

**Board of Education Minutes**  
October 23, 2024

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on October 23, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Mrs. Wagner. Present virtually were Mr. Bryan Burdick and Mrs. Lisa Mazzella. Also present were Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Kathy Trammell, Business Manager. Student Ambassadors present were Anna Zeeman, Grace Cassata and James Noyes.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. 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.

None.

4. **Presentations**

4.a. Deb Dwyer - Cub Club

Mrs. Deb Dwyer, Cub Club Director, reported on the Cub Club - Before & After School Program at North Stonington Elementary School. Questions were asked and answered.

4.b. Student Data

Kim Haggerty, Director of Curriculum & Learning; Kristen St. Germain, Wheeler Principal, Allison Reyes, Wheeler Assistant Principal and Mr. Robert Cillino, NSES

Principal, reported on Student Data. The report is attached to the original minutes. Questions were asked and answered.

**5. Reports**

5.a. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Troy Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, gave his Superintendent's Report. The report is attached to the original minutes. Questions were asked and answered.

5.b. BOE Chair's Report

Mrs. Stephanie Mastroianni, BOE Chair gave her report. Mr. Karpinski's last meeting is tonight. Mr. Karpinski's resignation creates several vacancies on the Board, such as the Vice Chair position, on the Capital Committee and Facilities & Finance Committee. Will wait for a recommendation from the RTC about a candidate to replace Mr. Karpinski for the remainder of the year.

5.c. Student Ambassador's Report

Grace Cassata, Anna Zeeman and James Noyes, Student Ambassadors, reported.

**6. Policy Discussion**

6.a. Bylaws - 9123, 9124, 9130, 9131, and 9132

Mr. Stefanowicz presented on the Bylaws to look at the December BOE meeting.

**7. Facility and Finance Discussion**

7.a. Finance Committee Update

Mrs. Mastroianni reported on the Finance Committee. Mrs. Mazzella will take Mr. Karpinski spot and Mrs. Wagner was elected to be the chair of the Finance Committee. Questions were asked and answered.

7.b. Business Manager Report

Mrs. Kathy Trammell, Business Manager reported. Questions were asked and answered.

7.c. Capital Plan

Mr. Troy Hopkins, Superintendent reported on Capital Plan. Questions were asked and answered.

7.d. Irrigation Update

Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent, reported on the Irrigation update. Questions were asked and answered.

7.e. Storage Needs

Mrs. Mastroianni and Mr. Hopkins, reported on the Storage Needs. Questions were asked and answered.

8. **Old Business**

8.a. IT Restructure

Mr. Troy Hopkins, reported on the IT Restructure. Questions were asked and answered.

8.b. State of the Town

Mrs. Mastroianni reported on the State of the Town. Questions were asked and answered.

9. New Business

None

10. **Administrative**

10.a. Correspondence

None

10.b. **Approval of Minutes**

10.b.i. September 11, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2024. This motion, made by Karpinski and seconded by Main, Carried.

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

10.b.ii. September 25, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2024. This motion, made by Karpinski and seconded by Main, Carried.

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

11. **Calendar**

11.a. FY26 Budget Calendar

Mrs. Mastroianni reported that the 2025 Schedule of Meetings in March and April conflict with the BOF schedule.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 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