

Board of Education Minutes
January 22, 2025

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A Regular Meeting - Hybrid Format of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on January 22, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Austin, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, and Mrs. Wagner. Also, present Anna Zeeman and Grace Cassata, Student Ambassadors. Mr. Burdick arrived at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Trammell, Business Manager.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Mastroianni called to order the Board of Education Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Comment

Please be advised that our meeting structure does not allow for two-way dialogue during public comment but the Board uses this information to guide their decision making. Depending on the topic, they may ask the Superintendent or another District employee to follow up with you. Likewise, public comment might lead to a topic being added to a future meeting agenda.

None.

4. **Presentations**

4.a. Give Back Club Presentation

Mrs. Rebecca Schilke and the Give Back Club, presented their experience to support the victims of the hurricane in Boone, North Carolina.

5. **Reports**

5.a. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Hopkins presented the Superintendent's Report. The report is filed with the original minutes.

5.b. LEARN Board of Directors Representative Report

Chet sent a report - get a copy for the minutes.

5.c. BOE Chair's Report

Mrs. Mastroianni

5.d. Capital Committee

Mrs. Lisa Mazzella, reported on the Capital Committee.

6. Facility & Financial

6.a. Mr. Hopkins and Mrs. Trammell presented on the End of Year Projection.

7. Administrative

7.a. Consent Agenda

7.a.i. **Approval of Minutes**

7.a.i.a. January 8, 2025 Minutes

7.a.ii. Move monthly financial reports to the BOF

Motion to accept the consent agenda. This motion, made by Mrs. Main and seconded by Mr. Stefanowicz, Carried.

Austin: Yea, Burdick: Absent, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business

9.a. Budget FY26

Mr. Hopkins presented on the Budget FY26. The presentation is attached to the original minutes.

10. Calendar

Next meeting is on 2/12/25.

11. BOE Comments for Future Agenda Items

Motion to add item 11a discussion of the makeup of the Board of Education. Motion made by Mrs. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Burdick, Carried.

Austin: Yea, Burdick: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Nay, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 1

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Regular BOE meeting at 8:31 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs.

Main and seconded by Mr. Burdick, Carried.

Austin: Yea, Burdick: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz:

Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by
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Recording Secretary to
The Board of Education