

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING June 26, 2014

Frank Todisco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room at the Administration Building. Members present were Deborah Downie, Secretary, Alexa Garvey, Craig Esposito, and Terry Stefanski.

Late Arrival: Faith Leitner – 5:37 p.m.

Absent: Alisa Morrison

Also present were Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Frank Todisco noted that the meeting would be an open discussion with the administration staff for purposes of preparing for the Board retreat in August.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Alexa Garvey:

Motion 1: To move item Discussion/Approval IT Bid Awards to the first item on the agenda.

All: Aye

Discussion/Approval IT Bid Awards

Bill King reviewed the following bid awards and asked for the Board's approval:

- Interactive White Boards
- Barracuda Backup
- Unidesk Software
- Enterasys Switching
- Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

The Board had questions regarding each bid. Administration and a representative from Strategic Hardware, LLC was present to answer the Board's questions.

The following motion was made by Deborah Downie and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 2: To approve IT Bid Awards from Tech Operations as stated in a memo from Jason Jones, Technology Director, for the amount of \$1,374,169.

All: Aye

Workshop with Administration

Administration thanked the Board for the opportunity to have an open discussion regarding current and future issues of the school district.

The Board exchanged dialogue with the administrative staff regarding such issues as staffing, communication, policy, social media, student opportunities, parent involvement, and budget.

Frank Todisco and Board members agreed that this type of workshop needs to be held more frequently to better understand the needs of the district; therefore, the goal is to have workshops throughout the school year.

Closed Executive Session Regarding Superintendent's Evaluation

The following motion was made by Deborah Downie and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 3: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation and contract.

All: Aye

Approval of Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 4: To approve the Superintendent's evaluation as presented.

All: Aye

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 5: To approve the following contract adjustments to the Superintendent's contract.

- **Extend the contract through June 30, 2017 (one additional year)**
- **Revise wording to Section 4 Paragraph (E) as follows:**

The Board of Education shall provide the Superintendent with thirty (30) vacation days annually, exclusive of legal holidays, beginning July 1st of each year. Unused annual leave days shall accumulate year to year. Upon separation from the district, the Superintendent shall be limited to a payoff of up to a maximum of thirty (30) accumulated vacation days.

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 6: To adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Aye: All


Deborah Downie, Board Secretary