

Board of Education Minutes
June 10, 2015

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Wheeler High School Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich (7:20 p.m.), Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, and Mr. Chaney. Vice Chairman Carlson 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 – Mr. Nero said the North Stonington Education Foundation meets tomorrow.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – Mr. Chaney highlighted activities at the middle/high school including the Grade 8 trip to Holiday Hills, Underclassmen Awards being well-attended, the middle school sports banquet is being held tonight, the high school banquet is tomorrow, the middle school Flag Ceremony is tomorrow with the Grade 8 awards ceremony following, and Grade 8 promotion and graduation are next week. He said there has been a lot of positive press lately. Mr. Chaney spoke of the Senior Projects. Mr. Chaney said finals start Friday with half-day schedules. Mrs. Wilkison spoke of happenings at the elementary school including participation in Red Nose Day, Walk your Can a Mile, the Fifth Grade Student Council is holding a penny war, the fifth grade chorus concert was held last Wednesday, the fifth grade promotion party was held on Saturday, the June Jubilee was held Monday, Field Day is this coming Monday, the Flag Day Ceremony is Friday at 9:00 a.m., and D.A.R.E. graduation and fifth grade promotion is Wednesday.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – May 27, 2015 – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mrs. Buzzee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting.

May 28, 2015 Tri-Board Meeting – Mr. Mendolia made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Buzzee to accept the minutes of the May 28, 2015, Tri-Board Meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero read a letter from Roy Seitsinger, Superintendent of Westerly, regarding a satellite campus of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) in Westerly. This would be for training workers for Electric Boat. This would be for Westerly, Stonington, Chariho, and North Stonington students. He elaborated and explained the meeting that was held.

c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said the math coach position was filled. Mr. Chaney gave background information on the new teacher, David Grande. The elementary school is in the process of filling a position. There was discussion.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Covered above.

b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson spoke to the Chairperson and he elaborated. He had further comment.

c. Committee Chairperson – None.

d. LEARN Board of Directors Liaison – Mrs. Wagner said there is a meeting tomorrow.

e. PSPBC Liaison – Money has been put into the town budget for the Permanent School Planning and Building Committee. Mr. Nero spoke of the gym inspection that was held and he elaborated.

9. Finance – a. April 2015 Financial Statements – Dr. Robert made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to approve the April 2015 Financial Statements. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Transfer Requests – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the transfer requests. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Tri-Board Meeting Update – Mr. Carlson spoke of items discussed during the Tri-Board meeting, including resurrecting the Ad Hoc Committee. There was discussion. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Mathwich agreed to act as liaisons since they have both previously chaired that committee. Questions were asked and answered.

11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is June 24th with the Tri-Board meeting on June 25th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich the Board voted unanimously to add Collective Bargaining Issue to the Proposed Executive Session.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

for the Purpose of Collective Bargaining Issue and Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools and to invite Mrs. Allen into such session for the first part of the session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:27 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education