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Frank Todisco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Deborah Downie, Alexa Garvey, Terry Stefanski, Alisa Morrison, and Craig Esposito.

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

Board Presentations

Retiree Recognitions:

The principals from each school said a few words about each retiree before presenting the retirees their award for years of service, and a small reception followed. The 2016 Retirees were:

Mary Sue Weaver – Remedial Reading Teacher – SHS – 40 Years of Service
Cathy Pellegrino – Special Education Teacher – SHS – 19 Years of Service
Georgia Crowley – Paraprofessional - SHS – 24 Years of Service
Lisa Allen – High School Teacher – SHS – 17 Years of Service
Lorraine Szewc – Paraprofessional – SHS – 24 Years of Service
Gail LaChance – Art Teacher - MMS – 34 Years of Service
Robin Bressette – Special Education Teacher – MMS – 33 Years of Service
Richard Dumas – Band Teacher - PMS – 40 Years of Service
Linda Whelan – Middle School Teacher – PMS – 37 Years of Service
Deborah Miceli – Elementary Teacher - WBSS – 40 Years of Service
John Glover – Social Worker - WBSS/WVSS – 23 Years of Service
Karen Christian – Elementary Teacher - WVSS – 16 Years of Service
Leslie Fonsh – Special Education Teacher – DMS – 29 Years of Service

Food Service Presentation:

Becky Fowler, Food Service Director, gave a presentation on the Food Service program. Ms. Fowler gave an overview of the deposits, sales, and expenses. Ms. Fowler explained the current policy for those students that are negative more than five dollars is an automated message to the parents to make them aware of the issue. Ms. Fowler also spoke on the guidelines that need to be met when preparing the lunch menus and hopes to increase student participation by adding new items to the menus and introduce salad bars at each school through grant funding. A presentation is attached that was also presented.

Frank Todisco voiced his concern about the embarrassment that students go through in the lunch line and when they are given something different to eat when they have balances due on their accounts and the messages that are conveyed regarding balances. Mr. Todisco would like this monitored.

Communications & Recognitions

Deborah Downie recognized and congratulated Mrs. Mary Lou Devine who was named 2017 Teacher of the Year.

Terry Stefanski complimented Deans Mill School for a fantastic Flag Day ceremony, students were wonderful and it was worth attending. Mr. Stefanski also gave a report of the SEF's Education Celebration revenue of \$11,700 in which \$9,500 will go towards helping students and eight grants will also be distributed to Pawcatuck Middle School and Stonington High School.

Faith Leitner recognized the Student Government Induction Ceremony, which was a great evening and thanked Mr. McCarney for putting on the Veterans Day luncheon.

Frank Todisco thanked Mallorie Geiger for sitting with the Board this year and being the students' voice.

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Dr. Van Riley congratulated each school for all the wonderful end of the year events and noted he attended both Flag Day ceremonies at West Vine Street School and Deans Mill School, which were very special. Dr. Riley also recognized the high school for 4.9 million dollars' worth of scholarships. Dr. Riley asked Principal Tim Smith to introduce the new Assistant Principal, of Pawcatuck Middle School, Deanna Brucoli. Ms. Brucoli thanked everyone for their warm welcome, the opportunity to work for Stonington Public Schools and looks forward to starting on July 1.

Comments From Citizens

Cindy Nadeau thanked Frank Todisco for his attendance at the unified banquet and noted this year we ran into a good problem. We had over 250 people attend and commented on the joy on the faces of partners and students. Ms. Nadeau was especially grateful the unified athletes earned their varsity letters at this event. Ms. Nadeau reported that \$1,700 was raised from the Light It Up Blue event at the Twisted Vine and will be donated to Special Services to be used for unified events.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – May 12, 2016 (Regular)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Transfers
- E. Healthy Food Certification Statement (ED099)
- F. 2016 Perkins Grant

The following motion was made by Deborah Downie and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 1: To approve the Consent Agenda A-F as presented.
All: Aye

Approval of 2016-2017 Budget – Action Item

Dr. Van Riley suggested the Board remove \$60,000 dollars from account budget line 250 leaving a zero balance and move this amount to the account budget line 117 for Paraprofessionals salary, which would increase this line from \$1,580,681 to \$1,640,681 because funds will be available at the end of this year's budget to cover the \$60,000 (Retirement sick leave buyout) account.

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Alexa Garvey:

Motion 2: To accept the 2016-2017 budget for \$36,267,121 with the one change of moving \$60,000 from account 250 to account 117.
All: Aye

Graduation Date 2017-Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar

Dr. Van Riley explained both calendar options was brought up at the Teaching and Learning Committee meeting and the committee's recommendation is to set the graduation date. Dr. Riley added there are two different options. Option 1, has snow days built into the calendar, in the past all snow days have been made up at the end of the year with graduation on June 16. Option 2, snow days are at the end of the school year, but the graduation date would still stay on the 16th of June.

Alexa Garvey explained that the committee talked using Saturdays for graduation but that would cost the district money.

The following motion was made by Alexa Garvey and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 3: To approve Option 1 of the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Frank Todisco - Yes	Deborah Downie – Yes	Alisa Morrison - No
Alexa Garvey – Yes	Faith Leitner – Yes	
Craig Esposito – Yes	Terry Stefanski – Yes	

Motion: Passed