

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
May 28, 2014

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 6:15 p.m. in the North Stonington Elementary School Library. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Robert, and Mrs. Buzzee. 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 6:17 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero told the Board that Mr. Hassell has been appointed as an assistant principal in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He elaborated and explained Connecticut law regarding administrative certification. Mr. Nero spoke of the letter that he had passed out to the Board. He had further comment. He said there are districts out there that are trying to balance their budgets with our students. He elaborated and had explanation. Mr. Nero explained the confusion with the building project presentation. He elaborated. He commented on the presentation.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. McCord said the town hearing on the building project was this evening. He spoke of the letter Mr. Nero passed out. Board members had questions. There was further comment.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – The Facilities and Finance Committee met and action will be taken later in the agenda.
 - d. PSPBC Liaison – Dr. Robert suggested that we get a list to the PSPBC. There was discussion and further comment.
5. Finance – April 2014 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2014, financial statement. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the transfers as requested by the Business Manager dated April 23, 2014, which are highlighted on page one of the April 30, 2014 financial statement.
6. Old Business – a. School Building Project Update – Mr. Nero had comment. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to reaffirm the motion and vote taken on March 14, 2012 that the Board of Education is committed and unified to use existing resources available to us to maintain the current system Pre-K to 12 meaning that grades 9 through 12 will continue to be educated in North Stonington.
 - b. 2014-2015 Proposed Education Budget – Mr. Nero said there was nothing new to report on the budget.

7. New Business – a. Hiring of Certified Staff – Mr. Nero commented on the library media specialist position at the high school/middle school and the terms of the NSEA’s contract. Mrs. St. Germain commented on the candidate of choice. Mr. Nero had further comment. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to allow the Superintendent to enter into contract with the candidate of choice for the library media specialist position at the high school/middle school.

8. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – There was discussion.

9. Committee Action List – None.

10. Public Comment – Mrs. Wagner acknowledged the accomplishment of the high school softball team.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education