

Board of Education Minutes
October 29, 2015

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Costa. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 told the Board that the North Stonington Education Foundation Dinner Dance was held and was very successful. He elaborated. February 19th is the trivia contest to be held at the VFW hall in Pawcatuck. Mr. Carlson spoke of having a fundraiser event at Jonathan Edwards Winery. He had further comment. There was discussion.
5. Presentations – None.
6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – September 24, 2015 Tri-Board Meeting – On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted five in favor and one abstention to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2015, meeting. Mr. Karpinski abstained.

October 14, 2015 – Mr. Karpinski made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Wagner to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2015, meeting. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – A question was raised about the girls' varsity soccer coach and Mr. Nero said he was let go.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero spoke of Kylie Garcia's Gold Project for Girl Scouts and the article that was in the paper about her. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero spoke of the emergency management drill that was held and in which he took part. He elaborated and explained the drill. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero spoke of the training he will be receiving in order to be able to administer an Epi-Pen. He spoke of the Aramark payment. He elaborated. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Allen had comment. There was further comment.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. Carlson spoke of the higher education program being started in Westerly. If all goes as planned, some parts of the building will be in place in September and the entire facility will be up and

running by September of 2017. There was further explanation and discussion. Mr. Carlson handed out a letter received from the committee. Mr. Carlson said he had spoken to Preston's Board of Education chairperson. He also spoke to the Voluntown Board of Education chairperson. He had further comment.

- c. Committee Chairs – The Facilities and Finance Committee met and action will be taken later.
- d. LEARN Board of Directors Liaison – Mrs. Wagner said the next meeting is next Thursday but she has a conflict and cannot attend.
- e. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Carlson said they did not meet. He spoke to Mr. Jim Lord and he elaborated. One of the next two projects is a generator for the gymnasium building. There was discussion. They will also be putting in LED lighting.
- f. Ad Hoc Committee – They have been meeting every Monday. Mr. Carlson told the Board what their progress has been. The next meeting is November 2nd.
- 9. Finance – September 2015 Financial Statements – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial statements for September 30, 2015 and to accept the transfers from the transfer memo.
- 10. Old Business – a. Food Service RFP Update – Mr. Nero said we have not received the updated RFP from the state for food services. He spoke of Stonington going out to bid with a similar RFP and he elaborated. He had further comment. The amendment is still not complete. There was further comment.
- 11. New Business – None.
- 12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – November 14th at 8:00 a.m. will be a policy meeting and the next regular Board of Education meeting is November 18th. There was discussion of changing the December meeting.
 - b. Committee Action List – None.
- 13. Public Comment – None.
- 14. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education