STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING June 14, 2012

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Deborah Downie, Alisa Morrison, Kevin Bornstein, Frank Todisco and Craig Esposito

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

Comments from Citizens

Alfred Furtado asked the Board about the timeline of the Magnet School transportation as it relates to discussions between the Board and the Board of Finance.

Tim O'Brien commented on the budget cuts and asked that the Board make a formal request to the Board of Finance to add the Magnet School transportation issue to the Board of Finance's next meeting agenda.

Mike Mirsky asked that the Board work with the Board of Finance on the issue of transportation to the ISAAC and Magnet School. Mr. Mirsky also added that these schools meet their educational needs and provide more than Stonington currently does.

Tiffany Johnston asked that the Board show their support to the parents and children of the magnet schools and work to reinstate the transportation to these schools.

Amy Huysman commented on the transportation to the Marine Science School and feels that busing could be combined with Grasso Tech due to proximity to each other. Ms. Huysman noted that future enrollment would increase if transportation continued to be available.

Lori Dolzenchuk voiced her opinion on Stonington Schools' bullying policy.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes May 10, 2012 (Regular)

 May 24, 2012 (Special)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Inter-Account Transfers .

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

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

Aye: All

Monthly Reports

All monthly reports were presented in written form as part of the Board packet. The Board had no questions at this time on the monthly reports presented and thanked administration for their reports.

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

Motion 2: To add Recognitions to the agenda at this time.

Aye: All

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Recognitions

Gail MacDonald noted that many celebrations and award ceremonies have taken place this school year.

Alisa Morrison recognized the graduating class and noted how amazing it was to watch so many students receive awards.

Deborah Downie attended the drama award banquet and recognized the high school drama students for the six Halo awards that were presented.

Leanne Masterjoseph recognized the student, Joni Moody, as the next Student Government Representative.

The Board welcomed Joni and Gail MacDonald recognized Reka Keller for her representation as the first Student Government representative to be a part of the Board table. The Board wished Reka Keller lots of luck at American University.

The Board recognized and thanked Leanne Masterjoseph for her dedication to the children of Stonington and expressed their admiration of her positive attitude and belief that every child has the ability to succeed to the upmost potential and wished her the best in her new job.

Special Report Submission - MS Success Plans

Administration explained that plans will be forwarded to the Board and will be part the July's Board meeting agenda.

Gail MacDonald announced that tonight's meeting would now move into the library and that the public was welcome to attend.

Review of Board of Education Goals

The Board discussed and reviewed the board goals with Nick Caruso from CABE.

Next steps for goals: Caruso will return and discussion to continue at regular July Board meeting.

Comments from Citizens Relative to Board Action on this Agenda

No comments from citizens at this time,

Board Comments/Concerns

No comments at this time.

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

Motion 3:

To adjourn at 9:57 p.m.

Aye: All