

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2005

Mrs. Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were April Smith, Chairman, Sam Agnello, Jerry Murphy, Corinne Rossi, Eugene Spaziani, Doretta Colburn.

Late Arrival at 8:28 p.m. – Rob Cary, Secretary

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

### Recognitions

Mr. McKee recognized SHS students Patrick Nixon and Allen Pauly for being named National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists. He also recognized SHS students Lauren Brant and David Lopes for being recognized as Connecticut Scholars. Mrs. Rossi recognized Pawcatuck Middle School for their efforts in raising funds for the victims of the Tsunami. Mrs. Smith recognized former Board Chairman Jerry Murphy for his leadership and dedicated service to the Stonington Public Schools while serving on the Board.

### Student Government Report

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

- Student Government sponsored The Barefoot Concert to raise funds for hurricane relief. Over 500 attended and they raised \$4,367.
- Homecoming will be on October 23, 2005.
- The Student Government is gearing up for a Nalgene Water Bottle Fundraiser.

### Comments from Citizens

Denise Cooley, MMS teacher, thanked the Board and district administration for their service, leadership, professional support and for providing fulfilling and interesting staff development opportunities.

### ECS Formula

Senator Cook presented an overview of the ECS formula and its origin. The senator also explained that Governor Rell is forming a task force to review and make possible revisions to ECS. She also distributed informational materials to the Board.

### Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Doretta Colburn and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2005.**

**Aye: All**

B. Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Jerry Murphy:

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

**Aye: All**

C. Revised Agreement Between SHS Athletic Boosters and Youth Football Association for Dual Use of the Refreshment Stand.

The following motion was made by Jerry Murphy and seconded by Doretta Colburn:

- **Motion 3: To approve the agreement between SHS Athletic Boosters and the Youth Football Association for dual use of the refreshment stand.**

**Aye: All**

Financial Report

A. 2005-06 Financial Report

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reported to the Board on the 2005-06 budget.

B. 2006-07 Budget Calendar

The Board reviewed the 2006-07 budget calendar. The Board made no changes.

C. Adult Enrichment Program

Karen Veit, Adult Enrichment Program Director, presented her budget and answered questions for the Board.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Jerry Murphy:

- **Motion 4: To approve the 2005-06 Adult Education Enrichment budget.**

**Aye: All**

K-4 Education Specifications

The Board reviewed the recommended K-4 Education Specifications written by the superintendent following the guidelines provided by the Board at its September meeting.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doretta Colburn:

- **Motion 5: Motion to accept K-4 Education Specifications as presented to the Board.**

**Aye: All**

Curriculum and Instruction

A. SHS

1. SHS SAT Results

Dr. Murphy, SHS principal, presented the results of the SAT.

2. CAPT Results

Dr. Murphy, SHS principal, presented the results of CAPT testing.

3. School Academic Improvement Plan

Dr. Murphy, SHS principal, reported on the development and implementation of the school Academic Improvement Plan.

4. X Block

Dr. Murphy reported on the advent of X Block. X Block is a 50 minute period when all students at the high school are free to schedule their own time in the middle of the day.

B. K-8 School Improvement Updates

The elementary and middle school principals explained to the Board both the processes used and the results of their Instructional Improvement Planning.

C. Mathematics Support

Ms. Albert, assistant superintendent, presented a proposal for an alternative to a Mathematics Instructional Specialist. Ms. Albert explained that the district advertised several times for the position and interviewed several candidates, but was unable to find a qualified candidate. The proposal is to create twelve stipended positions of Mathematics Team Leader (one position for each grade K-5 at each school that houses these grades) which would be made available to currently-employed teachers at those grade levels.

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

- **Motion 6: To approve the Proposed Alternative to a Mathematics Instructional Specialist.**

**Aye: All**

Board Reports

A. SHS Building Committee Update

Mr. Agnello addressed the letter dated September 8, 2005 to K-12 Building Committee from the Board of Finance regarding emergency lighting at the high school. The date for Open House has not been set but October 22, 2005 is being considered.

B. District Athletic Committee Update

Mr. Agnello reported that the Friends of Crew made a presentation at the last District Athletic Committee meeting. The Friends of Crew provided the committee with budget, coaching and equipment information which Mr. Agnello shared with the Board.

Board Meeting Calendar 2006

The Board reviewed the proposed 2006 Board Meeting Calendar.

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

- **Motion 7: To approve the 2006 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.**

**Aye: All**

SHS Yearbook Advertisement

The following motion was made by Jerry Murphy and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 8: To approve the purchase of an advertisement in the SHS yearbook for \$250.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent's Goals

The Board reviewed the superintendent's goals for 2005-06.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doretta Colburn:

- **Motion 9: To approve the Superintendent's goals for the 2005-06 school year.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Added Teaching Appointments

John Bolduc	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
Douglas Warner	Assistant Soccer Coach	SHS
Thomas Paige	Girls Basketball Coach	PMS

Added Teaching Resignation

George Hardison	Girls Assistant Basketball Coach	SHS
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Volunteer Appointments

William Gaynor	Sailing Head Coach	SHS
Beth Robinson	Sailing Assistant Coach	SHS
Christopher Andrews	Sailing Assistant Coach	SHS
Peter Hagen	Sailing Assistant Coach	SHS
Robert Gilbert	Football Assistant Coach	SHS

Katherine Van Gorder	Nurse for middle Schools Washington, D.C. field trip	
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The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Doretta Colburn:

- **Motion 10: To approve William Gaynor as Volunteer Sailing Head Coach, Beth Robinson, Christopher Andrews, Peter Hagen as Volunteer Sailing Assistant Coaches, Robert Gilbert as Volunteer Football Assistant Coach.**

**Aye: All**

The following motion was made by Doretta Colburn and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 11: To approve Katherine Van Gorder as Volunteer Nurse for the middle school Washington, D.C. field trip.**

**Aye: All**

**B. CABA Conference**

Mr. McKee reminded Board members about the November CABA Conference to be held at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

The following motion was made by Jerry Murphy and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 12: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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Board Secretary