

Frank Todisco, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were, Candace Anderson, Deborah Downie, Jack Morehouse, Alisa Morrison, and Craig Esposito.
Member Absent: Alexa Garvey, Secretary

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

Board Presentations:

Retiree Recognitions: The following retirees were present and recognized for their years of service and dedication to the Stonington Public Schools community, Joanne Lindeborg, Michael Lindeborg, Jenny Brummund, and Rosemary Spiers. The administration shared a few words about each retiree's tenure. Other retirees honored were, Jane Wiseman, Kathleen Noyes, James Hilbie, Richard Walter, and Terrence Logan. Chairman Frank Todisco, congratulated each retiree, read the following resolution, presented each retiree with a copy signed by the Board of Education members, and a small gift of appreciation.

Resolution

The Board of Education of Stonington, Connecticut, at its regular meeting on May 10, 2018, adopted this resolution in respect to "retiree"
WHEREAS, *This individual has completed (years) of faithful and conscientious service as an employee in the Stonington Public Schools and has now retired and*

WHEREAS, *This individual has devoted much effort in his/her job assignment to the extent that he/she is held in high admiration for his/her dedication and personal contributions to the varied needs of the Stonington Public Schools to the extent this person is held in the greatest esteem by all.*

RESOLVED, *That the Board of Education in a regular meeting assembled on this date attest to the valuable service rendered by this individual to the cause of education in the Town of Stonington, and*

Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Education, and that a copy be presented to this honored individual as a testimonial of the Board's sincere appreciation of loyalty, character, and service.

Junior Project: This presentation was moved to the June Board of Education meeting agenda.

Computer Science Presentation: Mark Friese introduced students Blake Edwards, Nate Bury, and Ryan Fornara who have been working with teacher Abby Gauthier on Computer Science Independent Study opportunities. They shared a PowerPoint presentation explaining what and how Artificial Intelligence, Neural Networks work and examples of this theory. They also spoke about the Quantum Computer, building networks, and web design. One of the students shared he has been instrumental in the development of the Stonington High School web page, which he help build from the ground up and is very proud of the website. He added that he has developed a calendar application and plans on developing a social media site. Mr. Fornara demonstrated his project called "Voxion" which is a google home assistant program; focusing on hospitality, a personalized butler he stated. He gave an example of how his porotype worked and will be testing it with the town in the next month. The PowerPoint presentation is attached. The students thanked the Board and administration for allowing them to peruse their independent studies.

Middle School Steering Committee Report

Mr. Tim Smith, Pawcatuck Middle School Principal spoke on the progress of the middle school consolidation. He announced that the subcommittee handling communications will be announcing the mascot and school colors at a reveal at Mystic Aquarium on May 15 all are welcome. They are also working on a parent night, to give feedback and discuss what parents want the middle school experience to be like for their student and have a chance to meet the committee members. Mr. Smith passed out invitations for the reveal to the Board members.

Communications and Recognitions

Jack Morehouse shared he had an opportunity to attend both Mystic Middle School chorus and band concerts. Ms. Gilbert did collaboration with some Yale students and it was fabulous. He attended Mr. Hilbie's last concert where he received a well-deserved standing ovation, and added he will be missed.

Madison Geiger, Student Government Representative, noted it was teacher appreciation week and recognized all teachers for what they do for students and parents.

Candace Anderson thanked the graduation party committee; she received a letter from the committee about the change in the party date, and thanked them for all the hard work that has gone into organizing this event and added that the letter was very well written, thank you.