

Frank Todisco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Deborah Downie, Alexa Garvey, Terry Stefanski, and Craig Esposito.

Member Absent: Alisa Morrison

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**

Nikki Gullickson shared the following special recognitions of administration, teachers and students:

#### **Stonington High School:**

- SHS Teacher, Stephen Beale was accepted as a participant in the Mobile Computer Science Principles Project this summer at Trinity College.
- SHS was selected to pilot a transition program in partnership with the University of Connecticut.
- Student John Moody, grade 12 student, has been selected as an Academic All American Swimmer through the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America, Inc.
- The SHS jazz band trombone section won the Outstanding Trombone Section at the Jazz on the Sound competition. Other members included Alex Green, Jack Ognisty, Jason Kilcoyne, and Joey Hinckley.

#### **Mystic Middle School:**

- The Connecticut Educators Computer Association (CECA) selected Mystic Middle School Teacher, Sue Prince, and students to participate in the 2016 Technology Exposition held at the Connecticut State Capitol Legislative Office Building on April 27. Their exhibit is entitled Happy Foot: A 3D Printed Orthopedic Boot for a Penguin in Need
- Grade 8 student Elizabeth Cavaliere is this year's winner of the Michael's Cup Essay contest. Miss Cavaliere's essay speaks about experience with Unified Sports.
- Teacher, Michael McLaughlin and students Baxter Menzies, Owen Grant and Connor Hultgren and families will be attending the SeaPerch National Challenge at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on May 21<sup>st</sup> after participating in the Connecticut State Championships.
- Teacher, Nancy Sullivan presented the Science Olympiad project.

#### **Pawcatuck Middle School:**

- Art teacher, Diane Gallo, is the recipient of a Fund For Teachers Fellowship, and will travel to India to research the connection between craft and cultural identity to develop a multicultural unit aligned with a new Social Studies curriculum. This is the first time a Stonington Public Schools teacher is awarded.
- Teacher, Tim Flanagan, has been selected for a Fulbright Distinguished Award in Teaching grant to Vietnam by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for the fall.
- Grade 7 student, Lauren Kehrle represented PMS at the Regional Finals for the Scripps National Spelling Bee on March 12 and made it into the third round of the event and the school wide spelling bee in January.

#### **Elementary Schools:**

- West Broad Street School was identified as a School of Distinction for Highest Performing Subgroup, and shares this recognition with West Vine as the K-12 sister school.
- Deans Mill School was identified as a School of Distinction for Highest Performing Overall and Highest Performing Subgroup.

**Communications & Recognitions**

Terry Stefanski recognized the SHS band for their performance in the Irish parade in Mystic, and noted they looked sharp and sounded wonderful. Mr. Stefanski commented keep up the good work.

Faith Leitner thanked Mr. Friese and Ms. Crowley for meeting with a small group of three students to explain the power school and GPA explained to freshman, sophomores and juniors.

Superintendent, Dr. Van Riley congratulated the Como fund raising event on Saturday at the Aquarium they raised a lot of money for the children of the community, congratulations to Beth Stewart and her group.

Frank Todisco noted that he saw Aladdin Jr. production at Pawcatuck Middle School and it was phenomenal.

**Comments From Citizens**

No comments at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes – March 10, 2016 (Regular)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Transfers

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Terry Stefanski:

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

**Approval of PMS Roof Project**

Superintendent, Dr. Van Riley asked Gary Shettle, Director of Finance to give a short summary on the Pawcatuck Middle School roof project, also present was Colliers representative, Chuck with the plans and specifications. Mr. Shettle said the BOE approval is one of the final hurdles we need to go through. Mr. Shettle reported that the final specifications and cost estimates need to be submitted also. The building committee approved the specifications and cost estimates last week and now the Board needs to approve them in order to move forward. Mr. Shettle notes that at this time the cost estimate is just over 1.4 million dollars that is what was bonded and delineated between the three projects, West Vine, Deans Mill and Pawcatuck Middle.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito.

**Motion 2:** To approve the Pawcatuck Middle School Re-Roofing project state project number 137-0049 RR with plans dated March 3, 2016 and final cost estimate dated April 6, 2016, and to approve the Building Committee Chairman, the Board of Education Chairman and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the SCG-042 form.  
All: Aye

**Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

End of the Year Events: Superintendent Dr. Van Riley, explained that in the Board packet there is a list of end of the year events and asked the Board to let Ana de Oliveira, Board Secretary know which events they are attending. Dr. Riley also mentioned that the Food Service RFPs were due on Tuesday and Mr. Shettle are reviewing them and bringing them back to the Board in the May meeting. Dr. Riley noted that last year there was a 3rd grade class at Deans Mill that wanted to make sure our architects were considering energy efficiency in the new schools and this year I received a handwritten letter delivered to my home from a Deans Mill School student who is very concerned that the new playground include handicap equipment or accessible to the handicap