

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2004

Mr. Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were Mr. Murphy, Chairman, Eugene Spaziani, Sam Agnello, April Smith and Rob Cary. Member absent was Corrine Rossi.

Member Chuck Henzy arrived late at 8:04 p.m.

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

### Recognitions

Mr. McKee recognized Gretchen Noonan as the new Stonington Education Association president.

Mr. Agnello, requested that the Board recognize the Building Committee, Paul Sartor and Peter Manning for all their hard work and efforts regarding the High School Project.

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mr. Cary:

- **Motion 1: To recognize in writing the Building Committee members, and Gilbane, Inc. and its project manager, Peter Manning.**

**Aye: All**

### Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2004, Special Meeting of July 8, 2004, Special Meeting of July 15, 2004 and Special Meeting of July 22, 2004 with the mentioned correction to the Special Meeting minutes of July 22, 2004.**

**Aye: All**

B. Disbursement of Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mr. Cary:

- **Motion 3: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of July 2004.**

**Aye: All**

The following amounts were approved:

July 2004

Regular Budget 2002-2003 Prior Year	\$	155,737.62
Voids	(	442.33)
Regular Budget 2004-2005 Current Year	\$	200,646.17
Federal Grants (251)	\$	967.85
State Grants (253)	\$	5,495.32
Collaborative (252)	\$	0.00

C. Intra-Account Transfers

The following motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 4: To approve the Fiscal Year End 2003-2004 intra-account transfers to close out the year to meet state requirements.**

**Aye: All**

Food Services Update

This agenda item was tabled until the September Board meeting because the Food Service Director was unable to attend this meeting.

Adult Education Enrichment Program Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2004-05 budget for the Adult Education Enrichment Program. The Board also discussed the \$10,550.47 closing deficit for 2003-04 and Mrs. Veit's request for the Board to build her salary into its budget at the teacher level of MA Step 4. The Board discussed several key issues such as the Adult Education Enrichment Program being self-sustaining and the possible impact of putting Mrs. Veit's salary as a line item into the Board of Education's budget. The Board requested that the superintendent collect information from other districts in Connecticut who run an Adult Education Enrichment Program and to draft a policy concerning this program.

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 5: To approve the 2004-05 budget for the Adult Education Enrichment Program for \$86,749.53 reflecting \$30,000 reduction from 2003-04 due to decreased enrollment.**

**Aye: All**

Financial Reports

A. Monthly Report

Mr. Connolly, Business Manager, presented the monthly financial report. Chuck Henzy reported to the Board on the Conference held on July 19<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Connolly, Mr. Henzy, Mike Garvie, Kathrop & Co., Certified Public Accountants, and the business office employees. He also reported that as a result of this conference it was agreed that a working document will be produced and used which would cover all the accounting operations of the Business Office and that it was agreed that the deadline for producing and approval of the final, approved version of the document would be no later than December 31, 2004.

See handout

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Language Arts Curriculum

Mrs. Albert introduced Reading Language Arts Instructional Specialist, Jim Leigh, Donna Frantz and Donna DelGrosso to the Board. Each Specialist presented, as a first reading, different portions of the newly revised K-12 Language Arts curriculum.

B. Math Curriculum Update

At the Board's request, Mrs. Albert presented a math curriculum update paying specific attention to the "why" and "how" of the curriculum and expectations for future standardized test scores.

C. .4 Elementary Math Specialist

Mr. McKee reported to the Board that the school system currently uses grant money to hire a consultant to help teachers implement the math curriculum. It was recommended that the Board approve the use of grant money to fund a .4 elementary math specialist.

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 6: To appropriate grant funds for a .4 elementary math specialist position at MA Step 10 prorated salary.**

**Aye: All**

Policies

A. Revised Policy 3515 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations; Community Use of School Facilities – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

The Board discussed the revised policy and proposed new fee structure. The Board requested that language be added to the policy giving the Superintendent the authority to waive a fee based on past practices and prior use experiences. No action was taken.

Committee Reports

A. SHS Building Committee Update

Mr. Agnello, Building Committee Representative reported on behalf of the SHS Building Committee and stated that the high school will be ready and open on September 9, 2004. He also reported that a subcommittee for middle and elementary schools will meet in September before the next building committee meeting.

B. District Athletic Committee

Mr. Henzy reported that the District Athletic Committee will meet on September 9, 2004.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Certified Appointment

Sheila Adams	WBSS	Grade 4
Gregory Chambers	SHS	0.8 Social Studies
Faith Downey	DMS	Grade 1
Dennis Johnson	SHS	Tech Ed
Melissa Kwan	SHS	English
Christine Mercier	DMS	Grade 3
Emily Noyes	WBSS	Grade 4
Hayden Obuhanick	WBSS	Grade 4
David Plantz	SHS	0.8 Science
Richard Schmidt	SHS	Science
Jennifer Stefanowicz	SHS	English (1 year appt.)
Lynn Wilkins	DMS	Grade 1

Classified

Laura White	Special Services	Occupational Therapist
Theresa Basteri	SHS	Cook III

Added Teaching Appointments

Christopher Gallerani	SHS	Boys Basketball Head Coach
Greg Antosh	SHS	Football Assistant Coach
Thomas Slocum	SHS	Football Assistant Coach
Tim Chokas	SHS	Boys Soccer Assistant Coach

B. November Board Meeting

Mr. McKee reported to the Board that the November Board meeting was scheduled for November 11, 2004 which is Veteran's Day. He recommended that the Board change the date to November 4, 2004.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 7: To cancel the regular Board meeting scheduled November 11, 2004 and schedule a special Board meeting for November 4, 2004.**

**Aye: All**

C. Aquarium Alternative Program (WAVES – Wheeler Alternative Vocational Experience for Students.

Mr. McKee reported that WAVES is scheduled to begin around October 1. Twelve students from North Stonington, Preston, and Stonington will make up the student body. North Stonington will serve as the fiscal agent and students will graduate with a Wheeler High School diploma.

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs, Smith:

- **Motion 8: To enter into executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss Custodial, School Secretaries Occupational Therapists & Physical Therapists salary negotiations, inviting Mr. Connolly and Mr. McKee.**

**Aye: All**

The Board returned to open session at 10:12 p.m.

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mr. Cary:

- **Motion 9: To adjourn at 10:13 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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Chuck Henzy, Secretary