

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MAY 11, 2006

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, April Smith, and Gail MacDonald.

Members Absent: Ed Haberek and Corinne Rossi.

Michael McKee, Superintendent of Schools, was also absent.

Also present were Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Rita Castodio, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Recognitions

Ms. Albert recognized Michala Kepple and Thomas Keemon, this year's recipients of the CABA Leadership Award. The actual award will be presented at the Senior Banquet.

Student Government Report

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

- Elections were held for the Executive Board. Danielle Geisermann was elected President.
- Kaitlyn invited all Board Members to attend the Induction Ceremony to be held on May 25 at 7:00 pm at the Seaman's Inne.
- The junior project this year is a proposal to make a rule exempting all students, not just seniors, from taking finals if they have maintained all A's. This project will be ongoing for next year.
- Relay for Life raised \$3000.
- Staff appreciation week was celebrated this past week. Snack bags were handed out to all teachers.

Comments from Citizens

Mr. Sherwood, DMS Principal, shared a letter sent to Karen Christian's class regarding one of her 4th grade students winning an essay contest, which was held by the Secretary of State's office.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2006.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

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

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

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

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

- **Motion 3:** **To approve the intra-account transfers from April 5, 2006 to April 10, 2006.**

Aye: All

Financial Reports

A. Monthly Report

Mr. Connolly provided the Board an overview of the financial reports for this year's budget.

B. Budget 2006-07

Mr. Connolly reported on the Special Town Meeting regarding the budget he attended earlier this evening. He stated that a referendum has been set for May 22, 2006. The Board did not discuss this item.

C. District Safety Committee

Mr. Connolly reviewed the loss/ratio findings of the safety committee with the Board.

D. 457 Deferred Compensation Plan

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

- **Motion 4:** **To approve participation in the 457b Deferred Compensation Plan developed by CASBO for the Stonington Public Schools.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

- A. Annual Teacher Evaluation Report
Claudia Albert, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, presented the Annual Teacher Evaluation Report, which is required by State law.

- B. District Technology Plan
Clint Kennedy reviewed the components of the NCLB-required Technology Plan. He shared a video, which was written, edited and produced by SHS students on the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus at Sacred Heart University.

- C. Guidance Curriculum

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

- **Motion 5: To approve the adoption of the Guidance Curriculum for the Stonington Public Schools.**

Aye: All

- D. Elementary Schools' Improvement Update
Elementary Principals, Virginia Brown, WVSS, Terry Jordan, WBSS, and Ken Sherwood, DMS, presented their reports on the progress of their school improvement plans.

- E. BEST Mentor Approval

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

- **Motion 6: To approve Allison VanEtten as a BEST Mentor.**

Aye: All

Committee Reports

A. SHS/K-4 Building Committee

Mr. Agnello reported on the following:

The final CO for SHS will be issued once the grass grows.

\$80,000 remains in the contingency fund.

The light situation at SHS has been corrected. The lights come on at 6:00 AM and go off at 11:00 PM.

The Orchestra Pit will continue to be looked at.

A rough estimate has been made to bring WBSS and WVSS up to code.

A tentative date of June 17 has been set for a dedication ceremony and tours of SHS.

B. District Athletic Committee

Mr. Bolduc reported on the meeting held on May 11.

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

- **Motion 7: To establish a .4 Assistant Athletic Director to aid in the responsibilities and duties of the Athletic Director Position.**

The motion was rescinded and this item will be added to the next Regular Board Meeting.

C. Finance Committee

There was no report.

D. SEF

Gail MacDonald reported that a number of grant applications have been received.

E. LEARN

There was no report.

F. Pension Committee

Frank Connolly reported on the Pension Committee.

Negotiations Preparation

John Bolduc polled the Board for membership on the Negotiation Committees for the Administrators and Teachers.

Policies

- A. New Policy 6142.101-Instruction; Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (Student Wellness Policy) – 2nd Reading

The following motion was made by Gail MacDonald and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 8 :** **To remove Letter F under Component 3.**

Aye: All

The Board decided to table New Policy 6142.101 and bring it back to the table at the next Regular Board Meeting.

- B. New Policy 5111.1 – Students; Registration Requirements for Stonington Public Schools – 2nd Reading

The Board revised item No. 5 to state, if the student is moving into Stonington, the parent/guardian must prove residency.

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

- **Motion 9:** **To approve New Policy 5111.1 - Students; Registration Requirements for Stonington Public Schools with the revision.**

Aye: All

- C. New Regulations 5118 – Students; Nonresident Attendance – 2nd Reading

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

- **Motion 10 :** **To table motion on New Regulations 5118 - Students; Nonresident Attendance until the next Regular Board Meeting.**

Aye: All

- D. New Policy 5141.23 – Students; Students with Special Health Care Needs – 1st Reading.
This was a first reading; therefore, no action was taken.

- E. New Policy 5141.25 – Students; Students with Special Health Care Needs;
Accommodating Students with Dietary Needs (Food Allergy Management) –1st Reading.
This was a first reading; therefore, no action was taken.

Superintendent’s Report

Ms. Albert reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Added Teaching Appointments

Natalie Lucy	Head Cheerleading Coach (2006-07)	SHS
Michelle Wilbur	Assistant Cheerleading Coach (2006-07)	SHS

Added Teaching Resignations

Joseph McKernan	Athletic Director (effective 6-30-06)	SHS
Todd Gwaltney	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
Matt Peel	Math Team Coach	SHS

B. Other

Ms. Albert reported that CAPT results will be delayed due to technical difficulties.

Ms. Albert reported that North Stonington has withdrawn from the WAVES Program.

Nurses’ Contract

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

- **Motion 11: To enter into executive session at 10:29 p.m. inviting Ms. Albert and Mr. Connolly for the purpose of discussing the Nurses’ contract. Also inviting Mr. Sherwood for the purpose of discussing the Paraprofessionals’ contract.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 12: To return to open session at 11:16 p.m.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 13: To adjourn at 11:17 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary