

**Board of Education Minutes**  
August 9, 2023

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A Regular Meeting - Hybrid Format of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on August 9, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Burdick, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel and Mrs. Wagner. Also present was Superintendent Hopkins.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment\*

Motion to add as 5.e. the RFP Proposal made by Mrs. Mazzella and seconded by Mr. Burdick. Carried.

Motion to add as 5.d. STEAP Grant update made by Mrs. Mastroianni and seconded by Mrs. Wagner. Carried.

4. Proposed for Executive Meeting

- Recommendation of Director of Student Services Candidate  
Out of Executive Session

5. **Administrative**

5.a. BOE Agendas Structure

Mrs. Wagner indicated that this item had already been discussed during the Special Meeting held prior to this meeting. Mr. Stefanowicz wanted it for the record that what was discussed was that the First Meeting of the month will be a combination focused on policy and advocacy and facilities and finance. The second meeting of the month be the general agenda meeting however both will still be considered regular Board of Ed meetings.

5.b. Follow up on Special Presentation Topics

Mrs. Wagner inquired if everyone had received the information she sent after her meeting with Mr. Hopkins and if it was the information they were looking for.

#### 5.c. BOE Retreat Fall

There was some discussion on having a Fall workshop meeting. Perhaps a November time frame. There was a suggestion to hold off on scheduling until further notice.

#### 5.d. STEAP Grant

Motion to approve up to \$60,000 as a copay to the reimbursement for the STEAP grant for the irrigation project pending STEAP Grant approval made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mr. Burdick. Carried.

There was a discussion regarding the process for the STEAP grant.

#### 5.e. RFP Proposal

Had a proposal that did not approve all three fields and it did not have all the information that the Board wanted therefore, had Tom Irwin revise it. This is to create the RFP for the bidding process. We don't have the expertise to write the specs. This is the proposed contract.

There was a discussion on the writing of the RFP Proposal.

### 6. **Policy First Review**

6.a. 6153 - Field Trips and Off-Campus Travel - Mr. Stefanowicz indicated that this policy should be looked at by the administration for them to review the alternative language. Suggested eliminating the reference regarding field trips must first be cleared using the Board of Education approved field trip manual from policy 4118.2 policy to avoid confusion, particularly because there is no field trip manual. Further discussion regarding the field trip policy and regulation will need to continue to work on this for Board approval.

6.b. 5132 - Dress and Appearance Policy - There was a discussion of the policy that was provided by Mr. Hopkins to the Board. This policy will be brought back for approval after the admin team has had an opportunity to review it.

6.c. 9000 - BOE Bylaws -Mrs. Wagner indicated that the Bylaws need to be reviewed. Will take a look at them at the first meeting in September.

### 7. **Committees**

7.a. Before and After School Care -

Motion to approve up to \$1,200.00 from the non-lapsing to be used for the before and after school care program through the rec department. This motion, made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Wagner, Carried.

Dr. Towle-Weicksel reported the progress of the work that the Before & After School Committee has been doing to design the program in collaboration with the Parks & Rec Department. Questions were asked and answered.

7.b. Committee Structure

No discussion on this.

8. Public Comment\*

None. Mrs. Wagner wanted to publicly thank the Before and After School Care Committee for all their hard work in putting together the prospective program.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. made by Mr. Karpinski and seconded by Mr. Burdick. Carried.

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