

Board of Education Minutes  
November 28, 2018

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord (7:17 p.m.), Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Proposed Executive Session – None.
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
5. Community Relations – Mr. Nero said next Thursday is the North Stonington Education Foundation meeting. Jenna Rogers will be taking over the Trivia Contest for this year and he explained.
6. Presentations – None.
7. Administrators' Reports – None.
8. Administrative – a. Minutes – November 14, 2018 – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2018, meeting.
- b. Correspondence – None.
- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero said coaching positions have been filled. Mr. Fabian has been appointed as the middle school boys' basketball coach, Sarah Barbour and Megan Perkins will be the middle school girls' basketball co-coaches, and Carly Higginbotham and Hannah Gomes will be the middle school cheering coaches. There was comment.
9. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero told the Board the CABA/CAPSS conference was held as was the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Westerly Education Center. The state has issued another grant for security and he said we submitted it today. He had further comment. Mr. Nero commented on the contact made with someone that was at RISD and he elaborated. The construction meetings are every Tuesday.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said they are meeting with Jack Cross next week to start the design team.
- c. Committee Chairperson – Ms. Welborn suggested having a policy workshop in January. A special meeting will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup> tentatively.

- d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – Nothing to report.
  - e. School Modernization Building Committee – Dr. Potemri did a pretty extensive walk-through this past week. Tours for teachers will be scheduled in February and she elaborated. She said they are on schedule and on-budget. Monday night a recommendation was made and awarded at the Selectmen's meeting to our current phone provider for the new phone system and she elaborated. She spoke of the move manager and she elaborated. The next full committee meeting is on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Potemri said the move manager service is one provided by Quisenberry Arcari and she elaborated. Mr. Nero had comment. Dr. Potemri said everything is coming together. Mr. Nero had comment. Dr. Potemri had further comment. Board members had comment.
10. Finance – Mrs. Wagner had comment on the current budget that was handed out. She would like the Board to start reviewing the individual line items and formulate any questions they may have. She would like to start to look at this at the second meeting in January. Mr. Nero said he is currently working on the annual report. She would like questions asked now and not in March. There was discussion.
11. Old Business – a. Humanitarian Trip – Questions were asked. There was discussion. The teacher will be asked if there would be an alternate location. There were questions that will be asked of the teacher and it will be voted on in December.
- b. Environmental Concerns – One more set of testing needs to be done after the first of the year.
  - c. School Start Times – Mr. Nero said the bus company is working on it. Mrs. Wagner said the plan is to have a workshop. They will attend the elementary school faculty meeting and a PTO meeting. They will then meet with the union in January. There was further discussion. Mrs. Wagner had further comment. There was further comment and discussion.
  - d. Policy Review – A tentative workshop will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Board of Education Goals – None.
  - f. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – Ms. Welborn spoke of the Westerly Education Center. She thought that may be the model of education in the future. She spoke of one of the courses and said it looks tremendous. The labs are beautiful. She had further comment.
12. New Business – None.
13. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – December 12<sup>th</sup> is the next regular meeting and the only one in December. January 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a workshop for policies.
- b. Committee Action List – None.

14. Public Comment – None.

15. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to  
The Board of Education