

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JULY 12, 2007

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Corinne Rossi, Sam Agnello, Ed Haberek and Rob Cary.

Member absent was 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 a printed copy of Gail MacDonald's e-mail to all Board members dated July 6, 2007. Mr. Bolduc acknowledged the letter from Abby Gibney, SHS teacher, which was sent to all Board members.

### Recognitions by Board Members and Superintendent

Mr. McKee recognized Susan Dumas, MMS Principal, who will retire on July 30, 2007.

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the retirement of Susan Dumas (July 30, 2007) with regret and great appreciation for her many years of service. To spread across the minutes a resolution commemorating the retirement of Susan Dumas.**

**Aye: All**

Mr. Bolduc acknowledged Sandra McKenna and Paul Bergel for providing their expertise while serving as interim principals at WVSS and DMS/SHS during the 2006-07 school year.

### Comments from Citizens

Abby Gibney, Dane Lewis and Manny MacDonald, SPS Teachers, expressed their concerns regarding the newly revised regulations for Drug and Alcohol Policy 5131.6. Paul Sartor, parent, spoke in support of the newly revised regulations for Drug and Alcohol Policy 5131.6. Michael Freeman, SEA Representative and SPS Teacher, asked the Board to consider recent negative press regarding New London and East Lyme students using alcohol and drugs when thinking about any future revisions to the drug and alcohol policy.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14, 2007 and Special Meetings of June 20, 2007 and June 28, 2007.**

**Aye: All**

B. Checks and Bills

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

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

**Aye: All**

Food Services Program

Tim Paquette, Food Services Director, gave his report and the final financial statement for FY 2006-07 for the Food Services Program.

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

- **Motion 4: The Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the “Healthy Food Certification Statement” as recommended by the Food Services Director and that the Board of Education hereby approves of an increase in the cost of milk from \$.40 to \$.50, an increase in the elementary breakfast program from \$.75 to \$1.00, an increase in the middle and high school breakfast program from \$1.00 to \$1.25, and an increase in the adult lunch program from \$2.75 to \$3.00, as recommended by the Food Services Director.**

**Aye: All**

Business and Finance

A. 2006-2007 End of Year Report

Frank Connolly, Business Director, reviewed highlights of the 2006-2007 fiscal year. He also introduced Judy Samokar, Accounts Payable and Head Accountant for SPS.

B. Project Updates

Bill King and Frank Connolly reported on the following projects: HVAC at SHS, SHS irrigation, WBSS fire escape painting, MMS playing field and MMS & DMS elevators.

C. Transportation Issues

Frank Connolly, Business Director, reported to the Board on the letter to Skirig Development, Inc. which was sent per the direction of the Board on the issue of school buses going into the Rock Ridge Development although the roads have not been accepted by the Town as of this date. He also reported that he and Bill King have done an analysis of all of the roads in the Town to determine their status and is currently working with First Selectman Bill Brown on resolving this issue.

Curriculum and Instruction

Leanne Masterjoseph, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board on her transition into the district and what her priorities are for the summer and 2007-08 school year.

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee Report

John Bolduc reported that there was no meeting for July and that the detention basin is the only outstanding item left on the SHS project.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

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Retirement

Susan Dumas

Mystic Middle School Principal - 13 years

July 30, 2007

Superintendent's Report continued...

New Appointments

Stafford Wellington Thomas	1.0 Principal	MMS
Anne Hogsten	0.6 Assistant Principal	DMS
Anne Hogsten	0.4 Teacher	DMS
Patrick Lloyd	1.0 Spec. Ed. Teacher	SHS
Heather Pescatello	1.0 Grade 5 Teacher	PMS
Piper Raymond	1.0 School Psychologist	Districtwide
Timothy Whipple	1.0 Elementary Teacher	DMS
Danielle Yates	1.0 Grade 7 Math Teacher	PMS
Jacqueline Gingerella	One Year Appointment	DMS
Carla Thompson	Long-term Substitute	WBSS

B. Important Dates

July 19, 2007 – Special Meeting, Superintendent's Evaluation @ 6:00 p.m.

July 26, 2007 – Special Meeting, Board's Self Evaluation @ 6:00 p.m.

August 22 and 23, 2007 – New Teacher Orientation

Citizens Comments

Paul Sartor asked the Board what is Summer Lunch Program and how is it financed. The Board explained the program which is paid through a state grant. Mr. Sartor also asked for a list of the new certified hires for the 2007-08 school year. Michael Freeman, SEA Representative, updated the Board on the new legislative document signed by Governor Rell regarding teacher retirement.

Board Comments

Rob Cary commented on two different articles he read about in the Boston Globe and in Montana regarding school districts budgets and massive cuts requiring cutting athletics and staff.

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

- **Motion 5: To adjourn at 8:15 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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April Smith, Board Secretary