

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2008

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Gail MacDonald, Rob Cary, Kevin Bornstein and Doug Rea.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jackie Garvie, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Communications

The SHS Broadstreet Bears performed an excerpt from their Fall Production "The Green Archer".

Student Government Report

Catherine Schmitz reported on behalf of the student government.

- Student Government held a "Dream Come True Concert" to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.
- Homecoming will be held on October 18, 2008. The theme this year is superheroes.
- The Pep Band will be participating in the Columbus Day Parade.
- The Varsity Club is hosting a Tailgate Party the evening of October 10 before the football game.
- The Law & Government forum will be offering student volunteers to work with the Stonington Registrars of Voters at their office and the polling places on Election Day.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2008 and Special Meetings of September 25, 2008, October 2, 2008, October 8, 2008.**

Aye: All

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 September 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 for the month of September 2008.**

Aye: All

Business and Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report

Judy Samokar presented the monthly financial report to the Board. She gave an update on the 403b requirements and a meeting with ING. In November the Board will receive a draft copy of the 403b Plan document.

B. Project Updates and Operations Update

Bill King reported to the Board on the following:

- a. Air handlers at the high school.
- b. The new time/attendance system.
- c. Alert Now communication message system.
- d. High school track resurfacing.
- e. Fuel, Gas and Transportation Bids.

C. CIP Update

Mr. King updated the Board on CIP and asked the Board for guidance in regards to level of funding. The Board recommended staying with the current level of funding \$300,000.

Curriculum and Instruction

A. Continued Standardized Test Discussion

Mrs. Masterjoseph reported on the “AYP” and the status of Mystic Middle School. She reported that Mystic Middle did not meet AYP and as a result has been identified as “in need of improvement”. A letter will be sent home to parents as required by NCLB. Mr. Cary has requested that after October 24 the Board receive a report of the number of students whose parents have asked for a transfer to Pawcatuck Middle School.

B. Parent Surveys

The Board discussed the results of the parent surveys. Mr. Rea requested a copy of SBIT or Task Force summaries of the parent surveys.

C. Kindergarten Readiness Fair

Ms. Masterjoseph informed the Board that the district is hosting a Kindergarten Readiness Fair on Saturday, October 25 at the high school.

D. Staff Development Day – October 10, 2008

Ms. Masterjoseph reviewed the district’s October 10, 2008 professional development plans.

E. Enrollment

The Board received enrollment information a week after the September meeting and received October 1, 2008 enrollment at this meeting which they reviewed.

Nomination to Retirement Board

The Board officially nominated Judy Samokar to the town Retirement Board.

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

- **Motion 4: To nominate Judy Samokar to the town Retirement Board.**

Aye: All

Policies

- A. Revised Policy and Regulations 6153 – Instruction: Field Trips – 2nd Reading

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

- **Motion 5: To approve revised Policy and Regulation 6153 – Instruction: Field Trips.**

Aye: All

- B. Revised Policy and Regulations 5131.911 – Students: Hazing; Bullying – 2nd Reading

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

- **Motion 6: To approve revised Policy and Regulation 5131.911 – Students: Hazing; Bullying.**

Aye: All

- C. Revised Policy 6200 – Instruction: Continuing Education – 1st Reading

This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.

- D. Revised Policy 6161 – Instruction: Selection/Evaluation of Books and Instructional Materials; Provision – 1st Reading

This was a first reading and therefore no action was taken.

Committee Reports

- A. 2008-09 Budget Process Committee

Gail MacDonald, April Smith and Rob Cary reported on behalf of this committee. The committee submitted a document of proposed additions to Attachment 8b Budget Process. The Board discussed the document and made some changes. The revised document will be on the November Board agenda.

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

- **Motion 7: To approve proposed additions to Attachment 8b Budget Process document as amended.**

Aye: All

B. Building Committee

Gail MacDonald reported there was no meeting and therefore no report.

C. SEF

Gail MacDonald reported that SEF is looking for volunteers to serve on their Board. On November 3 there will be a reception at the high school. The purpose of the reception is to get the word out about the Stonington Education Fund.

D Board of Finance Liaison

Rob Cary reported that the Board of Finance was in the process of sending letters to every department in the Town requesting a 0% increase in their proposed 2009-2010 budgets. The BOF also discussed setting up a subcommittee with Board of Selectman to help pass the budget.

SBIT Survey About Meeting Times

The Board discussed the purpose, current role and effectiveness of the SBITs. The Board will also review the Board policy on SBITs at the November Board meeting.

Request From New London Schools

The Board discussed a letter from the New London Assistant Superintendent requesting that the Stonington Public Schools either accept or decline the opportunity to enter into an Inter-district School Choice Cooperative Agreement with the New London Public Schools' elementary students.

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

- **Motion 8: To decline entering into an Inter-district School Choice Cooperative Agreement with the New London Public Schools.**

Aye: All

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Masterjoseph reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Certified

2008-09 New Hires

Krissa Ann Anderson	0.6 Social Worker	DMS
Lynn Andersh	1.0 Long-term Substitute Grade 2	DMS

MMS and PMS Added Teaching

2008-09 Appointments

See Attachment #15

Volunteer Appointments

Christopher Conley	Assistant Football Coach	SHS
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The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 9: To approve the volunteer appointment of Christopher Conley as Assistant Football Coach.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 10: To add to the agenda the Approval of the Superintendent's 2007-08 Evaluation.**

Aye: All

Superintendent's Evaluation

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

- **Motion 11: To approve the Superintendent's 2007-08 Evaluation.**

Aye: All

Comments from Citizens

Michael O'Neill asked the Board to consider a proposal from Stonington Crew regarding a fabric structure storage shed to protect the rowing shells currently stored in the parking lot of the Board of Education Administration Building.

Sue Prentis, PMS Teacher, commented on the revised field trip policy, which was approved at this meeting. Ms. Prentis was concerned that she had not had the opportunity to review the revisions before they had been presented to the Board.

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

- **Motion 12: To add the Stonington Crew Fabric Storage Shed Request to the agenda.**

Aye: All

Stonington Crew Request

The Board discussed the Stonington Crew request for permission to erect a fabric structure in the rear of the parking lot at the Board of Education Administration Building, which will be built, maintained and paid for by "Friends of Crew".

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

- **Motion 13: To approve the Stonington Crew Fabric Storage Shed Request as amended subject to proof of required insurance certificate, zoning approval from the Town and a document from the Stonington Crew holding Board of Education harmless to any liability for vandalism or cost related to storing the shells on Board of Education site.**

Aye: All

Comments from Board Members

Gail MacDonald asked "What would the Board like to do regarding the Board of Education self-evaluation and board goals?"

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

- **Motion 14: To adjourn at 9:36 p.m.**

Aye: All

The Board held a non-meeting at 9:36 p.m. inviting Bill King, Judy Samokar, Frank Connolly, and Leanne Masterjoseph.

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

- **Motion 15: To enter into executive session at 10:15 to p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and the Technology Director Candidate.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 16: To return to open session at 10:20 to p.m.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 17: To offer Dr. Paul Picard the Director of Technology position. The 2008-09 salary \$89,500 and \$91,000 for the 2009-10 school year.**

Aye: All

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

- **Motion 18: To adjourn at 10:24 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary