

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Ed Haberek, Corinne Rossi, Gail MacDonald.

Also present were Michael McKee, Superintendent of Schools, Jackie Garvie, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Student Government Report

Kaitlyn Moore reported on behalf of the student government on the following:

- Student Government organizing reindeer games for December.
- Sponsoring a fundraiser where teachers names are put on a jar and students make donations. The teacher whose name is on the jar with the most money will get a pie in the face.
- A dance spirit club was formed and members have performed at recent school events.
- The Student Government, through fundraising, will purchase yearbooks for exchange students.
- There has been a good response to the holiday basketball tournament.

Comments from Citizens

Ben Greenfield asked the Board to support New Policy 3541.66.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2005 as amended.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Corinne Rossi and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the months of November 2005.**

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 3: To approve the intra-account transfers from November 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005.**

Aye: All

Business Matters

- A. 2005-06 Financial Report
Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board.
Mr. Connolly pointed out some areas of concern in three special education accounts which may run into deficits.
- B. 2005-06 Budget Update
Mr. Connolly reported on the recent informational meeting regarding health insurance with representatives from all of the bargaining units of the Town and the Board of Education.
- C. Business Office Procedure Manual
The Board reviewed the business office procedure manual. There were no suggested changes.

CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility Resolution

The Board discussed the CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility Resolution.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Ed Haberek:

- **Motion 4: To approve the resolution placed forward by the CT Municipal Consortium for Fiscal Responsibility.**

No vote was taken.

The following motion was made by April Smith and seconded by Corinne Rossi:

- **Motion 5: To table motion 4.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

- A. Middle and High School's Improvement Plan Update
The middle and high school principals updated the Board on their improvement plan.

Policies

- A. New Policy 3541.66 – Noninstructional Operations: School Transportation Accommodations; Transportation for an Out-of-District Student within Stonington – 2nd Reading.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 6: To approve New Policy 3541.66 – Noninstructional Operations; School Transportation Accommodations; Transportation for an Out-of-District Student within Stonington.**

Aye: All

Policies continued..

- B. New Policy 5131.62 – Students: Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco; Steroid Use – 1st Reading

The Board made revisions to this new policy. This was a first reading so therefore no action was taken.

Committee Reports

- A. SHS Building Committee Update

Mr. Agnello updated the Board on the remaining items left on the punch list, which include lights, orchestra pit and the retention pond. Gail MacDonald and John Bolduc also reported to the Board on the remaining items to be addressed.

- B. CABE Conference

Corinne Rossi shared FOI information she received from the CABE conference.

- C. Committee Assignments

Mr. Bolduc made the following appointments:

SEF Board of Directors – Gail MacDonald

Learn Board of Directors – Ed Haberek

District Athletic Committee – John Bolduc

Board Finance Committee – Vacancy

CIP

The Board discussed the need to amend the CIP recommendation and request funds to irrigate the football and baseball fields in the summer of 2006 and bringing the other fields on line in later years.

The following motion was made by April Smith and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 7: To amend CIP recommendations for 2006-07 to include SHS athletic fields irrigation, beginning with the football and baseball fields in the 2006-07 school year and delay the maintenance department van to the 2007-08 year.**

Aye: All

Human Services/SPS Grades 6-12 Health Survey

The Board reviewed the survey compiled by Human Services personnel and principals. The survey is necessary to acquire data concerning behaviors of students in the district. This data is required to be eligible for state and federal grants.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 8: To approve the use of the Human Services/SPS Grades 6-12 Health Survey.**

Aye: All

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

1. Certified

Janice Ginsberg 0.4 Special Education Teacher WBSS

Added Teaching Appointments

Wayne Brusseau Assistant Swimming Coach SHS

Adam Baber Girls Basketball Assistant Coach SHS

Volunteer Appointments

Timothy Arsenault Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach SHS

Jerry Desmond Volunteer Gymnastics Coach SHS

Tom McCoy Volunteer Indoor Track Coach SHS

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 9: To approve Timothy Arsenault as Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Jerry Desmond as Volunteer Gymnastics Coach and Tom McCoy as Volunteer Indoor Track coach.**

Aye: All

2. Durational Shortage Area Permits

Mr. McKee explained the that state legislature passed a law that allows certified personnel who serve in durational shortage area positions to retire and then be hired back to fill such a position at full pay.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Corinne Rossi:

- **Motion 10: To allow the superintendent to hire retired certified personnel in durational shortage area positions at full salary, as permitted by law.**

Aye: All

Personnel continued...

3. Middle School Assistant Principal

Mr. McKee explained that there is \$50,000 in the current school budget to hire another assistant principal for the high school. He also stated that after assessing the situation with the completed and expanded high school, he believes that the school system would be better served to create a position of middle school assistant principal to be shared between the two middle schools.

The following motion was made by Corinne Rossi and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 11: To create the position of middle school assistant principal to be shared between the middle schools.**

Aye: All

B. Snow Removal

Mr. McKee reported on two meetings, the first was with Bill Brown, First Selectman and Bill Stewart of the town highway department and the second meeting with Bill Brown, First Selectman, Bill Stewart, Glen Frishman, Board of Finance Chairman, and John O'Brien. They have worked out an agreement for snow removal at the high school for this year.

C. Enrollment Reports

The Board received the monthly enrollment reports for the months of October, November and December.

D. SHS Track Surface

Mr. McKee reported that the SHS track surface is in very good shape and does not require painting this year.

Comments from Citizens

Deb Wilner, parent, asked the question "Who is paying for the lights to be left on all night at the high school?" Mr. McKee explained that the money comes from the Board of Education budget. Mrs. Wilner also asked another question regarding volunteer coaching and required state certification.

Board Comments

Ed Haberek commented on West Vine Street School reading night and its success. He also recognized the WVSS teachers and the school principal for all their efforts.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 12: To adjourn at 9:50 p.m.**

Aye: All

Board Secretary