

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Ed Haberek, Corinne Rossi, and Gail MacDonald.

Member absent was April Smith, Secretary.

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

Communications

Mr. McKee noted that Cara MacDonald was featured in the latest edition of the Stonington Times. Ed Haberek noted that he had received a communication from a citizen regarding a budget request. Mr. Haberek also mentioned an article featured in the latest edition of Connecticut Magazine in which Stonington Public Schools are referred to in a negative manner. Gail MacDonald also received a communication from a parent regarding the Board's nutrition policy. John Bolduc thanked the staff of SHS for all their support with the "Powder Puff" game. He also thanked staff for attending the Stonington/East Lyme field hockey game.

Stonington High Performing Arts Fall Musical

SHS students performed a musical number from the Fall Musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying".

Student Government Report

Danielle Giserman reported on behalf of the student government on the following:

- Homecoming dance on October 28th was awesome.
- Fall Feast Dinner for Veterans was held on November 9th. Danielle thanked Mr. Agnello for attending the event.
- Student Government is gearing up for Reindeer Games in December.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2006 as amended.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of October 2006.**

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Ed Haberek:

- **Motion 3: To approve the intra-account transfers from October 4, 2006 to October 31, 2006.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Frank Connolly, Business Director, reported on the financial reports.

B. CIP

Frank Connolly, Business Director, asked the Board to review the CIP requests for action at the December Board meeting.

C. Operations Reorganization

The Board reviewed the reorganization of the maintenance operations due to the resignation of the Maintenance Supervisor. The Board had approved the reorganization at their July meeting, which involved reassigning duties to various people instead of filling the vacant position.

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

- **Motion 4: The Board, in adjusting for the resignation of the Maintenance Supervisor, hereby approves of the continuation of the Project Coordinator through the fiscal year. The Board also approves of the cooperative arrangement with the Town for the Project Coordinator.**

Aye: All

D. SHS Field Irrigation Project Update

Bill King, Administrative Intern, provided a report to the Board on the SHS Field Irrigation Project.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. NCLB Adequate Yearly Progress

The Board reviewed data about AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) status for Stonington as a district. The district did not make AYP for two subgroups: Special Education and Economically Disadvantaged. Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent and Dr. Mark Hawk, Special Education Director, spoke to the Board about what the data shows in regard to the two groups and discussed plans to work with students in each of the identified groups to move them toward the proficient range.

Budget 2007-08

A. Calendar

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, provided the Board of Education with the 2007-08 Budget Calendar in their Board packets. No changes were made to the calendar.

B. Objectives

Mr. McKee presented the recommendations from the administration regarding objectives to help guide the Board in preparing the 2007-08 budget.

C. Community Forums

The Board will hold a Special Meeting/Public Forum regarding the 2007-08 budget on December 7, 2006 at the Stonington High School in the Commons at 7:00 p.m.

Board Evaluation and Goals

Corinne Rossi and Gail MacDonald distributed a Board of Education Self-Evaluation Survey and asked Board members, administrators and SBIT's to complete and return to the Board.

Policies

A. Revised Policy – 5111.1 – Student; Registration Requirements for Stonington Public Schools – 1st Reading

This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.

B. Revised Policy – 9321 – Bylaws of the Board; Time, Place, Notification of Meeting – 1st Reading

This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.

Committee Reports

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

- **Motion 5: To move item D. District Athletic Committee Report up on the Board agenda to be the first item under Committee Reports.**

Aye: All

- D. District Athletic Committee - Sam Agnello and John Bolduc reported on behalf of the District Athletic Committee. Mr. Agnello reported that The Friends of Crew had presented a request to erect a storage shed for the skulls and equipment on property located on two different sites. The sites are Site A which is behind the Human Services building or Site B an area between the high school football field and the basketball court. The decision was made to move forward with Site A and The Friends of Crew are asking for the support of the Board of Education before they ask for approval from the Board of Selectman. The District Athletic Committee supports the request of The Friends of Crew for building a storage shed on Site A. Mr. Bolduc reported on changes to the SHS Athletic Policy Handbook under Stonington High School Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy. Mr. Bolduc distributed a copy of the changes to all Board members. (see attached handout).

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

- **Motion 6: To support the recommendation from the District Athletic Committee to support The Friends of Crew proposal to build a storage building on Site A.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 7: To approve the recommended changes to Stonington High School Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy in the SHS Athletic Policy Handbook.**

Aye: All

- A. K-12 Building Committee – Gail MacDonald reported that the K-12 Building Committee has not met and therefore she has no report.

Committee Report continued...

- B. SEF – Gail MacDonald reported on behalf of the Stonington Education Fund. She reported that SEF approved approximately \$4,600 for mini-grants, which were recommended by the Career Incentive Committee. SEF also approved \$10,000 for equipment for music programs, which were recommended by music instructors.

- C. LEARN Report – Ed Haberek reported that the last LEARN meeting consisted of a presentation on Regional Resource Sharing.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

CERTIFIED

Certified Appointment

Stacey Moseley	0.8 Special Education Teacher	WBSS
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ADDED TEACHING

New Appointments

Orlando Peace	Boys Basketball Coach	PMS
Dawn Taylor	Girls Basketball Coach	PMS

Volunteer Appointments

Alan Burnett	Volunteer Assistant Lacrosse Coach	SHS
Ben Demario	Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	SHS

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Ed Haberek:

- **Motion 8: To approve the volunteer appointments of Alan Burnett as Assistant Lacrosse Coach and Ben Demario as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.**

Aye: All

B. Strategic School Profiles

Mr. McKee pointed out to the Board that the 2005-06 Strategic School Profiles were included in their Board packet and if any Board members had questions they may contact him or meet with him.

C. SHS Close Up Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. McKee informed the Board of the SHS Washington, D.C. field trip scheduled for March 4-10, 2007 as required by Board policy.

Board Comments

Ed Haberek raised security concerns voiced by parents regarding voting at Deans Mill School while school is in session. John Bolduc commented on the excellent band program at SHS and their performances at games.

Administrators' Contract

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

- **Motion 9: To enter into executive session at 10:24 p.m. inviting Mr. McKee and Mr. Connolly for the purpose of discussing the Administrators' contract.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 10: To return to open session at 10:32.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 11: To approve Administrators' contract from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 with change to co-pay on page 20 (appendix B) to \$25.00 not \$40.00.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 12: To adjourn at 10:30 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary