

**Board of Education Minutes**  
May 22, 2024

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A Regular Meeting - Hybrid Format of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on May 22, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Burdick, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel. Mrs. Christine Wagner arrived at 6:32 p.m. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Hopkins.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Mastroianni called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order 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.

Heard.

Motion to move 8.c. to 5.d. and 4.c. to 4.b. This motion, made by Mrs. Mazzella and seconded by Mr. Karpinski, Carried.

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

Yea: 8, Nay: 0

**4. Presentations**

#### 4.a. Give Back Club

Mrs. Rebecca Schilke, Mrs. Rebecca Costello, and student participants presented on the Give Back Club.

#### 4.b. Student Recognitions:

- CAFE Awards - Logan Kumpf and Molly Perkins
- BOE Student Ambassadors - Jon Anderson and Madison Wagner
- Athletic Achievement - Rose Tardiff

Mrs. St. Germain, Mrs. Reyes, and Mr. Hopkins presented the awards to the students.

#### 4.c. Student Support Services

Mrs. April Christiansen, Director of Student Support Service presented. The report is attached to the original minutes.

### 5. **Reports**

#### 5.a. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent, presented his report. The report has been attached to the original minutes. Mr. Hopkins introduced student Sophie Zichichi who presented on the Trail Upgrade Project.

- Trail Upgrade Project - Sophie Zichichi
- Email update
- Bank Account Reconciliation
- LEARN Support for Financial Procedures
- Information Technology Collaborative
- New England Institute of Technology Dual Enrollment Program
- BOE Retreat and State of the District Presentation

#### 5.b. BOE Chair's Report

Mrs. Mastroianni, BOE Chair, presented her report.

#### 5.c. Student Ambassador's Report

New Student Ambassadors were introduced - Grace Cassata, Anna Zeeman, and James Noyes. Ms. Cassata and Ms. Zeeman, reported.

#### 5.d. Non-lapsing Procedures

Mrs. Susan Pike and Mr. Carlson presented on the non-lapsing procedures. Questions were asked and answered.

Motion to authorize the Chair of the BOE to sign off on the expenditures. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Main, Carried.

Burdick: Abstain, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Nay, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Abstain  
Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Abstain: 2

**6. Policy and Advocacy Discussion**

6.a. Bylaws: 9020, 9020.1, 9030, 9030.1

Questions were asked and answered.

**7. Administrative**

7.a. Correspondence

None

7.b. Consent Agenda

7.b.i. Approval of Minutes:

- April 3, 2024
- April 24, 2024

Motion to approve the BOE Regular Meeting for April 3, 2024. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Wagner, Carried.

Burdick: Yea, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the BOE Regular Meeting for April 24, 2024. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Wagner, Carried.

Burdick: Yea, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea, Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

7.c. Move monthly financial reports to the BOF

Motion to move the April Monthly Financial Report to the BOF. This motion, made by Karpinski and seconded by Burdick, Carried.

Burdick: Yea, Karpinski: Yea, Main: Yea, Mastroianni: Yea, Mazzella: Yea,  
Stefanowicz: Yea, Towle-Weicksel: Yea, Wagner: Yea  
Yea: 8, Nay: 0

**8. Old Business**

8.a. Playground Update (Equipment, Installation, Woodchips)

Mr. Hopkins gave a Playground Update.

8.b. STEAP Grant Irrigation Update

Mrs. Mastroianni reported on the STEAP Grant Irrigation Project. Questions were asked and answered.

8.c. Non-lapsing Procedures

Motion to authorize the Chair of the BOE to sign off on the expenditures. This motion, made by Mazzella and seconded by Main, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 1, Abstain: 2

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Calendar**

Summer schedule –

June 12, 2024 – cancel

June 14, 2024 – Graduation

June 26, 2024 – Regular Meeting

July 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting

July 24, 2024 – cancel

August 14, 2024 – Regular Meeting

August 28, 2024 - cancel

**11. Public Comment**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Regular BOE meeting at 9:00 p.m. This motion, made by Karpinski and seconded by Burdick, Carried.

Burdick: Yea, Karpinski: 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