

Board of Education Minutes
April 3, 2024

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on April 3, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mr. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, and Mrs. Wagner. Mr. Burdick was Absent

Also present were Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Merrill, Business Manager.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mastroianni called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment

Please be advised that our meeting structure does not allow for two-way dialogue during public comment, but the Board uses this information to guide their decision-making. Depending on the topic, they may ask the Superintendent or another District employee to follow up with you. Likewise, public comment might lead to a topic being added to a future meeting agenda.

No public comments.

Motion to add to add Before & After Care as item 5.b. and Irrigation as 5. c. This motion, made by Mrs. Mazzella and seconded by Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. Facility and Finance Discussion

4.a. Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Bill Merrill, Business Manager, reported the Monthly Financial Report for March 2024. The original report is attached to the original minutes. Questions were asked and answered.

4.b. Non-lapsing

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$9,609.39 for GameTime (Sensory Wave).

This motion, made by Mrs. Mazzella and seconded by Mrs. Main, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve \$2,991.00 for American Parks Company (Bouncy Balance Beam).

This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Main, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve \$3,450.00 for BellXcel (Arly) Software for the Before & After

School program. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Mr. Karpinski,
Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Abstain, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain: 1

Motion to approve \$1,060.00 for Sportees. This motion, made by Mazzella and
seconded by Karpinski, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion to approve \$116 for Sheffield Pottery; \$81.03, \$430.06, and \$834.80 for
Riverhead Building Supply. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Main,
Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,

Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. Old Business

5.a. FY25 Budget

Mrs. Mastroianni, Chair, reported on the FY25 budget. The BOF accepted what was given to them and they moved the BOE to a budget hearing that will take place on April 22nd. The report is in the original of the minutes.

5.b. Before & After School Program

Motion to open an account for the Before & After School Program. This motion, made by Towle-Weicksel and seconded by Mazzella, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Nay, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Nay

Yea: 5, Nay: 2, Absent: 1

5.c. Irrigation

Mrs. Stephanie Mastroianni, Chair reported on the Irrigation Project, which is through the STEAP grant and it has to go through different agencies to be approved. This project has landed with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), which requires an archaeological assessment survey. Questions were asked and answered.

6. New Business

6.a. Superintendent's Staffing Report

Mr. Troy Hopkins reported on staffing. Athletic Director, BCBA, Special Education Teachers, Teachers for 3rd & 6th grade, Social Studies position. Mr. Merrill is retiring at the end of the year. An ad went out for the Business Manager position.

7. Policy Approval

None

8. BOE Comments for Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Wagner would like a replacement for the Capital Committee, the next meeting is Monday, April 8. Mrs. Mazzella has volunteered to step into the role.

9. Public Comments

None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. This motion, made by Karpinski and seconded by Main, Carried.

Burdick: Absent, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Respectfully submitted by
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Recording Secretary to
The Board of Education