

Board of Education Minutes
July 25, 2023

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on July 25, 2023, beginning at 5:00 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Burdick, Mrs. Mastroianni, and Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Mendolia via Zoom, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel and Mrs. Wagner. Also present was Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Merrill.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Wagner at 5:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comments

None.

4. **New Business**

4.a. STEAP Grant Project

STEAP grant and the BOS are meeting tonight and they will discuss how \$500K and 20% match. Stephanie made a proposal to do the field as part of this grant. How much do we want to move forward to request? Discussion followed.

Will ask for \$230,000 and up to \$500,000.

5. **Reports**

5.a. Superintendent's Report

Since our last meeting, lots have happened. Our Director of Student Services has resigned. The position has been posted. We are now in the process of developing an interview committee. Will send out an email to the staff that worked under her to obtain their input. We are hoping to have the first round of interviews, Thursday, August 3rd. We will have a meet and greet on August 9th for the recommended candidate.

Regarding the storage trailer is in the process, a customized storage unit and will be purchased with operating funds. Lawn care - we are keeping an eye on it and we know we have received comments on the maintenance. With the new contract, any custodian can also help with the lawn.

CABE Summer Leadership Conference - August 10th, Water's Edge.

CABE conference on November 17-18, 2023. Our music teacher is participating along with other surrounding districts at LEARN, and will be using AI to write music curriculum. Anonymous alerts – anyone can submit a report via an App. Will acquire it and through the generous donation from a parent. NEASC - Chair's Workshop, Official Candidate for District Accreditation - North Stonington Public Schools. We are on the map in New England. Many districts have not done it. NEASC - redid their standards - they added the 'B' DEIB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and BELONGING).

6. **Facilities and Finance**

6.a. End-of-Year Expenses Report

End of Year Report - presented by Mr. Merrill.

Copies of the report were sent yesterday. The number is \$36,000. That number should hold. There was discussion on the budget.

6.b. Non-Lapsing Update

Nothing new - completed a couple of projects that had already been approved.

Approve paying for the Tom Irwin to run the RFP. Get that out to the Board and add as an agenda item we would like to read the language of the contract.

7. **Proposed for Executive Session**

Superintendent's Contract

Out of Executive Session

Removed from agenda.

8. Approval of Superintendent's Contract

9. Public Comments*

None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Mastroianni.

Respectfully submitted by
Irma Wilhelm
Recording Secretary to
The Board of Education