

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 11, 2011

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:59 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

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

### Recognitions & Communications

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the following:

- Josh Roberts for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
- Ana DeOliveira as the new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Michele Melia – “We Are Stonington Public Schools” award

Gail MacDonald shared the following:

- New Board member: Craig Esposito
- Save The Date from Zachary Nuclear
- Acceptance of SHS NEASC report
- Communication from the Board of Finance
- Newsletter article on prospective Board members
- Thank you letters from Dean of Student candidates

Faith Leitner thanked parents that hosted a farewell to Mystic Middle School Principal, Stafford Thomas

### Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

### Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – July 14, 2011 (Regular), July 14, 2011 (Special), July 21, 2011 (Special) July 28, 2011 (Special)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Intra-Account Transfers

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

**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 the Board had no questions.

Operations:

Bill King presented the operations report and provided additional information on the sponsor panels for the Stonington High School gymnasium scoreboards.

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

**Motion 2: To approve as presented**

**Aye: All**

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

**Motion 3: To approve sponsor panels as presented**

**Aye: All**

Curriculum:

Nikki Gullickson presented the curriculum report and the Board had no questions at this time.

Personnel:

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

State Testing Summary

Nikki Gullickson provided Board members with an Executive Summary packet and provided information on score analysis. Mrs. Gullickson explained vertical scale scoring, data sheets and CAPT score proficiency.

Proposed Language Arts Curriculum

Nikki Gullickson presented information to the Board on the proposed, revised K-12 Language Arts Curriculum.

Role of Student Government Representative to the Board

The Board discussed options and ideas concerning the role of the Student Government Representative to the Board.

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

**Motion 4: Before September meeting, develop an orientation and invite the High School representative to sit with the Board as a non-voting member**

**Aye: All**

Policies

A. Proposed Revised Policy – 3541 – Transportation – First Read

Bill King and Leanne Masterjoseph explained the changes in this policy and the importance of acting on this at tonight's meeting.

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

**Motion 5: To approve Policy 3541 as presented**

**Aye: All**

B. Proposed Revision Policy 3541.6 – School Transportation Accommodations, First Read

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

**Motion 6: To approve Policy 3541.6 as presented**

**Aye: All**

C. Proposed Revision Policy 4118.24 – Staff/Student relationships

Gail MacDonald explained how this policy came forward, what the needs are, and the committee's thoughts.

#### K-4 EdSpecs

Leanne Masterjoseph provided information to the Board on the subcommittee's sessions and accomplishments.

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

**Motion 7: To accept the K-4 Education Specifications as revised during the summer of 2011 for Stonington Public Schools as presented**

The Board discussed the K-4 EdSpecs and this motion.

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

**Motion 8: To amend the motion to present document to the standing Building Committee in the next month or so**

**Aye: All**

Renewal of Family Resource Center

Leanne Masterjoseph provided information to the Board on the long standing relationship between Stonington Public School and the Family Resource Center.

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

**Motion 9: To approve submission of the renewal application for the Family Resource Center, located at WBSS, so that collaboration can continue through the year 2013**

**Aye: All**

North Stonington Study

Leanne Masterjoseph presented a draft of responses to the North Stonington Feasibility study questions and the Board discussed their concerns, options and ideas.

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

**Motion 10: To send a letter to the consultant indicating we have reviewed their questions. We could support a year-by-year acceptance at the high school on a tuition basis under the existing policy of responding to individual requests.**

**Aye: All**

Citizens Comments

None at this time.

Superintendent's Evaluation

The following motion was made at 9:00 pm by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Sam Agnello

**Motion 11: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation.**

**Aye: All**

The Board exited executive session at 10:30 p.m.

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

**Motion 12: To approve the Board's evaluation of the superintendent**

**Aye: All**

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

**Motion 13: To extend the superintendent's contract by one year and approve a three percent salary increase to the superintendent for the year, retroactive to January 1**

**Aye: All**

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

**Motion 14: To add an item to the Board's agenda: Discussion of assistant Superintendent contract, probably executive session.**

**Aye: All**

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

**Motion 15: To enter into executive session at 10:34 p.m. to discuss the assistant superintendent's evaluation and contract**

**Aye: All**


The Board returned to public session at 10:40 p.m.

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

**Motion 16: To extend the assistant superintendent's contract by one year and approve a 2.8 percent salary increase for the year, retroactive to January 18.**

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

**Motion 17: To adjourn at 10:42 p.m.**



Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman