

## Board of Education Minutes

July 30, 2026

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held in virtual format on July 30, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM. Present were Mr. Stefanowicz, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Mello, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Mrs. Friend, and Mr. Burdick was present virtually. Also, in attendance was Dr. Jeanine Rose, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Austin and Mrs. Main were absent from this meeting.

### Summary

The North Stonington Board of Education held a special meeting on July 30, 2026, to review potential budget adjustments and discuss the sixth-grade reorganization and transition plan. The Board received an analysis of several budget areas, including homework help services, athletics, and employee insurance benefits, and discussed the financial implications of each. Following discussion, the Board supported maintaining the current sixth-grade staffing plan while continuing to monitor district finances and athletic expenditures.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 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 were made.

- 4. Correspondence**

Communications to the Superintendent or Board of Education that are intended for inclusion on a meeting agenda or to be read publicly as correspondence should clearly indicate that intent in writing at the time of submission.

- There was no correspondence

- 5. Elementary Staffing**

- a. Continued discussion around the 6th grade curriculum changes
  - Dr. Rose presented an updated review of the district's budget, including homework help services, athletics, and employee insurance benefits, to determine whether funding was available to support an additional elementary teaching position.

- The Board discussed the budget projections, including potential savings and areas of uncertainty, particularly within athletics and employee insurance. Following discussion, Dr. Rose recommended maintaining the current staffing plan, noting that available funds were not sufficient to support an additional position at this time.
- The Board agreed to continue with the planned sixth-grade reorganization and current elementary staffing model while continuing to monitor the budget throughout the school year.

#### **11. Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

#### **12. Adjournment**

- There being no further business, the chair declared the meeting closed at 5:50 P.M.