

Board of Education Minutes
October 10, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 10, 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 (7:09 p.m.), and Dr. Potemri. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Karpinski, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to add Transportation Contract to Executive Session.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Community Relations – The NSEF Dinner Dance is Friday, November 9th, the Trivia Contest is February 15th with a snow date of the 22nd, and the Road Race is May 25th. He said the NoSto Festival was a success.
5. Presentations – a. French Travel Club Trip Request – Mrs. Janet Devaux passed out a draft itinerary and thanked the Board for the opportunity for the trip to Quebec. She said they team up with Ledyard each year and she elaborated. They have been collaborating since 2013. Last year 13 students and 2 other chaperones attended. Grades 8-12 French students are invited to go. She explained the meetings held beforehand. She said it is a great opportunity for them to learn and she gave examples. She had further comment. She gave a rundown of the itinerary and said the trip is quite affordable with it starting at \$649 but the final price could change. Everything they do involves a tour guide. Ms. Welborn thanked her for taking her time to do this. Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Karpinski the Board voted unanimously to approve the French Travel Club's proposed trip to Quebec.
6. Administrators' Reports – None.
7. Administrative – a. Minutes – a. September 26, 2018 – Mr. Karpinski made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018, meeting. Mrs. McCarthy clarified action on policies. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Correspondence – None.
 - c. Personnel – Mr. Nero explained we have hired a one-on-one paraprofessional for a student and he explained. It is working out well with the student. He elaborated. Questions were asked about the network technician. The position will be posted.

8. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero said they have met the past two Tuesdays for goals. He received notice that another competitive grant was available. He had comment. There was discussion.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said she had a meeting with the NSEA and she had comment. She said it was very nice to meet with them and she elaborated. She said it was really positive. Mrs. Wagner said the next meeting will focus on climate and culture and she elaborated. They will be asking for a presentation on the bullying incidences. The second meeting of November will be Board of Education business and she elaborated. She said they are wrapping up Mr. Nero’s goals. There was discussion on the website and NEASC wanting to be able to find more information on the site. Discussion ensued.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – Student Success Committee will meet ahead of the October 24th at 6:30 p.m.
 - d. LEARN Board of Directors’ Liaison – The next meeting is Thursday morning but Dr. Potemri will not be in attendance.
 - e. School Modernization Building Committee – Dr. Potemri said they are on schedule and on budget. Questions were asked and answered. She explained what is happening in the inside of the building.
9. Finance - September 2018 Financial Statements – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by RM. Karpinski to accept the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2018. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed with five voting in favor and one abstention. Mrs. Wagner abstained.
10. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Mr. Nero said the latest report was posted online. Everything came out okay. Testing is about to be done again.
 - b. School Start Times – Ms. Welborn said the start time survey was made available. They would like to put together an informational event. The Newtown superintendent will Skype with them probably the first week in November.
 - c. Policy Review – Ms. Welborn said this is a new policy to consider. On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Ms. Welborn, the Board voted unanimously to adopt policy 9327.1. On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept policy 2151. Ms. Welborn made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to accept policy 3323. Questions were asked and answered. The motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Board of Education Goals – No discussion.
 - e. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – Ms. Welborn said a flu shot mobile clinic will be in town on October 20th. She thanked Senator Somers for putting that together.
11. New Business – None.

12. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – October 24th is the next regular meeting with a Student Success Committee meeting before at 6:30 p.m.

b. Committee Action List – None.

13. Public Comment – None.

14. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Transportation Contract – On a motion by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. for the Purpose of Transportation Contract and to invite Jon Hipsher from M&J Transportation into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education