

Board of Education Minutes
June 24, 2015

A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present was Mr. Nero. Vice Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 – Mr. Nero explained that the North Stonington Education Foundation would not be meeting during the summer. He elaborated.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – June 10, 2015 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2015, meeting.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said there is a fifth grade position open at the elementary school.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero commented on the last week of school. He reviewed all the end-of-year events. He elaborated.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. McCord read a letter to the Board of Education resigning his position as Chairman of the Board of Education. He will be remaining as a member of the Board. There was comment. Mr. Carlson said the Tri-Board meeting is tomorrow night and he elaborated.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – Facilities and Finance Committee met and action will be taken later in the agenda.
 - d. PSPBC Liaison – Questions were asked and answered about the Permanent School Planning and Building Committee line item in the town budget.
9. Finance – a. May 2015 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the May 2015 Financial Statements.

10. Old Business – None.

11. New Business – a. 2015-2016 Educator Evaluation and Support Plan – There was discussion. On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendments to the 2015-2016 Educator Evaluation and Support Plan.

b. Healthy Food Initiative Certification – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously that for the period July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, the North Stonington Board of Education approves the participation in the Healthy Foods Initiative under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes; that the Board of Education excludes from certification items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that 1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) such sale is at the location of the event, and 3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store; and that the Superintendent is authorized to sign all the forms necessary to comply with this approval.

c. Food Service Year End Report – Mr. Nero had comment. He commended Mrs. Allen and elaborated. Questions were asked about the school food advisory boards and Mr. Nero answered. Mr. Nero had further comment.

d. Summer Meeting Schedule – The summer meeting schedule was discussed. The Board will not meet in July unless it is necessary. The Tri-Board will not be meeting in July and will resume in August.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next Board of Education meeting is August 19th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – Mr. Carlson had comment on the makeup of the Board when he came on the Board. Mr. Carlson thanked Mr. McCord for taking on the role of Chairman and he elaborated.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation and Contract – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for the Purpose of Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation and Contract.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

15. Superintendent of Schools' Evaluation – Mr. Nero received a very favorable evaluation. It will be written and available by the next meeting.

16. Possible Action on Superintendent of Schools' Contract – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to extend the current Superintendent's contract by one year and to give the Superintendent the same percentage increase in wages as the teachers.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education