

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 2005

Mr. Murphy, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Board of Education Meeting Room. Members present were Jerry Murphy, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary and Doretta Colburn.

Members Absent: Mr. Spaziani and Mrs. Rossi.

Also present were Michael McKee, Superintendent of Schools, Jackie Garvie, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, Stonington High School civic class students and interested citizens.

Student Government Report

Matt Collette reported on the following:

- Lights of Love raised \$300 for Ronald McDonald House.
- Winter Sports are going well and Swim Team is undefeated.
- Exams on January 25 – 28, 2005.
- Student Council brainstorming ideas for raising funds for Tsunami Relief.
- Food Drive collected food to be donated to Neighborhood Center.
- SHS students Matt Collette, Cory Prachniak and Ryan Murphy traveled to Hartford on December 13 to witness the casting of Connecticut's seven electoral votes with SHS teacher Mr. Walters.

Comments from Citizens

Several Stonington High School students expressed their concerns regarding the no hats, headgear or backpack policy at the high school. The Board explained that the policy regarding no headgear or backpacks at the high school is an SBIT policy and that the students would need to request to be put on the agenda for the high school School-Based Improvement Team meeting and voice their concerns to the SBIT.

SBIT Minutes

There were no questions regarding the School-Based Improvement Team Meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2004.**

Aye: All

B. Disbursement of Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mr. Cary:

- **Motion 2: To approve the disbursement of checks and bills for the month of December 2004.**

Aye: All

The following amounts were approved:

December 2004

Regular Budget 2003-2004 Prior Year	\$	5,960.20
Regular Budget 2004-2005 Current Year	\$	262,634.05
Wrong vendor & returned items	\$	<u>(261.05)</u>
	\$	262,373.00
Federal Grants (251)	\$	7,636.23
	\$	1,455.00 (2003-2004)
	\$	<u>7,264.78</u>
	\$	9,091.23
State Grants (253)	\$	463.00 (2003-2004)

C. Intra-Account Transfers

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mrs. Colburn:

- **Motion 3: To approve intra-account transfers from December 15, 2004 through January 3, 2005.**

Aye: All

Committee Reports

A. SHS Building Committee Update

Mr. McKee updated the Board on the progress of the SHS building project. Mr. Agnello reported on behalf of the subcommittee.

B. District Athletic Committee

Mr. Agnello reported that the committee is in the process of developing the SPS Athletic Handbook. He also reported that a subcommittee of the District Athletic Committee met and started a draft of the handbook for the committee to work with at their meeting on January 13.

D. Finance Committee

Mrs. Smith updated the Board regarding the Finance Committee's meeting and their work on the 2005-06 budget.

Financial Report

Mr. Connolly, Business Manager, reviewed the monthly financial reports with the Board.

Budget 2005-2006

Mr. McKee and Mr. Connolly presented the administration's recommendation for the 2005-2006 budget. The Board asked questions and scheduled a special Board meeting for January 20, 2005 to work on the budget. The proposed budget will be presented to the public for input on January 27, 2005.

Policies

- A. New Policy 5141.231/4118.234 – Students/Personnel – Certified: Psychotropic Drug Use
– Second Reading

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mr. Cary:

- **Motion 4: To approve New Policy 5141.231/4118.234 – Students/Personnel – Certified: Psychotropic Drug Use.**

Aye: All

- B. New Policy 6172.6 – Instruction: Distance Education; Virtual/Online Courses – Second Reading

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 5: To approve New Policy 6172.6 – Instruction: Distance Education; Virtual/Online Courses.**

Aye: All

- C. New Policy 0521.2 – Mission/Goals/Objectives: Nondiscrimination; Commitment to Religious Neutrality (Prayer in the Schools) – Second Reading

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs. Colburn:

- **Motion 6: To approve New Policy 0521.2 – Mission/Goals/Objectives: Nondiscrimination; Commitment to Religious Neutrality (Prayer in the Schools).**

Aye: All

D. Revised Policy 6200 – Adult Education/Enrichment – Second Reading

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 7: To approve Revised Policy 6200 – Adult Education/Enrichment.**

Aye: All

2005-2006 School Calendar

The Board reviewed the draft of the 2005-2006 School Calendar.

The following motion was made by Mr. Agnello and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 8: To approve the 2005-2006 School Calendar as presented.**

Aye: All

Tradebook Approval – Second Reading

The Language Arts Committee recommended to the Board for approval the following tradebooks:

<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Grade 12
<i>Alive! The Story of the Andes Survivors</i>	Grade 12
<i>Born on the Fourth of July</i>	Grade 12
<i>Wit</i>	Grade 12
<i>Ordinary People</i>	Grade 11 and 12
<i>Angela's Ashes</i>	Grade 11 and 12
<i>The Beggars' Strive</i>	Grade 8

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 9: To approve *In Cold Blood, Alive! The Story of the Andes Survivors, Born on the Fourth of July and Wit* for Grade 12, *Ordinary People and Angela's Ashes* for Grade 11 and 12, *The Beggars' Strive* for Grade 8.**

Aye: All

Stonington Human Services Student Surveys

The Board reviewed the Stonington Human Services Student Surveys required by federal law as part of the \$300,000 grant for after-school programs.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Colburn and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 10: To approve the Stonington Human Services Student Surveys to evaluate grant funded after-school programs.**

Aye: All

Superintendent's Report

Mr. McKee reported on the following:

A. Personnel

Added Teaching

Volunteer Appointment

Joanne Mercurio

Frank Toole

SHS

Middle Schools

Cheerleading Assistant Coach

Volunteer Nurse for Washington D.C. Field Trip

The following motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

- **Motion 11: To approve the volunteer appointment of Joanne Mercurio as Cheerleading Assistant Coach.**

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Mr. Cary and seconded by Mrs. Smith:

- **Motion 12: To approve the volunteer appointment of Frank Toole to serve as nurse for the middle school students on the Washington, D.C. field trip.**

Aye: All

B. Out of State Field Trips

1. Mr. McKee informed the Board that seven students from SHS and social studies teacher Richard Walter will be spending the Week of March 6, 2005 in Washington, D.C.
2. Mr. McKee informed the Board that middle school students from Mystic and Pawcatuck will attend a field trip on March 15-18, 2005 in Washington, D.C.

Board Comments/Concerns

Mr. Cary reminded the Board of the upcoming Stonington Education Fundraiser in April which will be held at the Mystic Hilton.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Agnello:

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

Aye: All

April Smith, Secretary