

## **STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2004**

Mr. Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room.

### Seating of new Board Member

Mr. Murphy indicated that the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Chuck Henzy should be filled. He opened the floor for nominations to be made by any member of the same political party as Mr. Henzy. Mrs. Smith was recognized and she reported that, after a committee of Board members interviewed four people, the Republicans on the Board held a telephone caucus and unanimously agreed to recommend John Bolduc to fill the vacancy.

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

- **Motion 1: To nominate John Bolduc to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education.**

**Aye: All**

Susan Terkanian, Notary Public, administered the oath to the new Board of Education Member, John F. Bolduc. Members present were Mr. Murphy, Chairman, Corinne Rossi, Eugene Spaziani, Sam Agnello, April Smith and John Bolduc. Member Absent was Rob Cary

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

### Election of Board Secretary

Mr. Murphy called for nominations for Board Secretary.

Ms. Smith was unanimously elected Secretary.

The following motion was made by Mr. Spaziani and seconded by Ms. Corrine Rossi:

- **Motion 2: To elect April Smith as Board of Education Secretary.  
The Board secretary read aloud the written ballots.**

**Aye: All**

### Recognitions

Mr. McKee recognized Jim Hilbie, MMS music teacher, and the MMS jazz band for being invited to perform at the National Music Educators Association Convention in Baltimore this March.

Mr. McKee recognized Kathy Irvine, grade 3 teacher, for being selected to join the National Teacher Advisory board for Scholastic.com.

Mr. McKee recognized SHS students Harrison Macris, Corey Prachniak, and Todd Tilton for being named Commended Students in the 2005 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mr. McKee recognized Michael Freeman, SHS teacher and CEA treasurer, for being appointed by Governor Rell to serve on Investment Advisory Council.

Student Government Report

Matthew Collette, President, reported on the following:

- Mock Elections being held in Citizens in Action classes to coincide with presidential elections.
- Homecoming on October 29 and October 30, 2004. The homecoming dance will be held at MMS this year.
- Drama Department's production of "Anything Goes" will be on November 19, 20 and 21, 2004.
- Fall Feast will be held in November.
- Juniors took PSAT tests last Tuesday.
- Human Services offering "Drop in Program" Monday through Thursdays, which offers after-school activities for teens.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 2, 2004.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Mr. Murphy Abstained**

**Mr. Bolduc Abstained**

**Mr. Spaziani – Yes**

**Ms. Rossi – Yes**

**Mr. Agnello – Yes**

**Ms. Smith – Yes**

**The motion carried.**

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

- **Motion 4: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2004.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Mr. Murphy - Yes**

**Mr. Bolduc Abstained**

**Mr. Spaziani – Yes**

**Ms. Rossi – Yes**

**Mr. Agnello – Yes**

**Ms. Smith – Yes**

**The motion carried.**

B. Disbursement of Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 5: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of September 2004.**

**Aye: All**

Disbursement of Checks and Bills continued..

The following amounts were approved:

September 2004

Regular Budget 2003-2004 Prior Year	\$	52,195.06
Regular Budget 2004-2005 Current Year	\$	311,468.55
		<u>(1,435.00)</u>
	\$	310,033.55
Federal Grants (251)	\$	782.00
State Grants (253) 2003-2004	\$	0.00
Collaborative (252)	\$	0.00

C. Intra-Account Transfers

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

- **Motion 6: To approve the intra-account transfers from September 21, 2004 to October 4, 2004.**

**Aye: All**

Emergency Back-up Well

Joe Bragaw, Town Engineer, reported to the Board regarding town's request to install an emergency back-up well on the Deans Mill property for use only during an extended major power outage as a source of potable water.

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

- **Motion 7: To approve the town's request to install an emergency back-up well on the Deans Mill property for use only during an extended major power outage to provide potable water.**

**Aye: All**

Financial Report

A. Monthly Report

Mr. Connolly, Business Manager, reported to the Board on the monthly financial report. He also reported that there are \$16,000 of open purchase orders in comparison to \$500,000 this time last year.

B. 2003-2004 Budget Status

Mr. Connolly reported to the Board on the status of the current budget.

Financial Report continued...

C. 2005-2006 Budget Calendar

The Board reviewed the suggested dates for the 2005-2006 budget calendar.

D. Energy Savings Program

Mr. Connolly answered several questions asked by the Board regarding the Letter of Agreement with CL&P for Energy Efficiency Services for the Stonington Public Schools.

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

- **Motion 8: To table discussions of the Energy Savings Program and add this item to the November Board meeting agenda.**

**Aye: All**

Committee Reports

A. SHS Building Committee

Mr. Agnello and Mr. Bolduc gave reports regarding the K-12 Building Committee and the High School project.

B. District Athletic Committee

Mr. Agnello reported on behalf of the District Athletic Committee. He reported that the committee reviewed data from a Sports & Facilities Assessments Report prepared by Mr. McKernan, SHS Athletic Director. The committee made a list of things needed to be addressed such as regulations, guidelines, code of ethics, coaches, job descriptions and evaluations. The next meeting will be on November 4, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

SHS NEASC Self-Study

Dr. Murphy presented an overview of the reaccreditation process. He reported about the process of the high school self-study in preparation for the NEASC accreditation team's visit in March 2006.

Policies

A. Revised Policy 5132 – Students: Dress and Grooming – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

This was a first reading therefore no action will be taken.

B. New Policy 5136 – Students: District Athletics; District Athletic Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

This was a first reading therefore no action will be taken.

Board Meeting Calendar 2005

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

- **Motion 9: Move to adopt Board meeting calendar for 2005 as presented.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent's Goals

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

- **Motion 10: To accept the Superintendent's goals as presented.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Certified Leaves

Richard Schmidt	Biology –SHS (1.0)	September 9 – October 15, 2004
David Plantz	Chemistry – SHS (0.8)	September 22 – October 22, 2004
Donna DelGrosso	Instructional Specialist	November 24 – January 25, 2005
Diane Aubin	Special Services– MMS (1.0)	September 9 – November 10, 2004

Added Teaching

2004-2005 New Appointments

Virginia Bitting	Newspaper Co-Director	PMS
Will Clark	Drama Coach	PMS
Sue Durham	Art Club Director	PMS
Janis Ingham	Intramurals Co-Coach	PMS
Bruce Olean	Cross Country Coach	PMS
Gail LaChance	Art Club Director	MMS
Tina Lipp	Cheerleading Coach	SHS
Dane Lewis	Senior Class Co-Advisor	SHS
Bryan Morrone	Senior Class Co-Advisor	SHS
Roger Robidoux	Public Speaking Co-Director	MMS
Gail LaChance	Drama Coach	MMS

2004-2005 Re-appointments

Richard Dumas	Band Director	PMS
Tina Eisenbeis	Newspaper Co-Director	PMS
Robert Palmer	Math Club Director	PMS
Leah Pittle	Newspaper Co-Director	PMS
Paulla Solar	Intramurals Co-Coach	PMS
Kathy Noyes	Intramurals Co-Coach	MMS
Duffy Grace	Intramurals Co-Coach	MMS
Duffy Grace	Cross Country Coach	MMS

2004-2005 Re-appointments continued...

Nancy Sullivan	Student Council Co-Director	MMS
Carol Carpenter	Yearbook Director	MMS
Mark Friese	Yearbook Director	MMS
Jim Hilbie	Band Director	MMS
Ellen Gilbert	Choral Director	MMS
Natalee Denard	Math Counts Director	MMS
Ed Goldberg	Newspaper Co-Director	MMS
Laurie Hartnett	Newspaper Co-Director	MMS
Ed Goldberg	Drama Club Coach	MMS
Laurie Hartnett	Public Speaking Co-Director	MMS

Added Teaching Resignation

Kellyanne Dohan	Senior Class Advisor	SHS
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Volunteer Appointments

Ruth Boutin	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS
Peter Christina	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
John Bolduc	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
Ryan LaFountain	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
Tom McCoy	Assistant Cross Country Coach	PMS
Susan McVeigh	Assistant Cross Country Coach	PMS

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

- **Motion 11: To approve the volunteer appointments of Ruth Boutin as Assistant Cheerleading Coach and Peter Christina, John Bolduc and Ryan LaFountain as Assistant Football Coaches, Tom McCoy and Susan McVeigh as Assistant Cross Country Coaches.**

**The vote was as follows:**

<b>Mr. Murphy - Yes</b>	<b>Mr. Bolduc Abstained</b>
<b>Mr. Spaziani – Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Rossi – Yes</b>
<b>Mr. Agnello – Yes</b>	<b>Ms. Smith – Yes</b>

**The motion carried.**

B. Official Enrollment

The Board reviewed the official district enrollment for October 1, 2004.

C. Safety Committee

Frank Connolly reported on the newly formed safety committee. He reported that the purpose of the committee is to raise employee awareness in regards to safety.

D. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports

Mr. McKee reported on the results of last year's AYP. The Stonington schools made adequate yearly progress.

Conditions of Employment for Occupational & Physical Therapists

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

- **Motion 12: To enter into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Conditions of Employment for Occupational and Physical Therapists, inviting Mr. Connolly and Mr. McKee.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 13: To return to open session at 9:25 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 14: To approve the Conditions of Employment for Occupational and Physical Therapists.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 15: To adjourn at 9:30 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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April Smith, Secretary