

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room.

Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Alisa Morrison, Craig Esposito, Kevin Bornstein, Doug Rea, Secretary, and Sam Agnello.

Member Absent: Faith Leitner

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

Recognitions & Communications

Recognitions:

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the following:

- Extended thanks to Ken Donovan and Bill King for their impeccable work during the recent storm
- Eileen Fiore, teacher at SHS, for release of her new CD "Light in the Storm"
- Sheila Adams, teacher at PMS, for publishing her new book "Beads, Bands & a Brass Ring"
- West Broad Street School for receiving the Orion Award for Excellence from Mystic Seaport
- West Vine/West Broad and Deans Mill School for receiving the "Healthy US School Challenge Award"
- Mary Ribeiro, from First Student, who was awarded "Contract Manager of the Year"
- Virginia Brown for her nomination for the "Athena Award" by the Westerly Chamber of Commerce

Gail MacDonald recognized the following:

- Craig Esposito as the newest member of the BOE
- Custodial staff for doing a great job getting school ready for opening day

Doug Rea recognized the following:

- Leanne for her commendable communication throughout the recent storm

Communications

Leanne Masterjoseph shared the following:

- Positive response from BOE candidates who participated in our orientation
- Receipt of a variety of opinions from parents about the recent delays and SHS parking fees

Gail MacDonald shared the following:

- A conflict with the upcoming Veterans Day parade SHS will not be able to participate
- Parent feedback re: the SHS Parking fee issue
- Thanks to Sam Agnello and Doug Rea for participation in the BOE candidate orientation

Sam Agnello proposed that a thank you letter be sent to the custodial staff on behalf of the Board.

Comments from Citizens

Dr. Geiserman - commented on SHS parking decision and the Superintendent's raise.

Sue Jones – commented on SHS parking decision and the Superintendent's raise and on citizen's comments during budget season.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – August 4, 2011 (Special), August 11, 2011 (Regular), August 11, 2011 (Special)
- B. Checks and Bills

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

Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda items A and B 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 Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for October 4, 2011 at Mystic Middle at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the revised regulation on the municipal sponsorship for the installation of the scoreboard panels at the Stonington High School football field.

Curriculum:

Nikki Gullickson was not present to discuss the curriculum report and the Board had no questions at this time.

Technology:

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

Motion 2: To approve the extension of the lease purchase for technology.
Aye: All

Special Services:

Virginia Brown presented the Special Services report, and the Board had no questions.

Personnel:

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

Enrollment:

Leanne presented this report and answered the Board's questions.

Leadership Team Goals

Gail MacDonald notes that goals are all in concert.

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

Motion 3: To approve Leadership Team Goals as presented.
Aye: All

Gail MacDonald further states that BOE should set aside time to schedule a review of goals.

Kevin Bornstein suggested that these should be reviewed quarterly, with a schedule created in October.

CABE, Area 9 Director Nomination

Gail MacDonald expressed interested for her name to be considered for the nomination of CABE, Area 9 Director.

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

Motion 4: To officially nominate Gail MacDonald as the CABE, Area 9 Director
Aye: All

Administration Hiring Process

Leanne Masterjoseph requested the Board appoint a representative to work with her on possible revisions to the current Administration Hiring Process. Alisa Morrison volunteered and offer will also be extended to absent member Faith Leitner.

Proposed Language Arts Curriculum

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

Motion 5: To adopt the Language Arts Curriculum as presented.
Aye: All

Policy

Policy 4118.24 – Staff/Student Relationships, Second Read

The Board discussed policy and Gail MacDonald suggests word modification. Gail proposed to remove suggested wording after “Content”.

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

Motion 6: To approve Policy 4118.24 as amended.

The vote was as follows:

Gail Macdonald – Aye **Kevin Bornstein - Aye**

Sam Agnello – Aye **Doug Rea - Aye**

Craig Esposito – Aye **Alisa Morrison - No**

The votes was 5 to 1

Motion Passes

Adult Education Program Summary

Guest speaker Mary Berry, Regional Director for Norwich Regional Adult Education presented an overview on the Adult Education graduation programs offered.

Calendar Discussion

Recommendation was made to consider use of the following days to reclaim the three days of school lost due to Hurricane Irene; Columbus Day – October 10th, Staff Development Day – October 11th, Staff Development Day – November 8th and Veteran's Day – November 11th.

The Board determined it best to leave the calendar "as is".

Comments from Citizens

Sue Jones – Suggests reclaiming January 2nd as one of the three days lost.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Gail MacDonald:

Motion 7: To add BOE Comments/Concerns to the Agenda.

Aye: All

Board Comments/Concerns

Gail MacDonald updated the Board on the status of our Student Government representative.

Dr. Geiserman – commented on conflict with date of Response to Test meeting on September 29th noting that it was Rosh Hashanah.

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

Motion 8: To adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

Aye: All



Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman