

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 10, 2008

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Gail MacDonald, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Kevin Bornstein, and Doug Rea.

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. McKee recognized SHS senior, Heather Buck, for being named the Gatorade CT Girls Basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

John Bolduc, Board Chairman, acknowledged and thanked all the individuals who spoke and offered their support to SPS at the Board of Finance Hearing.

Student Government Report

- Student Government held Mr. SHS for the first time in years. Six male students competed for the title, with Adam Pacceca as the final winner.
- Student Government will be selling the results of Data Match the week after April vacation.
- Student Government will be hosting the EEC Special Olympics at SHS for the second time which will be held on May 4, 2008.

Communications

The SHS Drama Club under the direction of Mrs. Allen presented a preview of their spring production, "A Tough Act to Follow", which will be performed on May 2,3 and 4, 2008.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2008.**

Aye: All

Consent Agenda continued..

B. Checks and Bills

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

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

Aye: All

C. Intra-account Transfers

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the intra-account transfers of April 10, 2008 as presented.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Judy Samokar presented the monthly financial report to the Board.

B. Budget 2008-2009

The Board reviewed and discussed the administration's recommendations for the \$177,000 reductions to the Board of Education budget as required by actions of the Board of Finance. Mr. McKee explained the reasoning for each reduction recommended to the Board. Dr. Murphy, SHS Principal, presented a detailed report on the importance of maintaining the 1.6 FTE teachers for the high school which is currently in the 2008-09 budget.

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

- **Motion 4: To table the motion on recommended reductions for the 2008-09 budget.**

Aye: All

C. Project Updates

Bill King updated the Board on current projects. Mr. King also reported that there was a minor flooding incident in the basement at the high school which has been resolved.

Business and Finance continued...

C. ED-099 Form

The Board reviewed the ED-099 form and approved authorizing the change in authorized signers.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 5: To approve changing signatures on ED-099 for continued operation of the Child Nutrition Program.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Tradebook Adoptions – 2nd Reading

This was a second reading

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Doug Rea:

- **Motion 6: To approve Alegbra 2 by Holt, Rinehart, Winston for use at SHS.**

Aye: All

B. World Language Exploration

Ms. Masterjoseph presented the Board with the newly written curriculum for the proposed Grade 6 World Language Exploration course.

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

- **Motion 7: To adopt the World Language Exploration curriculum as presented for use in Grade 6.**

Aye: All

C. Youth Service Student Health Survey

The Board reviewed and discussed the Stonington Health Services Department Youth Service Student Health Survey which would be administered to SPS students in grades 7 through 11 unless parents object by calling the school office.

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

- **Motion 8: To approve the on-line, anonymous administration of the Stonington Human Services' health survey to Stonington students in Grades 7 through 11 unless objected to by parents who contact the school office.**

Aye: All

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee

John Bolduc reported that the committee had not met and therefore there was no report.

B. SEF

Gail MacDonald reported that the Dinner Dance and Silent Auction, which was held on April 5th at the Mystic Marriott, was a success and raised approximately \$10,000. SEF has provided a \$3,600 grant to MMS for a cooking program.

C. Athletic Committee Meeting

Sam Agnello reported on the Athletic Committee Meeting which was held before the Board meeting. Mr. Agnello also shared some highlights from the Winter Sports Report with the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

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Long-term Substitutes

Laura Martin	Special Education	PMS
Donna Chrisbacher	Grade One	DMS
Tammy Souza	Mathematics	SHS

Superintendent's Report continued....

ADDED TEACHING

Resignation

Michelle Wilbur	Assistant Cheerleading Coach	SHS
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Volunteer Appointments

Chad Barclay	Assistant Baseball Coach	SHS
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Roger Gwaltney	Assistant Softball Coach	SHS
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Glen Herbert	Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach	SHS
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Janis Mink	Assistant Crew Coach	SHS
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Margaret Day	Volunteer Mentor	PMS
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The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 9: To approve the volunteer appointments of Chad Barclay as Assistant Baseball Coach, Roger Gwaltney as Assistant Softball Coach Glen Herbert as Assistant Girls Tennis Coach, Janis Mink as Assistant Crew Coach and Margaret Day as a Mentor at PMS.**

Aye: All

B. High School Dropout Rates

Mr. McKee reported to the Board on the newest dropout rates that were released by the CSDE. He reported that Stonington continues to improve in this highly significant statistic.

C. Important Date

Mr. McKee invited Board members to attend the Adult Education Graduation on May 14 at the high school.

Comments from Citizens

Gretchen Noonan, DMS teacher, spoke in support of retaining Tech Support in the 2008-09 budget.

A parent asked the Board what is the process to start a Hockey Co-op or Club.

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

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

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary