

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING December 14, 2017 - Page | 1

Alexa Garvey, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Candace Anderson, Jack Morehouse, Alisa Morrison, and Craig Esposito.

Member absent: Frank Todisco, Chairman
Deborah Downie

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

Board Presentations

Principal Ms. Dawe, introduced music teachers, Emily McClenahan and Ellen Gilbert along with students from elementary, middle and high school who sang holiday music for the Board and the community to celebrate the season.

Communications and Recognitions

Jack Morehouse communicated that he attended several PTO meetings in the last few weeks, commented parents really make a school, and noting it was nice to hear about the projects at West Vine and Mystic Middle. Mr. Morehouse shared he recently attended the CAFE conference for new Board members, met other members from surrounding towns and stated the conference was very helpful. Mr. Morehouse shared he also attended Mr. Hilbie's last winter jazz band concert at Stone Ridge in which he received a standing ovation.

Candace Anderson shared she attended the *Little Women* drama production, which was phenomenal, and the band performance at the high school, which also was a rocking event, nice job.

Student Government Representative, Madison Geiger recognized the guidance counselors at the high school for staying on top of the senior students' grades, sending out the information to all the various schools, and being there for the students.

Comments from Citizens

Sue Jones requested more information regarding the purchase of cafeteria tables for Mystic Middle School currently part of the CIP, questioning if this is in anticipation of the consolidation or was this going to be done anyway and not preempting the consolidation vote.

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – November 9, 2017 (Regular Meeting)
December 11, 2017 (Special Meeting)
- B. Checks and Bills
- C. Transfers
- D. Personnel Report
- E. Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Candace Anderson:

Motion 1: Move to approve consent agenda items A-E as presented.
All: Aye

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Riley reported we are currently working on the budget, we heard from the Governor it appears that his recommendations will not affect school districts so we are pleased with that. Dr. Riley added we are looking at staffing for next year and Gary Shettle will be putting together the budget for discussion in January. Dr. Riley commented that it is a very exciting time for seniors and commended the guidance department at the high school for an amazing job.

Discussion/Approval – CIP 2018-2019

Bill King presented the CIP 2018-2019 plan, and added the only change is that this is a ten-year plan rather than a five-year plan. Mr. King explained this change is due to the town having the ability to bond further knowing what is coming down the pike for funding. Mr. King answered the previous question regarding the funding for the Mystic Middle School cafeteria tables, which is in a category "C" on the CIP and we are not looking for funding this year. Mr. King spoke on the PCB funding for the elementary schools, which is now in the CIP for future years and added that all the other items on the CIP are existing from previous years. Dr. Riley recommended the third column of items on the CIP 2018-2019 and added we are putting items that we really feel are