

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2007

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Gail MacDonald, Corinne Rossi, Ed Haberek, and Rob Cary.

Sam Agnello – Late arrival at 7:13 p.m.

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

Recognitions by Board Members and Superintendent

Mr. Cary acknowledged Jim Hilbie, and the ceremony held in his honor at Mystic Middle to celebrate Mr. Hilbie being chosen as the Connecticut Association of Schools Middle Level Educator of the Year. He also recognized MacDonald's Corporation of West Massachusetts and Connecticut for their donation to Mystic Middle School in Mr. Hilbie's honor. Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, recognized Corinne Rossi for her years of service to the Board of Education.

Student Government Report

- Planning for homecoming is well underway and this year \$1.00 of every ticket sold will be donated to a charity chosen by the student government.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Ed Haberek:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2007.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Ed Haberek:

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

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 3: To approve the intra-account transfers for October 11, 2007.**

Aye: All

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

The following motion was made by Rob Cary 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

E. 2008 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

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

- **Motion 5: To approve the 2008 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as amended.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Adopted 2007-08 Budget

Frank Connolly presented the town adopted 2007-08 budget as revised by the Board.

B. Monthly Financial Report

Frank Connolly presented the monthly financial report.

C. Project Updates

Bill King reported to the Board that the painting is complete on the WBSS firescape, that testing will begin soon on the reverse 911 system, SPS has gone out to bid on snowplowing at the high

Program Updates continued...

school, a maintenance truck is being purchased through CIP, and that all the schools now have defibrillators and two training sessions have been completed.

D. Budget 2008-2009

1. Goals

Mr. McKee reminded the Board that it is time for the Board to be thinking about budget goals for the 2008-09 school year. He also explained that administration has begun to do the same.

2. Continuing Education

The Board discussed the continuing education budget. The Board finance sub-committee will meet with Mr. Connolly to review the budget and financial records.

E. Ratification of OT/PT Conditions of Employment

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

- **Motion 6: To approve the Conditions of Employment for OT/PT for 2007-2010 as presented.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Kindergarten Exit and Entrance Surveys

Leanne Masterjoseph shared the results of the spring 2007 Kindergarten Exit Inventory. She also explained the components of this new assessment tool being utilized by the State.

C. "It's Up To Me" Elementary Behavior/Character Education Program

Leanne Masterjoseph and three elementary staff members presented the "It's Up to Me!" program being piloted in all three elementary schools this year. The three staff members were John Glover, Jonah Salsich and Hayden Conley.

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

- **Motion 7: To endorse the Elementary Behavior/Character Education Program "It's Up To Me" for grades K-4.**

Aye: All

Policies

- A. Policy and Revised Regulations 5131.6 – Students; Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco – 2nd Reading
The Board discussed the newly approved policy and revised regulations. The Board agreed that there needs to be more discussion on the regulations before approving.
- B. Revised/Replacement Policy 3515 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations; Community Use of School Facilities – 2nd Reading
The Board discussed the changes to policy 3515.

The following motion was made by Ed Haberk and received no second motion

- **Motion 8: To approve Policy 3515 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations; Community Use of School Facilities.**

Motion Failed

- C. New Regulation 5114 – Students; Suspension, Exclusions, and Expulsion/Due Process – 1st Reading
This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.
- D. Revised Policy 5141.21 – Students; Administration of Medication; Students with Known Medical Conditions – 1st Reading
This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.
- E. Revised Policy 4212.42 – Personnel – Non-Certified; Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers – 1st Reading
This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.
- F. New Policy 3524.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations; Hazardous Material in Schools – 1st Reading
This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.
- G. Revised Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified; Personal Leaves; Family and Medical Leave Act – 1st Reading
This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.

Board Goals

Board members discussed possible 2007-08 goals.

The following motion was made by Gail MacDonald and seconded by Corinne Rossi:

- **Motion 9: To adopt the following goal – “That the Board devise and implement a plan of action aimed at strengthening its relationship and communication with the community, including parents, staff and administration.**

Aye: All

Paperless Meeting

The Board will discuss paperless meeting at November Board meeting so Clint Kennedy can participate in discussion.

Board Committee Reports

A. LEARN

Ed Haberek reported on the Marine Science High School Project.

B. Building Committee

Gail MacDonald reported on behalf of the Building Committee. She reported that the final CO has been issued for the high school. She also reported that the committee worked on a list of possible options for the next phase for elementary schools. In November the committee will have a presentation by the Architects.

C. Stonington Education Fund

SEF is in the early stages of planning for annual fundraiser dinner dance. Three apple grants have been received by SEF and will be reviewed at next meeting.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

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New Appointments

Mary Cleveland
Martha Dwyer

0.4 Library/Media Specialist
Long-term Substitute

WBSS
PMS

ADDED TEACHING

2007-2008 Appointments

Bruce Yarnall	Public Speaking Co-director	PMS
Tina Eisenbeis	Public Speaking Co-director	PMS
Jenny Brummund	Art Club Director	PMS
Jenny Brummund	Yearbook Director	PMS
Lauren Yutzzy	Intramural Co-director	PMS
Dan Cawley	Intramural Co-director	PMS
Richard Dumas	Band Director	PMS
Leah Nero	Newspaper/Literacy Co-director	PMS
Marika Heughins	Newspaper/Literacy Co-director	PMS
Bruce Yarnall	Student Council Co-director	PMS
Dan Agins	Student Council Co-director	PMS
Tracey Romano	Cross Country Coach	PMS
Danielle Yates	Math Club	PMS
Michelle Wilbur	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS
Duffy Grace	Cross Country Coach	MMS
Jay Wolfradt	Boys Basketball Coach	MMS
Beth Quesnel	Girls Basketball Coach	MMS
Jennifer Bausch	Yearbook Director	MMS
Gail LaChance	Art Club Director	MMS
Ellen Gilbert	Choral Director	MMS
Jim Hilbie	Band Director	MMS
Natalee Denard	Math Counts Director	MMS
Devrie Perachio	Student Council Advisor	MMS
Duffy Grace	Intramurals Co-Director	MMS
Kathy Noyes	Intramurals Co-Director	MMS
Jay Wolfradt	Intramurals Co-Director	MMS

Volunteer Appointments

Jerry Desmond	Volunteer Football Coach	SHS
Tom McCoy	Volunteer Cross Country Coach	SHS
Tom McCoy	Volunteer Indoor Track Coach	SHS
Tom McCoy	Volunteer Outdoor Track Coach	SHS
Justin Clough	Volunteer Assistant Football Coach	SHS

The following motion was made by Ed Haberek and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 10: To approve the volunteer appointments of Jerry Desmond as Football Coach, Tom McCoy as Cross Country Coach, Indoor Track Coach and Outdoor Track Coach and Justin Clough as Assistant Football Coach.**

Aye: All

B. Enrollment

The Board briefly reviewed the enrollment figures provided in their board packet.

C. Detracking Article

The Board discussed the detracking article that Mr. McKee handed out at the September meeting.

The Board is interested in more information and data.

Business Office Personnel

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

- **Motion 11: To enter into executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. Specifically performance of staff members in the business office, inviting Mr. McKee, Mr. Connolly, and office business staff.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 12: To return to open session at 10:00 p.m.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 13: To adjourn at 10:00 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary