

Board of Education Minutes
September 24, 2014

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.
6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – September 9, 2014, Joint Meeting – On a motion by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014, Joint Meeting.

September 10, 2014 – Mrs. Buzzee made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2014, meeting. Mr. Karpinski commented on the removal of a date from the original motion and said he didn't want to wait two years to present another project. Mr. Nero had comment. The motion passed with five voting in favor and one abstention. Mr. Carlson abstained.
- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mrs. Wilkison introduced Andrea Bessette as the new fifth grade teacher and gave her background. Mrs. St. Germain introduced Annie Oosterwyk, media specialist and Zach Thomas, band instructor and gave their background. The Board welcomed them to North Stonington.
8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero commented that everyone had received the schedule of the NEASC team. He elaborated. The reception starts at 1:00 p.m. The Board's schedule was reviewed. Mr. Nero had further comment and explanation. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero thanked Mr. Mullane for all his help with the purchase of the maintenance van and his guidance. He elaborated. Mr. Nero had comment on the Enterovirus D68 and the precautions we are taking to stop germ spread.

- b. BOE Chairperson – Mr. McCord said we have a facilitator that will help work with the Board of Finance, Board of Education, and Board of Selectmen. He elaborated on part of the process and moving forward. The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. to put together the list that the facilitator is looking for. He had further comment. Mr. Nero had further comment. There was discussion. Mr. McCord had comment. There was further comment. Mrs. Wagner had comment. Board members had further comment. There was discussion.
- c. Committee Chairperson – Mr. Carlson said the Facilities and Finance Committee met and there will be action later in the agenda.
- d. PSPBC Liaison – No report.
9. Finance – a. August 2014 Financial Statements – Mr. Carlson had comment. On a motion by Mrs. Buzzee, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial statements for August 2014.
- b. Transfer Request – Mr. Carlson had explanation. Mr. Karpinski made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve the transfer request. There was comment. The motion passed unanimously.
10. Old Business – None.
11. New Business – a. School Delays and Cancellations – Mr. Nero had comment about schools in our RESC moving to a straight two-hour delay and he explained. There was discussion. Questions were asked and answered. Action will be taken at the next meeting.
- b. Board of Education Policies – Mr. Carlson said the Student Success Committee met. He explained. He commented on the policy regarding concussions. On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to delete the old policies and accept the newly revised policies and to accept new policy 5141.28. Nero had comment. The policies that were revised are as follows: 6111 - School Calendar, 5141.7 - Student Sports – Concussion, 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, 5131 - Conduct and Discipline, 5144 – Discipline, 5141.21 - Administering Medication, 5141.21 Regulation - Administering Medication to Students, 6142 - Basic Instructional Program, 5131.911 - Students-Hazing, and 5131.911 Regulation - Bullying-Model Safe School Climate Plan.
12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – October 8th is the next regular meeting. The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. to discuss goals. A date will be set for another tri-board meeting where the facilitator will be present. There was comment. October 22nd will be the second regular meeting of the month.
- b. Committee Action List – The Student Success Committee will meet again to review more policies.
13. Public Comment – Mr. Shawn Murphy, citizen, asked about a report. A copy will be given to the Board and Mr. Murphy.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Strategy for Collective Bargaining – On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the Purpose of Strategy for Collective Bargaining and to invite Mrs. Allen into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

15. Ratification of Tentative Bargaining Agreement between the North Stonington Federation of School Administrators and the North Stonington Board of Education – No action taken.

On a motion by Mrs. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education