

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2006

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Ed Haberek, Corinne Rossi, Gail MacDonald.

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

Student Government Report

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

- Student Government sponsored a concert which raised \$2,000 to benefit Relay for Life.
- The Student Government is working on Data Match Fundraiser. The proceeds will go to Human Services.
- Student Government gave the junior class a school project to work on to help determine who will lead the student government next year.
- Once again there will be a spring talent show.
- On Saturday, February 11, there will be a dance to raise money for the class of 2008.

Comments from Citizens

Michael Freeman, representative of SEA, stated he was saddened and disappointed by the Board of Education's vote to support the resolution in support of the Consortium Group at the January 12, 2006 meeting. He requested that the Board read the articles he handed out and reconsider their position.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Gail MacDonald:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 12, 2006, January 19, 2006, January 26, 2006 and the Special Meeting of January 26, 2006.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

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

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

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the intra-account transfers from December 7, 2005 to January 13, 2006.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Middle and High Schools Improvement Update

The middle and high school principals gave an update on their school (instructional) improvement plans.

B. Mathematics

Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the Parent Math Night held on January 25th and on the role Math Team Leaders are playing in improving mathematics instruction in the district. Ms. Albert also shared the PowerPoint presentation on why arithmetic was necessary but not sufficient to prepare students for mathematics she presented on Parent Math Night.

Financial Reports

A. Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board. Mr. Connolly pointed out some areas of concern which may run into deficits. He stated that he has notified the town hall that the Board of Education will be seeking excess cost reimbursement in the special education accounts.

Budget 2006-2007

The Board discussed the final 2006-2007 budget proposal (see draft #3). Mr. Cary reported to the Board on behalf of the Board of Education Finance Committee on the meeting between the finance committee members and Board of Finance members, Glenn Frishman and Andrew Rines. The meeting was very productive and positive on both sides.

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

- **Motion 4: To approve the 2006-07 school budget of \$28,942,629 as presented in draft #3 for submission to the Stonington Board of Finance by March 1, 2006.**

The Board of Education discussed possible strategies to get information regarding the budget to the public and what kind of presentation to use to present the budget to the Board of Finance.

Committee Reports

A. SHS/K-4 Building Committee Report

Mr. Agnello provided the Board with an update on the high school building project. The committee will meet on Monday with hope of having a resolution to the lighting concerns at the high school and wrapping up the final details of the building project.

B. Finance Committee

Mr. Cary gave a report on the meeting with Board of Finance members, Glen Frishman and Andrew Rines during budget discussions.

Advanced Placement Courses

Mr. McKee provided the Board with two articles regarding Advanced Placement Courses. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of Advanced Placement Courses. Mr. McKee also informed the Board that he is in very preliminary discussions with officials from UCONN about beginning a program at SHS in which students could complete their full freshman year during their junior and senior years in high school.

Policies

A. New Policy 7230.3 –New Construction; Acoustics – 1st Reading

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

B. Replacement Policy 6171 – Instruction; Special Education – 1st Reading

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

C. Revised Policy 5114 – Students; Suspensions, Exclusions, and Expulsion/Due Process – 1st Reading

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

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Added Teaching Appointments

Matthew Peel	Applied Fine Arts Interdisciplinary Coordinator	SHS
Sue Durham	Yearbook Co-Director	PMS

Personnel continued...

Volunteer Appointment

Alan Burnett

Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach

SHS

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

- **Motion 5: To approve Alan Burnett as Volunteer Boys Lacrosse Coach at SHS.**

Aye: All

B. Close Up 2006

Mr. McKee provided the Board with information on the upcoming Washington D.C. field trip for eight SHS students accompanied by SHS teacher, Richard Walter. The trip will be from March 5 through March 11, 2006.

C. Other

Mr. McKee provided the Board with a copy of "Legal Rights and Responsibilities for Board Members" from the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin. The Board discussed inviting Attorney Tom Mooney to conduct an informational legal seminar for Board members.

Board Comments/Concerns

Gail MacDonald suggested adding SEF reports to the Board meeting agendas. Mrs. MacDonald also suggested that the Board look at ways to improve community outreach and add this item to next month's agenda. Ed Haberek suggested adding LEARN to the agenda under committee reports.

Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent, invited Board members to attend Parent Night sponsored by the West Broad School Based Improvement Team. Parent night will be for parents to experience taking mock CMT tests and will be held at the high school on February 28.

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

- **Motion 6: To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary