

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING October 13, 2011

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room.

Members present were Gail B. MacDonald, Chairperson, Sam Agnello, Faith Leitner, and Doug Rea, Secretary, Kevin Bornstein, and Alisa Morrison.

Member Absent: Craig Esposito

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Ana deOliveira, Recording Secretary, Reka Keller, Student Government, members of the staff, students and interested citizens.

Gail MacDonald welcomed students, administration and parents in attendance.

Communications & Recognitions

Communications:

Leanne Masterjoseph shared having received communications regarding:

- Bus Stop Issues
- Several communications from MMS parents about classroom concerns
- Local businesses inquired about linking restaurants and school through Food Service

Gail MacDonald shared having received communications regarding:

- Education specification proposal for building renovations at elementary levels
- CAFE Convention flyer
- CAFE – Delegate Assembly November 17th at Mystic Marriot materials
- CAFE Boards leadership awards, nomination forms

Leanne Masterjoseph recommended Board members attend CAFE/CAPSS Convention and will register anyone interested.

Recognitions:

Gail recognized the following:

- Reka Keller, Stonington High School new Student Government Representative
- Doug Rea for his four years of service and Sam Agnello for his twelve years of service as Board of Education members

Faith Leitner recognized teachers, students and Leanne Masterjoseph for participating in Dancing With The Stars to be held on November 5, 2011 to support the Class of 2012.

Comments from Citizens

Sue Jones thanked Sam Agnello and Doug Rea for their work to the community and the Board.

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Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – September 8, 2011 (Regular)
- B. September 29, 2011 (2-Special)
- C. Checks and Bills

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Faith Leitner

Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda items A through C as presented
Sam Agnello asked Doug to amend motion to correct Doug Rea’s last name in
September Minutes

Aye: All

Monthly Reports

Student Government:

Reka Keller provided the monthly Student Government Report.

Finance Report:

Judy Samokar mentioned the start of budget season and asked for guidance of percentage of increase.

Operations Report:

Bill King updated everyone on progress of approval through Town Planning and Zoning for Sponsorship Panels on Stonington High School football field. Noted that State inspection was satisfactory.

Curriculum Report:

Nikki Gullickson discussed Board representation for various committees:

- STEM –Kevin Bornstein
- World Language – Faith Leitner and Gail MacDonald
- State Technology Planning – Kevin Bornstein
- Technology Follow-up – No Board Representation at this time

Nikki distributed a copy of Tradebook Adoption novel “The Art of Racing in the Rain” to Board members.

Special Services Report:

Virginia Brown extended invitation to the Board, staff and parents to attend October 26, 2011 Special Services Advisory Committee. Virginia explained that the Committee focuses on the betterment of program development and student experience as well as capacity building for both parents and staff.

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Technology Report:

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

Motion 2: To approve the lease purchase of two bid awards to Consolidated Computing, Inc. who has presented the lowest bids for our Networking and Server Consolidation Project.

Motion amended by Sam Agnello to include the amount of the project at \$74,391.39.

Aye: All

Personnel Report:

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the personnel report to the Board. There were no questions at this time.

Enrollment:

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the October 1st enrollment and answered the Board's questions.

Progress Towards Leadership Team Goals

A. Superintendent's Goals 2011-2012:

Leanne Masterjoseph recommended a discussion mid-year to discuss the success of the goals and their status.

The Board acknowledged support for the goals as written.

B. Accountability for Strategic Plan:

Leanne Masterjoseph presented the Building Level Accountability for Strategic Plan and suggested mid-year progress reports from buildings.

C. Administrative Hiring Conversation:

The Board acknowledged support for revised Administrative Hiring Protocol.

D. Building A Shared Vision – Understanding Significant Challenges:

- Operations & Facilities:

Bill King presented significant challenges facing the district in areas of operation (see handout).

- Technology:

Jason Jones explained significant challenges facing the district in the area of technology (see handout)

- Special Services

Virginia Brown explained significant challenges facing Special Services (see handout).

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Committee Reports

Sam Agnello reported on the Athletic Committee:

- Bryan Morrone gave Spring Athletic Report on boys and girls Spring tennis and boys lacrosse
- Revising of ticket prices
- Moving forward of Drug and Alcohol forms on line
- Gap of funding for ECC games

Sam Agnello expressed his desire to continue to serve on the Athletic Committee.

Doug Rea reported on the Policy Committee:

- Committee met to discuss Anti-Bullying Policy and will be presented to the Board so that can meet the January deadline.
- In and out of school bullying
- Safe school climate discussed

Leanne Masterjoseph reminded that SEF grants are still open until October 31st for submission and of the February 11, 2012 fundraiser event.

Leanne Masterjoseph provided the Board of Education with information collected through a process called Equity Audit. Leanne stated that a district-level committee should be established before December recess and that this audit concerning poverty will be the first item on the Data Mining Committee's agenda.

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

Motion 3: At 9:54 p.m. to extend meeting to continue conversation on Data Mining.

Aye: All

Gail MacDonald noted Board of Education representation in liaison roles will be discussed at November's meeting at which time a full and new Board will be present.

Gail MacDonald asked that a list of different committees and dates they meet be comprised.

Comments from Citizens

Sue Jones – commented on different Operation, Facility and Technology challenges.

Cindy Nadeau – commented on Technology, Special Services challenges and Data Mining.

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Board Comments/Concerns

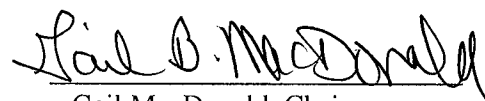
Sam Agnello commented on his twelve years of service to the Board of Education and thanked for friendship and thanked community, called it a bittersweet.

Doug Rea thanked all for their support and applauded everyone for their hard work. Doug Rea also called it bittersweet.

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

Motion 4: To adjourn at 10:27 p.m.

Aye: All


Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman