

Board of Education Minutes  
May 12, 2014  
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner (7:06 p.m.), and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Macrino, and Mrs. St. Germain. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 – None.
5. Presentations – None.

The Board moved to Old Business, item 11a.

Old Business – a. Wheeler Athletics – Mrs. Turner, high school athletic director, said she met with the Community Involvement Committee and she reviewed their meeting. She spoke of the conversation regarding changing leagues and elaborated on that. Mrs. Turner said for now, we will be staying in the league we are in now. There was comment. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. Further questions were asked and answered. There was further comment.

6. Administrators' Reports – Mrs. St. Germain commented about a conversation she had with personnel at Lisbon. She highlighted the end-of-year activities including the pre-prom assembly, the senior project presentations, underclassmen awards, Flag Day ceremony, eighth grade awards, and graduation. They are in the process of AP testing and SBAC testing. She had further comment on the testing. Mr. Macrino said a team of students are going to Waterford High School tomorrow for the Holocaust Survivors' Program. He elaborated. Mr. Nero commented on Dr. Filipelli's presentation. There was further comment. Mr. Nero handed out a sheet from Mrs. Wilkison of happenings at the elementary school.

7. Administrative – a. Minutes – April 23, 2014 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting.

b. Correspondence – None.

c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said they are in the process of searching for a library media specialist, social studies teacher, and associate principal.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero had comment on the building project. He spoke to the head of NEASC and he relayed the conversation. He elaborated. Mr. Nero said they will be coming back with something right away. He elaborated. He spoke with Rusty Malik. He had further comment. Board members had comment and questions. Mr. Nero had further comment. There was discussion of the project.
  - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. McCord was disappointed that the people couldn't see what the State of Connecticut was going to contribute to the project. He elaborated. He had further comment. Mr. Nero had comment.
  - c. Committee Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner commented on the meeting with Mrs. Turner. She elaborated. Mr. Karpinski had comment. There was discussion.
  - d. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Karpinski had comment. Mr. Mathwich commented. There was discussion.
9. Finance – None.
10. Old Business – a. Wheeler Athletics – Covered above.
  - b. School Building Project Update – Covered above.
  - c. 2014-2015 Proposed Education Budget – Mr. Nero said this is on the agenda until the budget vote. There was comment. The town budget hearing is at the elementary school on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
11. New Business – None.
12. Future Meeting Dates – The town hearing is May 14<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting is on May 28<sup>th</sup>.
13. Committee Action List – None.
14. Public Comment – None.
15. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Contract Negotiations – On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

16. Ratification of Tentative Bargaining Agreement Between the North Stonington Association of Educational Secretaries and the North Stonington Board of Education – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the tentative agreement between the negotiating teams of the North

Stonington Board of Education and the North Stonington Association of Educational Secretaries for a salary schedule to be in effect from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education