

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JUNE 9, 2011

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Doug Rea, Secretary, Faith Leitner, Alisa Morrison and Kevin Bornstein.

Member Absent: Rob Cary and Sam Agnello

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

Communications & Recognitions

A. We Are Stonington Public Schools! Recognitions

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the following:

- Wendianne Carabello
- James Bennett
- Nina Bennett
- Greg Lindholm
- Heather Lindholm

B. Other Recognitions

Recognition:

Gail MacDonald recognized all who voted for the budget referendum and the message in front of the schools. Ms. MacDonald also recognized a dedicated employee, Jackie Garvie, the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, who passed away.

Leanne Masterjoseph spoke about the numerous tributes that were made to Mrs. Garvie, and invited Board members to contribute towards a tree to be planted in the West Vine Sensory Garden.

Mrs. Masterjoseph also recognized the following:

- 2012 Teacher of the Year – Katrina Gardner Gottlieb
- Pawmestonian Yearbook
- SHS Art Department
- Larry Theodore and friends at Davis Standard

- Dan Rahl - Students from Mr. Rahl's class shared their business "Stonington Sustainability."
- Mikela Gillick for her service to the BOE as the Student Representative
- Reka Keller for her appointment as Student Government

Communications:

Gail MacDonald shared communications about the Senior Prom and from the Board of Finance.

Alisa Morrison shared a communication from the Basketball coach, received by Athletic Committee members.

Comments From Citizens

There were no comments at this time.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – May 12, 2011 (regular)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Intra-Account Transfers

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

Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda items as presented

Aye: All

Monthly Reports

Student Government:

Mikelia Gillick provided her monthly report on SHS events.

Financial Report:

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the Financial Report and answered the Board's questions.

Operations:

Bill king presented the operations report and updated the Board on solar panels and advertising.

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Doug Rea

Motion 2: To approve the artwork for football scoreboard as presented

Aye: All

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

Motion 3: To approve the use of the three advertisers that have been listed

Aye: All

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

Motion 4: To approve the big "Big Mac" picture for the sign advertisement

Board members discussed this motion.

Alisa Morrison withdrew the motion and Kevin Bornstein agreed with the withdrawal.

It was the consensus of the Board to ask JDML for a non-food item advertisement.

Curriculum:

Nikki Gullickson presented the curriculum report and provided the Board with information on the police and education outline.

Technology:

Jason Jones presented the Technology Report, and the Board had no questions at this time.

Special Services:

Ginny Brown presented the Special Services Report and updated the Board on Nursing staff and the open house at Avolon.

Personnel & Enrollment:

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the Personnel and Enrollment report to the Board. There were no questions at this time.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 5: To accept the resignation of Greg Keith, Dean of Students, and Fran Ferrall, Music Teacher, with regrets and appreciation

Aye: All

Progress Toward Board Goals

- A. Goal I – Student Achievement
 - a. World Language Program Evaluation

Nikki Gullikson presented the Board with the World Language Evaluation. Ms Gullikson along with staff, and administrators, provided information on enrollment, influences and how information was gathered.

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion 6: To discontinue Mandarin at the middle school level and phase Mandarin out at the high school level, providing students the opportunity to continue as long as they are interested.

The Board discussed this motion.

The Motion was amended.

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion 7: Discontinue Mandarin at the middle school level and phase the offering of Mandarin at the high school level, providing students the opportunity to continue in Mandarin as long as they are enrolled at the high school.

The Board discussed this motion and ways that a motion could be put forth.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 8: To continue to offer Mandarin only to those students currently enrolled up through their high school experience (as long as they are interested.)

The vote was as follows:

Faith Leitner – Yes

Kevin Bornstein - No

Doug Rea – No

Alisa Morrison - Yes

Gail MacDonald – Yes

The vote was 3 to 2

Motion Passes

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion 9: To continue tonight's meeting as long as required

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 10: Move item number ten up to this time

Aye: All

Fieldtrip Approvals

A. Madrid & Paris – April 11, 2012

B. Greece – June 21 – July 2, 2012

Leanne Masterjoseph updated the Board on fieldtrips scheduled during 2012, and explained that the students would not be going to Greece, but to Vienna and Paris instead.

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

Motion 11: To approve both trips as presented

Aye: All

Continuation of Progress toward

B. Goal II – Strategic Plan

a. Building-level Accountability for Strategic Plan, WVSS-WBSS

Terry Jordan and staff from WV/WB presented their school's progress towards meeting goals of the Strategic Plan.

C. Goal III Facilities Plan

a. K-4 Educational Specifications Discussion

Leanne Masterjoseph updated the Board on the meeting that will take place on July 12, 2011 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM

BOE Budget Discussion 2011-2012

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion12: To approve the Superintendents recommended reductions as presented on April 14, 2011.

Aye: All

Policies

A. Proposed Policy – 6145 Foreign Exchange Students – Second Read

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 13: To adopt Policy 6145 as presented

Aye: All

B. Proposed Replacement Policy – 4147.1 – Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens:
Second Read

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 14: To adopt Policy 4147.1 as presented

Aye: All

North Stonington High School Feasibility Study

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the Board with correspondence received from CREC, and provided information about current enrollment, and tuition rates at Stonington High School.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion 15: That we respond to the CREC letter in the affirmative, that we are interested, but it won't be until September before we provide our answer to the questions

Aye: All

Committee Reports

SEF:

Faith Leitner updated Board members on Blue Mondays.

LEARN:

Gail MacDonald updated Board members on the FOI Presentation, and the extension of the contract for the Director of Learn.

Comments from Citizens Relative to Board Action on this Agenda

None at this time.

Boards Comments/Concerns

Gail MacDonald commented on up-in-coming events.

Board Evaluation

Gail explained that there was no need to go into executive session, and provided information to Board members on the process and the Special meetings that would take place in July and August.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

Motion 16: To adjourn at 11:07 pm.

Aye: All



Doug Rea, Board Secretary