

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MARCH 9, 2006

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:42 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.

### Recognitions

Students from Stonington High School Performing Arts Society presented a teaser from its next production, Fiddler on the Roof. Mr. McKee acknowledged the SHS Girls Basketball Team for making it to the finals. Mr. McKee also acknowledged Michael Freeman for appearing in "Who's Who of Teachers" for the third consecutive year. Ed Haberek thanked the Board of Education Finance Committee and the administration for all their work and efforts on the budget presentation to the Board of Finance. April Smith acknowledged "Project O" and stated that her family took advantage of the free tickets to go on a seal watch, which they enjoyed very much.

### Student Government Report

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

- Student Government has formed a relay team for Relay for Life.
- Student Government gave the junior class two school projects with the theme of bettering life for future SHS students.
- Honor roll students who made honor roll two years in a row were recognized by Administration.
- Talent Show on March 24, 2006.
- Brain Quest on March 31, 2006.
- Student Government will conduct tours of the high school for eighth grade students.

### 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 February 9, 2006.**

**Aye: All**

B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of February 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 January 17, 2006 to February 21, 2006.**

**Aye: All**

Financial Reports

Mr. Connolly, Business Director, reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board. He also informed the Board that he was sending a memo to the Town Finance Director, Maryanna Stevens, requesting excess cost reimbursement for special education.

Budget 2006-2007

The Board briefly discussed the joint meeting held with the Board of Education and the Board of Finance on March 8, 2006.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. CMT Parent Meeting

Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent, reported to the Board on a forum held at SHS for parents to learn about CMTs. The forum was presented by Terry Jordan, WBSS Principal and Mrs. Albert.

B. Elementary Principals' School Improvement Update

The elementary principals provided the Board with their bi-monthly update of school improvement efforts.

C. UCONN Freshman Year Update

Claudia Albert reported on her meeting with officials at UCONN about the idea of a UCONN freshman year at SHS.

Annual Contract Non-Renewal Authorization

In compliance with State law the Board authorized the Superintendent to notify teachers by April 1<sup>st</sup> if their contracts will not be renewed for the following year.

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

- **Motion 4: To authorize and direct the Superintendent of Schools, in his capacity as Chief Executive of the Board of Education, to make and communicate decisions concerning the non-renewal and termination of certified professional staff in the Board's employ and to furnish written notices of non-renewal and termination and, where required, reasons therefore, to affected non-tenured teachers, as provided in provisions of the Connecticut Teacher Tenure Law applicable to non-tenured teachers.**

**Aye: All**

Committee Reports

A. SHS/K-4 Building Committee Report

Sam Agnello provided the Board with an update on the high school building project. At its last meeting, the committee approved \$11,400 for emergency lighting.

B. LEARN

Ed Haberek gave a report on the LEARN Board meeting held on March 9, 2006. Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal was present at the LEARN Board meeting to report on the status of the NCLB lawsuit.

C. SEF

Gail MacDonald gave a report on behalf of the Stonington Education Fund and reported that the SEF Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction will be held on April 8, 2006 at the Mystic Hilton. She also reported on mini-grant and Apple grant funds that were distributed within the school district this school year.

SHS NEASC Visit

Dr. Murphy updated the Board concerning the NEASC visit to be held beginning Sunday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 5. He also reported that the visiting committee wants to interview some Board members. All Board members are invited to attend the official reception.

Policies

A. New Policy 7230.3 –New Construction; Acoustics – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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

- **Motion 5: To approve New Policy 7230.3 – New Construction; Acoustics with noted corrections and changes.**

**Aye: All**

B. Replacement Policy 6171 – Instruction; Special Education – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

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

- **Motion 6: To approve Replacement Policy 6171 – Instruction; Special Education.**

**Aye: All**

C. Revised Policy 5114 – Students; Suspensions, Exclusions, and Expulsion/Due Process – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 7: To approve Revised Policy 5114 – Students; Suspension, Exclusions, and Expulsion/Due Process with elimination of #17 on page 5114 (c).**

**The vote was as follows:**

<b>John Bolduc – Yes</b>	<b>April Smith – Yes</b>
<b>Corinne Rossi – Yes</b>	<b>Ed Haberek – Yes</b>
<b>Sam Agnello – Yes</b>	<b>Rob Cary – Yes</b>
<b>Gail MacDonald - Abstained</b>	

**The Motion Carried.**

D. New Policy 5122.3 – Students; Assignment of Former Home-Schooled Students to Classes – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

Community Outreach Discussion

The Board had a brief discussion regarding community outreach.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Added Teaching Appointments

Dan Cawley	Assistant Baseball Coach	SHS
Joe Ciriello	Assistant Girls Tennis Coach	SHS
Jennifer Adriano	Assistant Boys Tennis Coach	SHS

Added Teaching Resignations

John Bolduc	Football Assistant Coach	SHS
Greg Antoch	Football Assistant Coach	SHS

Volunteer Appointments

Glen Herbert	Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach	SHS
Ruth Peterle	Volunteer Assistant Girls Crew Coach	SHS
Michael O'Neill	Volunteer Assistant Girls Crew Coach	SHS
Denise Donelin	Volunteer Softball Coach	SHS

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

- **Motion 8: To approve Glen Herbert as Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, at SHS, Ruth Peterle and Michael O'Neill as Volunteer Assistant Girls Crew Coach at SHS, Denise Donelin as Volunteer Softball Coach.**

**Aye: All**

B. Board Development

Mr. McKee informed the Board that the Board development day with Attorney Tom Mooney will be Saturday, May 6, 2006 at Central Office from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

C. SBIT/PTO Summit

Mr. McKee reminded the Board that parent leaders in the SBITs and PTOs have scheduled Thursday, March 23, 2006 as a night for a meeting of all SBITs and PTOs to learn about interesting projects being undertaken at the different schools and to organize for the budget referendum.

D. Town Pension Board Representative

John Bolduc appointed Ed Haberek as Board representative on the Town Pension Board.

Comments from Citizens Related to Board Action this Agenda

Deb Wilner, parent, stated that perhaps the Athletic Boosters could help with the cost of transportation for athletic events for the 2006-2007 year. Mr. Sherwood publicly thanked Joan Bliven for her contributions to the presentation by Mr. Sherwood.

Board Comments/Concerns

Rob Cary informed the Board that he had received a phone from Glen Frishman, BOF Chairman, and from Andrew Rines, BOF member regarding the budget presentation by the Board of Education. Both Mr. Frishman and Mr. Rines had questions regarding the proposed BOE 2006-07 budget. Mr. Rines expressed concern regarding the issue of asking parents to help pay for athletic team transportation.

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

- **Motion 9: To adjourn at 10:00 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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April Smith, Board Secretary