

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING June 12, 2014

Frank Todisco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Deborah Downie, Secretary, Faith Leitner, Alisa Morrison, Alexa Garvey, Craig Esposito, and Terry Stefanski.

Also present were Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Emily Craig of the Student Government, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Communications & Recognitions

Communications

Alexa Garvey shared that she recently attended the event at the West Vine Street School Sensory Garden and noted that it was a wonderful event.

Terry Stefanski communicated that he attended the Deans Mill School ribbon cutting ceremony for the track, which was dedicated to Sherry Castodio, a PE teacher at Deans Mill School and noted it was great to see the kids having a great time on the track.

Terry Stefanski also reported on the SEF grant awards, which were a total of \$6,712, and shared a letter from the president of SEF.

Frank Todisco had communications regarding the Pawcatuck Middle School debate on why chocolate milk should stay in schools.

Recognitions

Alisa Morrison recognized the graduating class of 2014 and the girl's lacrosse team who will be playing in the state finals.

Faith Leitner recognized the SHS band for their wonderful performance at the Pops Concert and thanked all for attending.

Deborah Downie congratulated the Stonington High School drama department for their 13 nominations at the Halo Awards and Nicholas Robinson who received best supporting actor in "The Curious Savage".

Special Recognitions

Dr. Van Riley recognized and thanked Dr. Stephen Murphy, who will be retiring on June 30, for his many years of service to Stonington Public Schools; Dr. Murphy could not be present.

Frank Todisco recognized Student Government Representative, Emily Craig, for everything she did and being part of the Board. Mr. Todisco wished her best of luck next year and presented her with a small gift from the Board.

Scott Banks presented the Pawcatuck Middle School basketball team, Jenn Bausch, PMS/MMS Assistant Principal, and teacher, Dan Rahl with the 2014 Roger LaFrancois, Sr. Sportsmanship Award.

Lou Pear, CAS Director of Unified Sports, recognized Trevor Fornara, a 6th grade MMS student, for coming in first place in the state for his Unified Sports essay which he read to the audience. Mr. Pear presented Principal Jenn McCurdy with a check for \$500 in the Trevor's honor.

Frank Todisco recognized Ben Logel for the Spirit of Life Award for his participation in the Unified Sports program. Mr. Todisco also recognized Ben Logel and Caitryn Huysman for receiving the One Athlete and One Partner Award.