

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, 2011

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Sam Agnello, Faith Leitner, Alisa Morrison and Kevin Bornstein.

Member Absent: Doug Rea, Secretary and Rob Cary

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

Communications

Faith Leitner provided information on an event to be held in August.

Gail MacDonald shared the following communications:

- Draft Consolidation Report – forwarded by Maryanna Stevens
- Parent communication concerning Mandarin
- CABE pre-registration forms for fall 2011 Conference in Groton

Gail MacDonald also recognized Jason Jones, Leanne Masterjoseph and Michele Melia for their work on making electronic Board meetings a reality.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – June 9, 2011 (Regular)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Intra-Account Transfers

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

Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda items A through C as presented

Aye: All

Monthly Reports

Financial Report:

Judy Samokar presented the financial report, and answered the Board's questions about end of year purchases, field trip accounts, paraprofessional budget, and snow removal costs.

Operations:

Bill King presented the operations report and updated the Board on scoreboard advertising. Mr. King answered the Board's questions on solar panel costs, bus contract, and "Save Me a Seat" campaign.

Curriculum:

Nikki Gullickson presented the curriculum report and provided the Board raw CAPT and CMT scores.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Sam Agnello:

Motion 2: To accept the 2011 retirement with regrets and appreciation for her many years of service. To spread across the minutes resolutions commemorating the retirement of Corelia Pacheco

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Sam Agnello:

Motion 3: To accept the resignation of Stafford Thomas with regrets and appreciation

Aye: All

Sam Agnello spoke about Stafford Thomas' contributions to MMS and to the district Athletic Committee and the contributions he made.

Technology:

Jason Jones presented the Technology Report, and updated the Board on bids for new equipment.

Special Services:

Ginny Brown presented the Special Services Report and answered the Boards questions on the summer program.

Personnel:

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

Policies

A. Proposed Revised Policy -- 5141.21 Administration of Medication

Gail MacDonald updated Board members on this policy and the importance of approving it at tonight's meeting.

The Board discussed this policy, and Gail confirmed for Sam Agnello that if parents had questions it could be discussed, and if revisions are needed it could be brought back to the Board.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 4: To approve Policy 5145.21 as presented

Aye: All

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

Motion 5: To insert additional "comments from citizens" immediately into our Agenda

Aye: All

Citizens Comments

Robert Bunger commented on his disappointment concerning elimination of the Mandarin program.

Faith Leitner suggested an idea for a new partnership possibility, and distributed a document entitled US/French Partnerships.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 6: To add possible executive session at the end of tonight's Agenda to discuss the Dean of Students position

Aye: All

Development of BOE Goals for 2011-2012

Doreen Marvin, from LEARN, spoke with the Board about the development of their goals for next year.

The following motion was made at 9:25 pm by Sam Agnello and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 7: To enter into executive session for purpose of deliberating the Dean of Students candidates and to invite Leanne Masterjoseph to join us

Aye: All

The Board exited executive session at 10:09 pm

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Alisa Morrison

Motion 8: To offer Tom Bousquet the position of Dean of Students for MMS and PMS

Aye: All

Motion 9: To adjourn at 10:13 pm.

Aye: All



Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman