

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Gail MacDonald, Rob Cary and Doug Rea.

Member absent: Kevin Bornstein.

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

### Recognitions

Mr. McKee recognized Stonington's 2009 Teacher of the Year, Tina Eisenbeis. Mrs. Eisenbeis is a grade six teacher at Pawcatuck Middle School.

### Comments from Citizens

Katie Burnett, parent, asked the Board "How is the Board of Education meeting the needs of all learners which includes advanced learners not just students in need of support or with special need?"

### Student Government Report

Catherine Schmitz reported on behalf of the student government.

- Student Government held its first meeting on September 4.
- Freshmen elections will be held on September 19.
- Student Government is working on holding a benefit concert this fall to support Student Government and Make A Wish Foundation.
- Homecoming Dance will be held on October 18.
- This year's National Art Honor Society president is Hattie Beal.

### Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2008 as amended.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**Doug Rea: Yes**

**Gail MacDonald: Abstained**

**John Bolduc: Yes**

**April Smith: Yes**

**Rob Cary: Yes**

**Sam Agnello: Yes**

**Aye: All**

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B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of August 2008.**

**Aye: All**

C. SHS Yearbook Advertisement

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the purchase of a full-page ad in the 2008-09 SHS Yearbook .**

**Aye: All**

D. Revised Agreement Between SHS Athletic Boosters and Youth Football Association for Dual Use of the Refreshment Stand.

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

- **Motion 4: To approve the Revised Agreement Between SHS Athletic Boosters and Youth Football Association for Dual Use of the Refreshment Stand .**

**Aye: All**

Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Judy Samokar presented the monthly financial report to the Board.

B. Project Updates

Bill King reported to the Board on the following:

- a. The new time/attendance system.
- b. Alert Now communication message system.
- c. High school track resurfacing.
- d. Mr. King reported that a letter will be going out acknowledging Raytheon's donation of business furniture.

C. Projected Maintenance/Repairs

Bill King and Ken Donovan prepared a list of major repairs, facility and equipment maintenance, and warranty requirements which the Board reviewed.

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

- **Motion 5: To add new item to the agenda “Custodian/Maintenance Position” under Project Updates.**

**Aye: All**

D. Custodian/Maintenance Position

The Board discussed the recommendation to eliminate the custodian/maintenance position approved on February 27, 2008. The Board decided not to eliminate the position.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Professional Development: Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Mrs. Masterjoseph reported on the professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals held before opening day.

B. SHS CAPT and SAT Results

Dr. Murphy, SHS principal, reviewed the CAPT and SAT results with the Board.

April Smith requested AP exam scores for the October board meeting. Rob Cary requested regional comparisons of the CAPT scores.

C. SHS Academies

Dr. Murphy, SHS Principal, and Tim Smith, SHS Interdisciplinary Coordinator, gave an overview of the SHS academies, which is a series of courses that students can take to fit their individual interests.

CMT Results

A. Cohort Results

Mrs. Masterjoseph reviewed the cohort results with the Board. The Board asked several questions and requested further data.

B. School Improvement Plans

Each school principal presented his/her school improvement plan, which was the result of the work done on data day with the principals and teachers analyzing the CMT and CAPT data.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 6: To continue the Board meeting beyond 10:00 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

C. Board Discussion

The Board discussed the CMT results. Sam Agnello requested a breakdown of senior class results for the last 3 to 4 years. John Bolduc requested enrollment numbers showing each class in every grade.

Budget Process

The Board agreed that there needs to be a policy and to form a committee to review the budget process. Gail MacDonald, April Smith and Rob Cary will serve on the committee. John Bolduc will serve as an alternate member.

Continuing Education

The Board had a brief discussion on continuing education agreeing that discussion will need to take place after the First Selectman has met with the Board of Finance Chairman. Gail MacDonald stated she is not in favor of the town overseeing the program.

Policies

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

- **Motion 7: To table discussion on policies and move to October agenda.**

**Aye: All**

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee

Gail MacDonald reported that the committee continues to discuss options for the elementary schools and is discussing ways for the town to keep West Broad Street School for other uses.

B. SEF

Gail MacDonald was unable to attend meeting and gave no report.

C. Finance Committee

Rob Cary reported that the Board of Finance is discussing ways of vetting the process of applying for any new grants. He also stated that there seemed to be a misunderstanding by the Board of Finance on the dollar amount of the diesel fuel bid. The question was asked by the Board of Finance “What costs are being picked up by the school district in regards to the China trip?” Mr. Cary told the Board of Finance the only cost will be substitute teachers.

D. SBIT Appointments

The Board chairman did not make appointments to the SBITs. Mr. Bolduc suggested that the Board consider holding an additional, non-agenda meeting a month to be held in the schools to give parents and citizens the opportunity to meet with the Board.

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

- **Motion 8: To continue the Board meeting past 10:30 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

**Certified**

2008-09 New Hires

Carla Thompson	1.0 Reading Support Teacher	WBSS
Feng Xue	1.0 Mandarin/Chinese Teacher	PMS/MMS/SHS
Jacqueline Pastrana	1.0 Grade 2 Long-term Sub	DMS

Elaine Temel	1.0 Grade 4 Teacher Long-term Sub	WBSS
Susanne Diana	1.0 Grade 3 Teacher	DMS

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Barbara Welles	1.0 Grade 8 Math Teacher	MMS
Laurie Ely	1.0 Special Education Teacher	MMS
Patricia Porter	0.6 Literacy Teacher	SHS
Michaela Lamb	1.0 PE and Health Teacher	SHS
Adam Phaiah	1.0 PE and Health Teacher	MMS
Kaitlyn Sullivan	1.0 Special Education Teacher	SHS
Allyson Lubs	1.0 Grade 6 Teacher (1 yr. appt)	PMS
Anna Marie Foster	1.0 Special Education Teacher Long-term Sub	MMS
Teresa Bonillo	1.0 Art Teacher	SHS

**SHS Added Teaching**

2008-09 Appointments

See Attachment

Volunteer Appointments

Jerry Desmond	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
Tom McCoy	Cross Country Coach	SHS
Patricia Domnarski	Volunteer Nurse for Washington D.C. Field Trip	PMS

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 9: To approve the volunteer appointments of Jerry Desmond as Assistant Football Coach and Tom McCoy as Cross Country Coach.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 10: To approve the volunteer appointment of Patricia Domnarski as a volunteer nurse on the Washington D.C. Field Trip.**

**Aye: All**

B. Enrollment Report

First day enrollments were given to the Board for their review.

C. SHS Music Trip

Mr. McKee informed the Board of an upcoming SHS band field trip in April 2009 to Virginia Beach.

Comments from Board Members

April Smith asked when will the Board start the Superintendent's evaluation?

The Board will meet on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to start Superintendent's evaluation.

Doug Rea complimented Jane Giuliani and PMS staff for "Back to School Night".

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 11: To adjourn at 10:55 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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April Smith, Board Secretary