

Board of Education Minutes  
Special Meeting  
January 16, 2019

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 – None.
6. Presentations – a. Athletic Presentation – Ellen Turner, Athletic Director, gave an overview of the fall athletic programs. There was discussion. Mrs. Turner also spoke of records and awards. She reviewed the results of the survey that was taken. There was comment and discussion. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Turner updated the Board on winter sports and answered questions. She spoke of joining Griswold for football. There was comment and discussion.
7. Administrators' Reports – None.
8. Administrative – a. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2018 & January 5, 2019 – On a motion by Dr. Potemri, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2018, meeting. On a motion by Dr. Potemri, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2019, meeting.
9. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero gave an update on the building project. He spoke of the phone system. He said the project is on schedule.  
  
b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner spoke of the non-payment of the PCB invoices. The town had previously promised to make payment on these. There was discussion. There was discussion with Selectman Carlson on which avenue to take to get this resolved. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to go to the Board of Selectmen to request all outstanding and future invoices related to the PCBs and any other related expenses be paid by the town.  
  
c. Committee Chairs – None.

- d. LEARN Board of Directors Liaison – None.
  - e. School Modernization Building Committee – None.
10. Finance – a. November 2018 Financial Statements – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial statements for the period ending November 30, 2018.
- b. December 2018 Financial Statements – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2018.
11. Old Business – a. Environmental Concerns – Nothing new to report.
- b. School Start Times – Mrs. Wagner had comment. She met with M&J Bus and spoke of that meeting. Mrs. Wagner also met with the NSEA. There was further comment and discussion.
  - c. Policy Review – Mrs. Costa had comment on Policy 5144.2. There was discussion. On a motion by Ms. Welborn, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to approve the policy in its entirety with the first paragraph option of the policy.
  - d. Web Site – No discussion.
  - e. Budget Discussion – There was discussion. There was further discussion of priorities in the budget. There was discussion regarding a curriculum director.
  - f. Board of Education Goals – No discussion.
  - g. Board Members’ Concerns/Topics of Discussion
12. New Business – None.
13. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a special meeting regarding the Board’s priorities. The next regular Board meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Committee Action List – None.
14. Public Comment – None.
15. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Peter L. Nero, Secretary Pro-Tem