

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Doug Rea, Gail MacDonald, Sam Agnello, and Rob Cary.

Member Absent: Kevin Bornstein

Perkins Grant

Dr. Murphy asked the board to approve the submission of the application for a Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Innovative Grant. He explained that he will develop a full year course in Robotics to be taught using the Carnegie Mellon Robotics Academy curriculum. The request is for \$10,000. He will also apply to offer an e-Commerce and Entrepreneurship course that will enhance/expand the SHS outdated Marketing/DECA course. Dr. Murphy will be applying as part of a consortium involving SHS with Region 6, Region 7, Region 14, Litchfield High School and Oxford High School. The request is for \$50,000.

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

- **Motion 1: To approve the submission of the application for a Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Innovation Grant, FY 2008-2009 #998 and to state the Board's commitment to continue the grant initiative(s) developed with this grant beyond the award period of one year.**

Aye: All

2009-2010 School Calendar

The board reviewed three draft versions of the 2009-2010 school calendar.

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

- **Motion 2: To approve draft #3 of the 2009-2010 school calendar.**

Aye: All

Budget Preparations

Mr. McKee gave board members copies of budget and staffing information that was requested by the board prior to this meeting. The information included a new global budget report for 2009-2010, Pay for Play SHS Student Athlete information and two revisions of the proposed 2009-2010 budget based on queries by board members. The board agreed that the 2009-2010 proposed budget should be no more than a 3% increase when presented to the Board of Finance. The board also requested more information from the administration for next Thursday's budget meeting.

Comments from Citizens Relative to Board Action on this Agenda

Rob Marseglia, DMS parent, commented on Grade K and 1 being the formative years and the need for K-1 literacy paraprofessionals.

John Nickerson, SHS parent, commented on the possibility of relaxing the school requirements for Physical Education to conform with the state requirement of 1 credit.

Faith Lightner, parent, commented on the Academic Programs report that the board received from administration in particular to why the library is not considered 21st century or applies to the whole child. She also stated that parents are trying to encourage reading and would hate to lose the library. She also commented on AP Spanish and French and the importance of the program.

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

- **Motion 3: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary