

Board of Education Minutes
June 20, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord (7:29 p.m.), Dr. Robert, and Mr. Mendolia (7:07 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.

On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to add Tuition under New Business.

4. Community Relations – The North Stonington Education Foundation recognized the four grantees at a reception and he explained. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion.

5. Presentations – None.

6. Administrators' Reports –None.

7. Administrative – a. Minutes – June 6, 2018 – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 6, 2018, meeting.

- b. Correspondence - None.

- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said a resignation was received from Liz Cantelli; she received a position as an associate special education director. He elaborated. Mrs. Carolyn Bennett was appointed as the Teacher-in-Residence for the Library of Congress. This is the first year they have appointed an arts position. Mrs. Bennett was present and she explained what their mission is. She explained what she would be doing. Questions were asked and answered. The Board congratulated Mrs. Bennett.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero reminded the Board to sign the beam. Eagle Environmental said the results of the middle school were excellent; they want to petition the EPA to be able to not have to test anymore. He elaborated and said the tests came back really clean. Questions were asked and answered. There is a tentative agreement with the secretaries.

- b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said she and Dr. Robert met with Mrs. Turner. She explained the handout from Mrs. Turner. Dr. Robert commented. Questions were asked and answered. There was further

discussion. Mrs. Wagner attended a CABA workshop on collective bargaining. She elaborated. There was discussion.

c. Committee Chairperson – The Facilities and Finance Committee discussed the financial statements.

d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – Dr. Potemri is not present at the meeting to report.

e. PSPBC Liaison – None.

f. School Modernization Building Committee – Mr. Mathwich said they met on Monday and explained. Questions were asked and answered.

9. Finance - a. May 2018 Financial Statements – Mrs. Wagner commented that she wants the Board to look at chorus and music's item list. She had comment. There was discussion. Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve the financial statements dated May 31, 2018. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Covered above.

b. Policy Review – Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to approve policy 0521. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve policy 4118.11. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to approve policy 4145.1.

Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded Dr. Robert to approve policy 5118.1. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve policy 6141.322. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to approve regulation 6141.322. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Board of Education Goals – There will be a special meeting on July 23rd on Wheeler Library. Nick Caruso from CABA will be in attendance at that meeting.

d. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – Ms. Welborn said she is working toward being a chemistry teacher and she elaborated and mentioned that she would like to do her student teaching in North Stonington. There was discussion.

11. New Business – a. Tuition Rates – Mrs. Wagner said current tuition is set at \$11,433. There was comment. Mr. Nero had comment and explanation. There was discussion. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Ms. Welborn, the Board voted unanimously to keep the tuition rate at \$11,433 through the 2019-2020 school year.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – There is a special meeting on July 23rd.

b. Committee Action List – Mrs. Wagner would like a transportation committee to be set. Dr. Robert, Ms. Welborn, and Mrs. Wagner will be on the committee with Mr. Karpinski as a backup member.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. for the Purpose of Contract Negotiations, Negotiations Strategy, and Superintendent’s Evaluation and Contract.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

15. Ratification of Tentative Bargaining Agreement Between the North Stonington Board of Education and the North Stonington Association of Educational Secretaries – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Dr. Robert, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the tentative bargaining agreement between the North Stonington Board of Education and the North Stonington Association of Educational Secretaries and to authorize the chairperson to sign such agreement.

On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to add Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit Staff to the agenda.

16. Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit Staff – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to increase the salaries of non-bargaining unit staff by 2.75% in accordance with the 2018-2019 budget.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to the Board of Education