

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JULY 13, 2006

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Gail MacDonald.

Members Absent were Corinne Rossi and Ed Haberek.

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

Communications

Mr. McKee offered complimentary tickets from Project Oceanology to interested Board members. Mr. Bolduc shared a communication he received from Sharon Mueller, SHS Library Media Specialist, with other Board members. Board members acknowledged receiving e-mails from parents regarding a long-term substitute teacher at West Broad Street School.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. District Technology Plan

The Board reviewed the District Technology Plan and asked questions of Clint Kennedy, Technology Director and Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent.

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the District Technology Plan as presented.**

Aye: All

B. Technology Curriculum

Clint Kennedy, Technology Director, and Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent, presented highlights of the renewed technology curriculum. They also answered questions from the Board. The renewal is mandated as part of the District Technology Plan. This was a first reading.

C. BEST Mentor Appointment

The BEST Committee recommended SHS teacher, Elisa Whitman, to be trained as a BEST mentor.

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

- **Motion 2: To approve Elisa Whitman as a BEST Mentor.**

Aye: All

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 13, 2006.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 4: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of June 2006.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Monthly Reports

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reviewed the monthly financial report with the Board.

B. Summer Notification of 2006-07 Bus Schedules

Mr. Connolly presented an alternative method to distributing bus schedules, which will be more efficient and less expensive. It would involve a public notification in the newspaper that the bus schedule is available on the Board's web site.

C. Board of Finance Response to Board of Education Request for Special Revenue Accounts

The Board reviewed a draft of a memo from Mr. Connolly, Business Director, to the Board of Finance regarding the establishment of the Special Revenue Fund. The BOE Finance Committee will set-up a special meeting to discuss this matter. The Board requested an analysis of expenses and uses for revenue fund. Mr. Connolly also gave the Board a copy of a letter from the Board Attorney, Richard O'Connor, regarding student parking permits.

- D. Continued Participation in Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RRMS) of Southeastern Connecticut.

The Board discussed Stonington Public Schools continued participation in the Regional Multicultural Magnet School. The Board requested student participation numbers from the business office and asked Mr. McKee to invite someone from LEARN to the August Board of Education meeting.

- E. Maintenance Operations

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reviewed an interim reorganization of internal maintenance operations. The interim reorganization is the result of the recent resignation of Harold LaBrec, SPS Maintenance Supervisor, and the Town undergoing a reorganization of their public works operations.

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

- **Motion 5: To approve the interim maintenance operations reorganization for a period of not more than four months.**

Aye: All

- F. Food Service Report

Tim Paquette, Food Service Director, presented the Board with an overview of the past year's operations which included a financial report and a comparison of meal costs from other districts. Mr. Paquette requested an increase of 25 cents in meal fees at all schools.

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

- **Motion 6: To increase the cost of all school lunches by 25 cents.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 7: To move policies before committee reports on the agenda.**

Aye: All

Policies

- A. New Policy 5141.25 – Students; Students with Special Health Care Needs; Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs (Food Allergy Management) – 1st Reading

This was a first reading therefore no action was taken.

- B. New Regulations 5141.25 – Student; Students with Special Health Care Needs; Accommodating Students with Special Dietary Needs (Food Allergy Management) – 1st Reading

The Board requested that the wording on page (d) be changed from “shall” to another verb. This was a first reading therefore no action was taken.

Committee Reports

- A. SHS/K-4 Building Committee Report

Gail MacDonald reported that the committee met on Monday, July 10. The final Certificate of Occupancy has not been issued as of this date due to the detention basin at the high school, which is being addressed. The committee focused on elementary schools and worked on a time line for addressing elementary school/facilities.

- B. SEF

Gail MacDonald reported on behalf of the Stonington Education Fund. SEF has made Apple and Mini Grant donations totaling \$31,000 this school year. She also reported that SEF is working on their annual appeal and on developing the SEF Board by encouraging new membership.

- C. Town Pension

Mr. Connolly updated the Board on the last meeting held by the Town Pension Committee.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

- A. Personnel

CERTIFIED

Non-Renewal

Paula Hopkins

1.0 Industrial Education Teacher

SHS

Superintendent's Report continued,..

A. Personnel continued....

CERTIFIED

Certified Resignations

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Sarah Hodosh | 1.0 Music Teacher | PMS/WVSS |
| Peter Tebeau | 0.4 Science Teacher | SHS |
| Sara Hewson | 1.0 Speech/Language Pathologist | WVSS/WBSS |
| Stephanie Glenn | 1.0 Spanish Teacher | MMS/PMS |
| Scott Marsland | 1.0 Music (Band) Teacher | SHS |

New Appointment

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Francis Ferrall | 1.0 Music Teacher | PMS/WVSS |
| Anne Webster | 1.0 Elementary Teacher | DMS |

CLASSIFIED

Classified Resignations

| | |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Harold LeBrec | Maintenance Director |
|---------------|----------------------|

ADDED TEACHING

Resignations

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----|
| Kathryn Tabor Lyon | Assistant Field Hockey Coach | SHS |
| Dave Parkinson | Head Golf Coach | SHS |

New Appointments

| | | |
|-----------------|--|-----|
| Bryan Morrone | 0.6 Athletic Director | SHS |
| Manny MacDonald | 0.4 Assistant to the Athletic Director | SHS |
| Dan Grimm | Assistant Football Coach | SHS |
| Mark LaPietra | Assistant Football Coach | SHS |
| George Dawe | Assistant Football Coach | SHS |
| Nate Matzdorff | Math Coach | SHS |

B. Approved Spain/France Trip

Mr. reported to the Board that Mrs. Chris Banks, SHS nurse, has agreed to become the fourth chaperone and also serve as nurse for the trip.

Board Comments/Concerns

Gail MacDonald asked that "Board of Education Goal Setting Session" be on the August agenda.

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

- **Motion 8: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary