

Board of Education Minutes
March 27, 2013

A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Testa, Mr. McCord (7:17 p.m.), Mr. Mendolia, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Hundt, Dr. Robert, Mr. Mathwich, and Mrs. Dame. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Apicelli. Chairman Testa called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None.
4. Community Relations – None.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. Wilkison told of happenings at the elementary school including the parent-teacher conferences with a 94% attendance rate, Megan Perkins will be starting the Marathon Club, Kindergarten registration is next Tuesday, and the elementary school was honored with an award from the Connecticut Association of Schools for School Climate. She elaborated and said the ceremony was held today. Mr. Sandford spoke of happenings in the middle/high school including the student working at Connecticut College and middle school career day was held today. He explained the survey results that were handed out. Questions were asked and answered.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – March 13, 2013 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting.

March 20, 2013 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting.

- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said Michelle Fogarty, general science and physics teacher, is resigning from her position in order to pursue her doctorate and that he had accepted her resignation.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said he met with the superintendent and visiting committee from Lebanon and it is official that Mr. Apicelli will be their new principal. Mr. Nero had comment. He personally wished him well and much success. Mr. Nero said four trainers of the Charlotte Daniels teacher evaluation course will be here tomorrow to give a professional development workshop for our teachers. He had further comment.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Testa said an initial email went out from the Stonington Board of Education to see if there was any interest in having a regional board of education meeting with April 10th as the tentative date. Mr. Testa had further comment. He congratulated the elementary school on the award. Mrs. Wilkison had further comment.

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

d. PSPBC Liaison – None.

9. Finance – a. Transfer Requests – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to accept the transfers as stated in a memo dated March 18, 2013 to transfer funds from high school instructional supplies to textbooks and from elementary computer education supplies to replacement equipment.

A question was asked about the insurance consortium. There was further discussion and questions were answered.

10. Old Business – None.

11. New Business – a. Early Release Dates for Professional Development for 2013-14 - Mr. Nero addressed the Board about this request and explained they are needed for further staff development in the teacher evaluation model. He elaborated. Dr. Robert made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to use September 5th and 6th for early release days for professional development on teacher evaluation. There was comment and a request to keep track of how many of these days there are and what this is costing us. There was comment that this is really an unfunded mandate. There was further comment from Board members about the parents needing to realize what is being done on these days. Mr. Nero had further comment. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – April 10th is the next regular meeting. A Student Success Committee meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th, the budget presentation to the Board of Finance is Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary school library, and April 24th is another regular meeting. Mr. Nero said April 23rd is the meeting on the consortium.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Discussion of Middle School Boiler RFP's and b. Strategy for Contract Negotiations – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. and to invite the Selectmen and Mr. McCarthy into such session for the boiler discussion.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:50 P.M.

15. Possible Action Concerning Middle School Boiler RFP's – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted unanimously to accept EMCOR's bid as long as it contained the gas piping from the meter to the boilers and water heater and conversion of the water heater to natural gas.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted unanimously that the Town would be responsible for administering the project in coordination with Mr. Boucher.

On a motion Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education