

Board of Education Minutes  
March 30, 2022  
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held in-person on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the North Stonington Education Center Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Ms. Welborn, Mrs. Mazzella, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Mrs. Mastroianni, and Mr. Stefanowicz. Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Martin. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Approval of Additional Expense to Purchase Baseball Safety Net - There was discussion on the additional cost of the safety net installation and the installation of the fence. There was discussion of the protocol of using the non-lapsing account. Mr. Karpinski asked about whether the Board had authorized the Superintendent to have a conversation with the Board Chair anytime funding went over agreed-upon amount before it was purchased. Mr. Nero said he did talk to the Chair and she thought since it was from the non-lapsing account it should go before the entire Board. There was a discussion for future reference about costs with a 15% overrun having to go to the Board. There was discussion on Board chairs talking to Board chairs regarding town services needed for the Board of Education. Mr. Nero responded that in the ten years he has been here, there has always been cooperation with the town when help is needed no matter who the first selectman was at the time. Mr. Stefanowicz made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Mazzella to authorize the additional \$895.00 from the non-lapsing account to install the safety net. There was discussion on the amount of time to get to this point to install the safety net. The Board was reminded that it was in past budgets. Mr. Nero explained we waited until the building project was completed and then the year we were able to play baseball, COVID happened and last year we were on a limited schedule still dealing with COVID and athletic issues. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment – None.

On a motion by Dr. Towle-Weicksel, seconded by Mr. Karpinski, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter L. Nero, Secretary Pro-Tem