

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
July 23, 2018

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Monday, July 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wheeler Library. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Ms. Welborn, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero and Mr. Caruso. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Administrative – a. Approval of Minutes – June 20, 2018 – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2018, meeting.
5. Reports – a. Superintendent - None.
b. BOE Chairperson – None.
c. Committee Chairs – None.
d. School Modernization Building Committee – None.
6. Old Business – a. Healthy Foods Certification – Beverages Exemption – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Dr. Potemri, the Board voted unanimously to allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to move item 6b to item 7c.

- b. Board of Education Goals – Mr. Nick Caruso of CAFE, facilitated the discussion on the Board of Education’s initial goals. Over two hours of discussion included the process for developing a strategic plan, and short and long term goals. Several sub topics were discussed. They included, holistic view of students, bullying, fiscal sustainability, and community involvement. A timeframe for the development of the strategy plan was discussed as well as discussion on bringing in a facilitator. The strategic plan should include members of the internal and external public. It was agreed at the end that the following are the initial goals of the North Stonington Board of Education:

- High Quality Instruction
Professional Development a Consideration
- Climate and Culture
Feeling Safe
Every Student Engaged in Academics, Non-academics
- Athletics
Expecting Excellence, Competitive, Focus on Coaching and Skills

The Wheeler Climate surveys were passed out and discussed.

- c. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – None.
- d. Transportation/School Start Time Committee – None.
- 7. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – Special meetings will be held on August 15th and August 29th. The regular meetings scheduled for August 8th and August 22nd will be cancelled.
- b. Committee Action List – Policy Review will be discussed at a later date.
- 8. Public Comment – None.
- 9. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Superintendent’s Evaluation and Contract – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the Purpose of Superintendent’s Evaluation and Contract.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

- 10. Superintendent’s Contract and Benefits – No action taken.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Nero, Secretary Pro-tem