

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 12, 2007

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Corinne Rossi, Sam Agnello, Ed Haberek, Rob Cary and Gail MacDonald.

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

Communications

Mr. Bolduc shared mail he had received in his communication packet with Board members.

The SHS Drama students presented a short preview of the upcoming comedy production "You Can't Take It With You".

Recognitions by Board Members and Superintendent

Corinne Rossi recognized the school newsletters and commented on how professional the newsletters look.

Student Government Report

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

- The next upcoming event will be the "Spotlight" Talent Show which will be held on May 23, 2007. The date has been changed from April.
- Special Olympics will be held at SHS for the first time. Over 100 volunteers are needed.
- In recognition of Staff Appreciation Week, student government will be handing out health snack bags to staff.
- Preparations are being made for Prom Fashion Week.

Comments from Citizens

Natalie Denard, parent and MMS teacher, read aloud a letter to the Board and gave a copy to the Board chairman regarding the new technology curriculum and possible middle school program reductions/reallocations. See attached.

SBIT Minutes

Mr. Bolduc explained that the MMS SBIT might change the science fair as not part of the curriculum.

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

- **Motion 1: To make a motion for the Board and administration to discuss the technology issue raised during Citizens Comments.**

Aye: All

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Technology Curriculum

Mrs. Albert made a presentation to the Board regarding technology and industrial arts. Mrs. Albert also answered several questions raised by the Board regarding concerns from parents about possible reductions and reallocation of resources.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2007 and the Special Meeting of March 22, 2007.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of March 2007.**

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

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

- **Motion 4: To approve the intra-account transfers for the month of March 2007.**

Aye: All

D. Submission of Carl D. Perkins Grant Proposal

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

- **Motion 5: To approve the submission of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 – P.L. 1105-332 Grant Proposal for \$23,000.**

Aye: All

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E. Submission of IDEA Grant Proposal

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

- **Motion 6: To approve the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Special Education, IDEA, Part B, Section 611, Preschool Special Education, IDEA, Part B, Section 619, Grant Proposal for \$490,921.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Frank Connolly, Business Director, reported on the financial reports and special education excess costs.

B. Budget 2007-2008

Mr. McKee reminded the Board that April 23rd is the town meeting and May 1st is the referendum date.

C. Project Updates

Mr. Connolly reported on behalf of Mr. King who was unable to make the Board meeting.

D. Teacher Payroll Transition 2006-07 to 2007-08.

Mr. Connolly reported to the Board that there is a problem with the timing of the first paycheck and the start of the school year and that this office will inform teachers prior to the end of school when the first paycheck for the 2007-08 school year will be issued. A reminder will be made to teachers during the summer.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Tradebook Adoptions

Ms. Albert presented tradebooks for the Board's consideration. Approval will be requested at the May Board meeting.

C. Proposal for Middle School Trimester

Mrs. Albert presented a proposal to change middle school report cards and grade reporting system to a trimester system instead of the quarter grade reporting system.

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

- **Motion 7: To change the middle school report cards and grade reporting system to a trimester system.**

Aye: All

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee Report

Gail MacDonald reported that the Building Committee was cancelled and that the issues with the retention pond are on-going.

B. SEF

Gail MacDonald reported on behalf of SEF. She reported that the SEF Annual Dinner Dance was attended by 150 people and raised \$12,500. Mrs. MacDonald thanked all the mini-grant recipients for the SEF mini-grant display boards which were displayed at the dinner dance.

C. LEARN

Ed Haberek reported that the superintendent of Groton gave a presentation on a program called "Groton Yardstick" which is an alternative way to measure student's growth. Mr. Haberek suggested that the Board might look into a similar program. He also reported that the Marine Science School is at a stand still because of an issue regarding 100 feet of public road abutting the property and DEP issues. Also reported was that the Magnet school has named a new director. Mr. Haberek also reported that LEARN has a certified Chinese language teacher on staff.

D. Ad Hoc Policy Committee

Mrs. MacDonald reported that the committee held a 6:00 p.m. meeting before the Board meeting. She also reported that the committee will have a revised drug and alcohol policy for the Board's consideration at the May meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. DMS Principal Search

Mr. McKee updated the Board on the process and anticipated completion of the Deans Mill School principal search.

B. Personnel

ADDED TEACHING

Volunteer Appointments

John Bolduc	SHS	Outdoor Track Coach
Tom McCoy	SHS	Outdoor Track Coach
Will Agnello	SHS	Outdoor Track Coach
Bill Gibney	SHS	Boys Lacrosse Coach
Abby Gibney	SHS	Boys Lacrosse Coach
Thomas Tsagarakis	SHS	Boys Lacrosse Coach
Daniel Rahl	SHS	Girls Lacrosse Coach

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

- **Motion 8: To approve the volunteer appointments of John Bolduc, Tom McCoy and Will Agnello as Outdoor Track Coaches and Bill Gibney, Abby Gibney, and Thomas Tsagarakis as Boys Lacrosse Coach and Daniel Rahl as Girls Lacrosse Coach.**

John Bolduc and Sam Agnello recused themselves from the vote.

Aye: All

Board Comments

Ed Haberek informed the Board that the West Broad playscape is being installed on May 5th. Invitations are being sent for the May 9th grand opening of the playscape. Mr. Haberek invited Board members to participate in the installation of the playscape.

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

- **Motion 9: To adjourn at 9:03 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary