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STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 2010

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Rob Cary, Faith Leitner, Sam Agnello, Alisa Morrison and Kevin Bornstein.

Late arrival: Doug Rea, Secretary 7:08 p.m.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Michele Melia, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Communications

Gail MacDonald updated the Board on the following communications she received:

- Letter from CABE re: Dues
- Brown and White Newspaper
- Information from Board of Selectman's meeting
- Information from CABE Board Roundtable
- Copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Education thanking schools that signed on to Race To The Top

Recognitions

A. Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the 2010 SHS Valedictorian, Emily Colby, and SHS Salutatorian, Skylar Bareford.

B. Stonington Scholars

Leanne Masterjoseph provided the Board with the names of the 2010 Stonington Scholars.

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the following:

- Lori Ligouri as Teacher of the Year
- Amanda Coffey for her representation of SHS to the Board of Education
- Dr. Paul Picard, Technology Director, for his service and contributions
- Dr. Mark Hawk, Director of Special Services, for his contributions to Stonington over the years

Alisa Morrison recognized the SHS Boys' Lacrosse team for a great season.

Kevin Bornstein recognized SHS Crew for a great season and informed the Board of the two seniors that received scholarships.

Gail MacDonald recognized the following:

- PMS community for their celebration honoring principal, Jane Giulini
- DMS community for their hospitality during her recent visit

Comments from Citizens

Mrs. Sanborn asked the Board about schools in Connecticut that are closing due to budget reasons and inquired about the possibility of this happening in Stonington.

Student Government

Amanda Coffey reported to the Board on the following:

- SHS Band and Chorus performance at High Notes Festival
- SHS Band participation in the Mystic Memorial Day Parade
- SHS Chorus participation at the Pawcatuck Memorial Day Parade
- SHS annual Pops concert
- National Honor Society's May Blood Drive
- Boys' and Girls' Tennis teams winning their ECC divisions
- Boys' Lacrosse participation in the semi-finals of the Class S tournament
- The Track and Field team breaking five SHS records
- The Crew teams participation at the Connecticut State Championship
- 31 athletes named first team all ECC
- 18 Honorable Mentions at ECC
- Four All-State Athletes

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No questions or comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – May 13, 2010 (Regular)
- B. Minutes – May 13, 2010 (Special)
- C. Minutes – June 3, 2010 (Special)
- D. Checks and Bills
- E. Intra - Account Transfers

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Alisa Morrison

- **Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda items A through E as presented.**

Aye: All

Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Judy Samokar presented the monthly financial report, and explained each of the following:

- Month ending May 2010
- Salary accounts
- Special Education transportation and tuition accounts and the reimbursements received
- End of year expenditures and projections
- Line items

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello

- **Motion 2: To authorize Judy Samokar and the Superintendent to take appropriate action to resolve the line items for more accuracy.**

Aye: All

Operations

A. Project Updates

Bill King provided the following project updates:

- DMS Daylight Harvesting Project
- MMS Recycling
- MMS and PMS requests shop rooms/equipment disposal
- Year End Bids
- SHS Baseball Score Board

At this time, it was the consensus of the Board to allow Bill King to do what is necessary in regards to equipment disposal.

B. Facility Rentals

Bill King presented the Board with a list of fee schedules and processes from other school districts in regards to the rental of their school facilities. Mr. King also presented the Board with a list of proposed increases for the rental of Stonington's facilities.

The Board discussed the following:

- Mr. King's proposal along with options they could take into consideration
- Use of athletic fields and costs that are incurred

Leanne Masterjoseph suggested that if the Board was interested in continuing discussion of field use, that the Athletic Director, Bryan Morrone, be invited to participate.

It was decided that this conversation could take place at the Athletic Committee.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Sam Agnello

- **Motion 3:** The current rates be modified to increase the rates for the lights on the football field to \$65.00 and keep all the rest of the current rates as they are.

The Vote was as follows:

Faith Leitner – Yes

Rob Cary – Yes

Sam Agnello – Yes

Kevin Bornstein – Yes

Alisa Morrison – Yes

Doug Rea - No

The Motion Carried.

C. Deferred Maintenance/Purchase Proposal

Bill King discussed the reasons for this proposal being modified and explained the reason for an additional item being added.

