

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Gail MacDonald, Corinne Rossi, Ed Haberek, Sam Agnello and Rob Cary.

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

### Communications

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, informed the Board that he had received a letter from a former teacher regarding insurance co-pays and a thank you note from the Historical Society for the donation of historic notebooks from school meetings and other historic school memorabilia.

### Recognitions by Board Members and Superintendent

Mr. McKee recognized Doug Rae who has been nominated as the Republican nominee for the Board of Education in November. He also recognized Sharlene Rustici, SHS teacher, for receiving a \$1,000 gift from Dominion for a trigonometry lab.

### Student Government Report

Lauren Gillick reported on behalf of the student government:

- Working on ways to incorporate school spirit
- Started planning for homecoming
- Freshman elections are next Friday

### 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 August 9, 2007.**

**Aye: All**

#### B. Checks and Bills

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

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of August 2007.**

**Aye: All**

C. SHS Yearbook Advertisement

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the purchase of a full-page ad in the 2007-08 SHS yearbook.**  
**Mr. Cary recused.**

**Aye: All**

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

No Action was taken. This item will be placed on the October Agenda.

Business and Finance

A. Project Updates

Bill King and Frank Connolly reported on the following: Reverse 911, new mowing machine for maintaining SHS fields, CIP, new time clocks, newly purchased copiers and new IRS regulations for 403b for teachers.

B. Professional Development

Mr. Connolly spoke to the Board regarding the professional development for the classified staff that was conducted during the week of August 27.

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

- **Motion 4: To move policies up on the agenda before Curriculum and Instruction.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 5: To add to the agenda discussion on Policy 5131.6.**

**Aye: All**

Policies

A. Policy 5131.6 – Students; Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

Mr. McKee informed the Board that he had received notification from the Board of Education attorney on September 13 regarding new laws passed in 2007 and changes in the rules for suspension and expulsion of public school students by Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC). Mr. McKee and the Board reviewed and discussed the information from the Board attorney, first received on September 13, 2007. Mr. McKee explained to the Board that the board policy must be submitted to CIAC on or before September 15, 2007 and, therefore, requires immediate action by the Board to change policy to comply with the new laws and changes by CIAC. The Board requested that the minutes reflect the board members disappointment and frustration that the Board had not received this information in a timely manner and was forced to make a decision on such a short notice. The Board authorized the Superintendent to make necessary changes to policy 5131.6 and to submit the policy to the CIAC; the Board will discuss policy 5131.6 and the regulations for policy 5131.6 at the October meeting.

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

- **Motion 6: To authorize the Superintendent to make necessary changes to policy 5131.6 and to submit the policy to the CIAC before September 15, 2007.**

**Aye: All**

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

Mr. Haberek provided new language for the revision of this policy and distributed it to the Board for review. No action was taken.

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

- **Motion 7: To table Policy 3515 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations; Community Use of School Facilities.**

**Aye: All**

C. New Regulation 5141.6 – Students; Welfare; Health – Defibrillators – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

The Board reviewed new Regulation 5141.6.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. SHS

1. CAPT Scores

Dr. Murphy reported that SHS performed well this year on the CAPT by increasing averages at goal in all four categories.

2. SAT Scores

Dr. Murphy reported that SAT scores at SHS continued to rise this year.

3. Advance Placement

Dr. Murphy presented statistics regarding the number of students who took AP Courses and tests and how well they did. He also reported on the required audit of AP classes and document rigor. The Board requested that the AP scores be broken down instead of combined for future reports to the Board.

B. Professional Development

Mrs. Masterjoseph reported on professional development held for certified teachers during the week of August 27.

Technology

A. State of the District

Clint Kennedy addressed the Board about the condition and extent of the technology in the school district. He also gave a report on CIP purchases and professional development on August 27.

B. Paperless Meeting

Mr. Kennedy briefed the Board on the next steps for review of the program and gave Board members their password to log-on to the system.

Board Goals

Board members shared their suggested goals for the Board.

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

- **Motion 8: To table Board Goals and add to October agenda.**

**Aye: All**

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by Gail MacDonald:

- **Motion 9: To add LEARN report to the agenda.**

**Aye: All**

Board Committee Reports

A. Athletic Committee

Sam Agnello reported on behalf of the Athletic Committee, which met on September 13.

Mr. Agnello distributed the Spring Sports Report to Board members. He reported that the items discussed were Spring Sports Report, the Sportsman Summit and school uniforms.

B. Stonington Education Fund

Gail MacDonald reported that SEF met on September 10 and has launched their annual appeal by distributing flyers to teachers. She also reported that \$6,500 was raised from the Monday night Summer Concert Series orchestrated by the Kepples. The Kepples donated the proceeds to SEF.

C. Building Committee

Gail MacDonald reported on behalf of the Building Committee. She reported that the final CO has been issued for the high school. The committee met on September 10 and discussed the elementary school studies. The committee is hoping to present various options to the Board at the November board meeting. She also reported that Bill King presented various energy plans to the committee.

D. SBIT Appointments

Mr. Bolduc made the following SBIT appointments:

SHS – Rob Cary	MMS – Gail MacDonald
PMS – Ed Haberek	DMS – Sam Agnello
WBSS – April Smith	WVSS – Corinne Rossi

Superintendent's Goals

The Board reviewed Mr. McKee's suggested goals for this year.

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

- **Motion 10: To approve the 2007-08 goals for the Superintendent.**

**Aye: All**

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Beginning of School Report

Mr. McKee reported on the opening week of school.

B. Enrollment Report

Mr. McKee emailed this information to all Board members. (See attachment)

C. Personnel

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Resignations

Patricia Menno-Coveney	0.4 Library/Media Specialist	WBSS
Katherine Ryan	1.0 Special Education Teacher	WVSS
Donna Rossi	1.0 Reading Support Teacher (effective December 6, 2007)	WBSS

New Appointments

Meredith Sundman	0.8 Special Education Teacher	WBSS
Christine Pelissier	1 year appointment (Long-Term Sub)	DMS

ADDED TEACHING

Resignations

Bill Buscetto	Head Baseball Coach	SHS
Robert Chiaradio	Freshman Boys Basketball Coach	SHS

2007-2008 Appointments

Natalie Lucy	Cheerleading Head Coach	SHS
John McNally	Cross Country Coach	SHS
Jenna Tucchio	Field Hockey Head Coach	SHS
AJ Massengale	Football Head Coach	SHS
George Dawe	Football Assistant Coach	SHS
Dan Grimm	Football Assistant Coach	SHS
Sean Ladyga	Football Assistant Coach	SHS
Patrick McCarney	Boys Soccer Head Coach	SHS
Todd Gwaltney	Boys Soccer Assistant Coach	SHS
David Walsh	Girls Soccer Head Coach	SHS
George Mendonca	Girls Soccer Assistant Coach	SHS
Rachel Bogue	JV Field Hockey Assistant Coach	SHS

Volunteer Appointments

Cheryl Brennan	Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS
Kristen Oliverio	Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS
Michelle Wilbur	Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 11: To approve the volunteer appointments of Cheryl Brennan, Kristen Oliverio, Chelsea Brennan and Michelle Wilbur as Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coaches.**

**Aye: All**

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by April Smith:

- **Motion 12: To amend motion 9 and approve the volunteer appointments of Cheryl Brennan, Kristen Oliverio, and Michelle Wilbur as Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coaches.**

**Aye: All**

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

- **Motion 13: To adjourn at 9:03 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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April Smith, Board Secretary