

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING March 13, 2014

Frank Todisco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. 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.

### Board Presentations

Frank Todisco introduced Alicia Dawe, WVS/WBS Principal, who along with Ruth Rose, Assistant Principal, teachers Ashlee Holland, Whitney Olsen, Kerry Ryder, Kai Duran and students Abigail Nadeau, Ciara Torruella, Kyle Lowry, and Sydney Champagne presented a presentation on Community Partnership with Mystic Seaport. Mrs. Dawe and Mrs. Rose gave an overview of the collaboration between West Broad Street School and the Mystic Seaport in which students in grade 3 and 4 are able to learn about the seaport and its environments.

### Communications & Recognitions

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No communications at this time.

#### Recognitions

Alisa Morrison recognized student, Ben Logel who received the Spirit of Life Award for his participation in the Special Olympics.

Deborah Downie congratulated the SHS Drama department for their great production of *Cinderella*.

Emily Craig recognized the National Honor Society for their blood drive assembly.

Dr. Van Riley recognized the Board members, as March is Board of Education month for their many hours of dedication and work to the district. Dr. Riley presented the Board with survival kits, and thank you cards and books from both the kindergarten class at DMS and grade 4 at WBSS. Dr. Riley thanked Ruth Rose and Allison Hine for putting together these special gifts.

### Comments from Citizens

Cindy Nadeau noted that April 2 is Autism Awareness day and there will be a fundraiser at Twisted Vine in Westerly organized by parents to support students in the district.

### Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – February 6, 2014 (Regular)  
February 13, 2014 (Regular)  
February 20, 2014 (Special)  
February 25, 2014 (Special)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Transfers
- D. Personnel Report
- E. Annual Contract Non-Renewal Authorization by the BOE
- F. Healthy Food Certification Statement (ED099)

The following motion was made by Deborah Downie and seconded by Alexa Garvey:

**Motion 1: To remove item E – Annual Contract Non-Renewal Authorization by the BOE from the consent agenda for further discussion.**

**All: Aye**