D. Contract Update

Bill King provided a status update on the school therapists' contract and presented the Board with the contract for school secretaries. Mr. King informed the Board that the school secretaries' contract has been ratified.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Faith Leitner

- **Motion 4:** To accept the 2010 – 2013 secretaries contract as presented.

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Proposed Curriculum – French 1A & 1B 1st Reading

Nikki Gullickson presented the Board with a request for consideration of a newly revised curriculum for French 1A and 1B.

Curriculum and Instruction continued...

Lea Kennedy, Interdisciplinary Coordinator for World Languages, provided the Board with information on the proposed curriculum, and answered their questions.

Gail MacDonald explained that as this was a first reading, no action would be taken at this time.

B. TEAM Update

Nikki Gullickson provided the Board with the latest update on TEAM.

Technology Report

Paul Picard provided status updates for the roll-out of Stonington's new website and showed the Board the latest version of the new website.

Committee Reports

A. Athletic Committee

Sam Agnello shared that the focus of the last meeting was on the Athletic Handbook, and the 23 sports that Stonington currently offers. Mr. Agnello explained to the Board that the Athletic Director was in the process of putting together a matrix to show the cost for each of the sports and wanted the Board to be aware that while Stonington offers 23 sports, other schools throughout New London County offer only 17.

B. Policy Committee

Doug Rea reported that Policy Committee is currently working on the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy and they are using the states of Rhode Island and New York as a guide. Mr. Rea stated that much progress has been made on this policy.

Gail MacDonald stated that the goal of the Committee is to bring a draft to the Board in July.

Committee Reports continued...

C. Stonington Education Fund

Faith Leitner was unable to attend the SEF meeting this past Monday, but did receive an update about the three new members and the events that would be taking place in September. Ms. Leitner also spoke about the SEF website and asked that they all reserve the date of June 28, 2010 for Blue Monday.

Leanne Masterjoseph spoke about SEF's annual appeal and how the community has been extremely generous. Mrs. Masterjoseph also explained the grant that was awarded for the garden beds to be raised in the back of Mystic Middle School.

D. Cable TV Advisory Committee

No report at this time.

E. Stonington Prevention Council

No report at this time.

It was at this time that Gail MacDonald mentioned and updated the Board on the following items that were not on the list of committees:

FINANCE:

- Request to the Board of Finance re: bid waivers
- Westport's extensive research on consolidating Town and School and the research showing that it should be kept separate

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- Attendance at the June meeting
- Presentation from East Hampton
- Proposal of a regional standardized school calendar

Strategic Plan

Leanne Masterjoseph provided the Board with copies of the Strategic Plan document and discussed the roll-out of the plan that will begin in August 2010. Mrs. Masterjoseph explained that there will be a meeting about this roll out over the summer.

BOE Recognition

Gail MacDonald reviewed the recognition attachment and the reasons why she asked for this to be brought forward. Mrs. MacDonald stated that she will be working with Leanne Masterjoseph on this and welcomed anyone that would like to join them.

The Board discussed the following recognition options:

- How often to have the recognitions at the Board meetings
- Themes
- Recognition displays

Superintendent's Report

Leanne Masterjoseph provided updates on the following:

- Certified new hires for 2010 – 2011 to include:
 - 1.0 SHS Math Teacher
 - 1.0 SHS Guidance
 - 1.0 Library Media Specialist
 - 0.4 Library Media Specialist
- Personnel leaves and resignations
- Enrollment Report
- Status on the Director of Technology position
- Graduation and parking passes

Comments from Citizens Relative to Board Action on this Agenda

Sue Jones addressed the board with questions regarding the following:

- Charges to use the football lights and field
- Where the money from facility rentals will go
- Announcement of teaching assignments for 2010 – 2011

Boards Comments/Concerns

Gail MacDonald commented on the following:

- Board Agenda changes
- CABE's request for legislative proposals

Sam Agnello commented on the following:

- Discussions of tax assessments

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 5: To enter into executive session at 9:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Board Self-Assessment and Superintendent Evaluation and invite Leanne Masterjoseph to join the Board in executive session.**

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

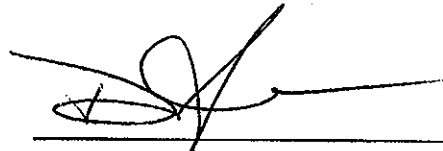
- **Motion 6: To return to open session at 9:36 p.m.**

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 7: To adjourn at 9:36 p.m.**

Aye: All

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Doug Rea, Board Secretary