming tomorrow to do the needs assessment for safety and security in the schools. He explained this is being done in order to be able to apply for any grant funding. He elaborated. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Apicelli handed out a sheet of happenings at the high/middle school. Mrs. Wilkison said there were 71 students that finished a marathon at NFA and she elaborated. The Walk Your Can a Mile event was held yesterday, last week the Read-a-Thon for United Way in Oklahoma was held, field day will be held tomorrow with a rain plan in place if needed, on Friday the Flag Day ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m., and DARE Graduation and Fifth Grade Promotion will be held on Wednesday. Mr. Sandford said they are requiring summer reading for middle school this year and he elaborated.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2013, meeting.

May 15, 2013 Special Meeting – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2013, special meeting.

b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero read a note from Natalie Pukas thanking the Board. He also read a letter from Mr. Hundt resigning from the Board of Education.

c. Personnel – Mr. Nero introduced Kim Allen as Mr. McCarthy's replacement. He thanked Mr. McCarthy for his many years of service.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero commented on the budget passing. He thanked individuals, members of the PTO, ICONS, the NSEA, and the North Stonington Education Foundation. He elaborated. He talked about the positive press. He thanked the administrators' union and had further comment. He also thanked

the Board of Education and elaborated. He had further comment. Mr. Nero told the Board we received approval from the State on our SEED Model.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Testa thanked the same groups the Superintendent did. He commented on the budget process and elaborated. He spoke of the boilers as well and commented on that process. He had further comment. He spoke of the Board member resignation and the process. He said he spoke to Chairman Spring and elaborated. He welcomed Kim Allen and had comment. He thanked Mr. McCarthy for all his years of service. Mr. Nero commented on the positions we will be advertising. He read a partial list of the colleges our seniors will be attending.

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

d. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Testa had comment.

9. Finance – a. Financial Statements for May 2013 – Mr. McCord made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to accept the financial statements as prepared for May 31, 2013. Mr. McCord had comment. Board members had comment. Mr. Nero had comment. There was further comment from Board members. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Insurance Consortium Update – Mr. Nero had comment. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously that the North Stonington Board of Education join the Eastern Connecticut Health and Medical Cooperative and authorize the Superintendent to sign any necessary documents.

b. 2013-2014 Education Budget – None.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is July 24th unless we need a special meeting. Mr. Nero had comment.

b. Committee Action List – Dr. Robert had a comment about money at the end of the year; he spoke of the fields needing attention. Mr. Nero had comment.

13. Public Comment – Mr. Marc Tardiff, grade 8 Social Studies teacher, said he was there representing the Association. Mr. Tardiff thanked the Board for their acknowledgement. Mr. Tardiff listed items that the Association has contributed to the schools over the past years including over \$4,200 in scholarships. Mr. Testa, Board members, and Mr. Nero had comment. Pat Ostrout, 7th grade math teacher, invited the Board to the awards breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the last day of school. She will email the invitation.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Student Matter and b. Superintendent’s Evaluation – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the Purpose of Student Matter and Superintendent’s Evaluation and to invite the student, parents, and Mr. Sandford into such session for the Student Matter portion.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

15. Possible Action Concerning Student Matter – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously not to take action at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:49 p.m. for the Purpose of Superintendent’s Evaluation and to invite Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. McCarthy into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mendolia, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education