

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 14, 2008

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Kevin Bornstein, Rob Cary and Doug Rea.

Member absent: Gail MacDonald.

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

Communications

John Bolduc informed the Board that he had received several emails from parents and members of the community. Ten of the emails were concerning the Stonington Continuing Education Program.

Recognitions

Mr. McKee recognized the Larry Pontbriant Athletic Safety Fund for donating an AED to be on-site at Stonington Public School athletic events. Mr. Bolduc recognized the Marc Pescatello Fund for their support of SPS school activities and events as well as donations to the school district.

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

- **Motion 1: To move policies on the meeting agenda after Citizens Comments.**

Aye: All

Policies

- A. Revised Policy and Regulations 5131.911 – Students; Bullying – 1st Reading

This was a first reading therefore no action was taken.

- B. Revised Policy and Regulations 6153 – Instruction; Field Trips – 1st Reading

This was a first reading therefore no action was taken.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2008.**

The vote was as follows:

Doug Rea: Yes	April Smith: Abstained
John Bolduc: Yes	Sam Agnello: Yes
Rob Cary: Abstained	Kevin Bornstein: Yes

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 3: To approve the minutes of the Special (Grievance Hearing) Meeting of July 31, 2008.**

The vote was as follows:

Doug Rea: Yes	April Smith: Abstained
John Bolduc: Yes	Sam Agnello: Abstained
Rob Cary: Abstained	Kevin Bornstein: Yes

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Sam Agnello:

- **Motion 4: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 31, 2008.**

Aye: All

B. Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 5: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of July 2008.**

Aye: All

Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Judy Samokar presented the monthly financial report to the Board.

B. Proposed Retirement Account Agreement with Board of Finance

Judy Samokar presented the proposed Agreement between the Board of Education and the Board of Finance to set a Reserve for Board of Education Accrued Paid Leave Account.

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

- **Motion 6: To approve the agreement between the Board of Education and Board of Finance to set up a Reserve for Board of Education Accrued Paid Leave Account with the Town.**

Aye: All

C. Project Updates

Bill King reported to the Board on the following:

- a. The new time/attendance system.
- b. Reverse 911 services working with the town on training.
- c. High school track resurfacing.
- d. Mr. King reported that Raytheon's donation of business furniture will be picked up next week.

Budget 2008-2009

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 7: To adopt the 2008-2009 Town Education Budget appropriation of \$30,296,702.**

Aye: All

Curriculum and Instruction

A. 2008 CMT and CAPT Results and Comparisons

Mrs. Masterjoseph reviewed the results of the 2008 CMTs and answered several questions from the Board of Education. Rob Cary requested documentation on PMS and DM transit students CMT scores.

B. Summer School Report

Mrs. Masterjoseph discussed the 2008 Summer Learning Extension program which was held at WVSS for eligible students in grades 4-K.

C. August Professional Development

Mrs. Masterjoseph discussed the upcoming August professional development plans and invited Board members to participate.

D. Filled and Unfilled Vacancies

Mrs. Masterjoseph updated the Board on current vacancies and new hires for the 2008-09 school year.

Continuing Education Report and Budget

Bill King and Sarah Ragsdale reported on the 2007-2008 financial report of the Continuing Education Program and also submitted the program's 2008-2009 budget.

Mr. Bolduc requested that the oversight of the Continuing Education Program be added to the September meeting agenda and that members of affected boards or agencies be invited to the September BOE meeting.

Committee Reports

A. Building Committee

John Bolduc reported that a plan had been developed for WVSS and that the committee was looking at another plan for DMS to address equity between both schools. The committee also discussed having a sign put on the high school. He also reported that there is still one vendor who has not been closed out from the high school building project due to unfinished business.

B. SEF

Gail MacDonald was absent from this board meeting so there was no report.

C. Finance Committee

April Smith reported on behalf of the Finance Committee. She reported that the committee met with the First Selectman and three members of the Board of Finance for the purpose of discussing next year's budget process and possible ways in the future to make the process easier and more successful. It was agreed that the Boards would work together to support the budget across the board.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Certified

2008-09 New Hires

Emilie Comeau	1.0 Grade 5 Teacher	PMS
Dana Hambridge	1.0 Grade 5 Teacher (Long-term Substitute)	PMS
Elizabeth D'Amato	1.0 Special Education Teacher	DMS

Resignations

Courtney Leivers	1.0 Art Teacher	SHS
Pauline Bruno	1.0 Special Education Teacher	SHS
Jason Wolfradt	0.6 Health/0.4 PE Teacher	MMS
Kathleen Derry	1.0 Grade 6/7 Teacher	MMS

Superintendent's Report continued..

Retirement

Paulla Solar

1.0 PE Teacher

SHS

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

- **Motion 8: To accept the retirement of Paulla Solar with regrets and appreciation for her many years of service. To spread across the minutes a resolution commemorating the retirement of Paulla Solar.**

Aye: All

Added Teaching

Resignation

Jason Wolfradt

Basketball Head Coach
Intramurals Co-Director

MMS
MMS

Comments from Citizens

Ed Haberek, WVSS parent, thanked Mr. Cary for initiating a discuss on the parity issue between the two sides of towns. Ed Haberek, First Selectman, thanked the Finance Committee for setting up the meeting between the Board of Finance and himself. Mr. Haberek is willing to host another meeting next month. He also thanked Bill King for his efforts in collaborating purchases made by the Town and Board of Education in an effort to save money.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Bolduc projections?

Mr. Cary suggested that the board clerk be issued a lap top computer for taking the board meeting minutes.

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

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

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary