

Board of Education Minutes
September 11, 2019

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A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office/North Stonington Elementary Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, and Mrs. St. Germain. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 the first PTO meeting was held and he elaborated. The NoSto Fest is coming up. The North Stonington Education Foundation dinner dance is coming up in October and the trivia contest is in February.
6. Presentations – a. Update on Grade Five and Six Sports – Christine Dias, administration and finance officer at the town, spoke and gave an update. She said 14 of the 36 students are participating in rec sports. She listed the sports the kids are interested in. Mr. Tom Fabian spoke of the running club Tuesday with Megan Perkins as advisor. They are looking at other programs for Monday and Wednesday. Mrs. Turner is helping to set this up. Flag football and tennis are being looked at. Mr. Fabian had further comment. Mrs. Ellen Turner commented. Mr. Joe Potemri spoke of their system to get the word out. Mr. Nero spoke and said they will get that information out in an email blast. Ms. Dias commented on getting the children to the rec area. Mr. Nero had comment. There will not be a charge for this program since it was in place of middle school sports. Mr. Potemri had comment as did Mr. Fabian. There was further comment. Questions were asked and answered.
7. Administrators' Reports – None. Ms. Welborn asked about elementary open house and Mrs. Wilkison said it was well-attended.
8. Administrative – a. Minutes – August 19, 2019, Special Meeting – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted six in favor and one abstention to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2019, special meeting. Mr. Karpinski abstained.

August 21, 2019 – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the August 21, 2019, meeting.
 - b. Correspondence – Mr. Nero read the information regarding the yearbook ad.

- c. Personnel – Mr. Nero told the Board the band teacher resigned.
9. Reports – a. Superintendent – Mr. Nero explained about the gym floor and the issues with refinishing it. He said we will have to do the floor again in the summer and explained.
- b. BOE Chairperson – Mrs. Wagner said we met on Saturday. There is a lot going on and she had further comment.
 - c. Committee Chairperson – Ms. Welborn commented on the Student Success Committee and their charge was the school start times and that they needed a new charge. Mrs. Wagner spoke of the transportation committee. Student Success will meet at 6:30 p.m. before the next meeting. There was comment.
 - d. LEARN Board of Directors' Liaison – Mr. Nero will call and find out when the meetings are.
 - e. School Modernization Building Committee – Dr. Potemri said the OAC met on Monday. They are nearing the end of the remediation at the elementary school and will be ready to start building. She said they are still on budget but are close. They have a week to make up but should be able to do it. Questions were asked and answered. There was further comment. Dr. Potemri said they are moving along on the music room. The acoustic tiles should be in next week and she had further comment. They will be meeting with the music booster group. Questions were asked and answered.
10. Finance - a. August 2019 Financial Statements – Will be done at the next meeting.
11. Old Business – a. Fall School Start Times – Mrs. Wagner said she has gotten some positive feedback. Mrs. St. Germain said there have been less tardies. She said the students like it.
- b. One-to-One Devices – Will be discussed at a different meeting. Mrs. St. Germain had a question that Mrs. Wagner answered. There was further discussion. Mrs. St Germain will check on the stipulations put forward by National Honor Society. There was discussion.
 - c. Policy – None for this evening.
 - d. Board of Education Goals – The budget process was discussed at Saturday's meeting and she elaborated.
 - e. Board Members Concerns/Topics of Discussion – The budget discussion will continue to be put on the agenda. The web site was discussed. The financials will be put on the web site.
12. New Business – None.

13. Calendar – a. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is September 25th with the Student Success Committee meeting prior. A special meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. Attorney Grello will be meeting with the Board about negotiations. Mrs. Schilke will be coming to the next meeting on the 25th.

b. Committee Action List – None.

14. Public Comment – Mrs. Sally Timmons of Pinecrest Road said she spoke to parents at the PTO meeting and they thought the survey was confusing. There is interest in before- and after-school programs. She elaborated. Mr. Mike Urgo had comment on the incident at the school. He thought more information may need to come out about security at the building without too many specifics. He said people are concerned. Mr. Nero had comment and said he cannot put out too much specific information about the incidents. He had further comment. Mr. Urgo had further comment about more reassurance. Mrs. St. Germain had comment. There was further comment. Mrs. St. Germain commented on the ten students on the football team. Mrs. Turner also had comment. The Board had comment.

15. Proposed for Executive Session – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Mendolia, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. for the Purpose of Superintendent’s Goals and Evaluation.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:31 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Board of Education