

Board of Education Minutes
November 13, 2024

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held in a hybrid format on November 13, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM in the North Stonington Education Center. Present were Mr. Burdick, Mrs. Main, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Mrs. Wagner. Also Present were Student Ambassadors Grace Cassata, James Noyes Kimberly and Mrs. Kim Haggerty, Teaching & Learning Director, Mr. Troy Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Patrick Austin was in the audience.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Mastroianni, Board Chair, called the special Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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. Trail Presentation, Sophie Zichichi

Sophie Zichichi, presented her Eagle Scout Project. This project involved improving the trail for the cross-country team. The presentation is filed with the original minutes. Questions were asked and answered.

4.b. Instruction and Learning Presentation, Kim Haggerty

Kim Haggerty, presented on the Instruction and Learning. The report is attached to the original meeting minutes. Questions were asked and answered.

5. **Reports**

5.a. Superintendent Report

Mr. Troy Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools, reported. Questions were asked and answered.

5.b. BOE Chair Report

Mrs. Mastroianni, BOE Chair, reported.

5.c. Student Ambassador Report

Grace Cassata and James Noyes, student ambassadors presented. Report is attached to the original minutes.

6. **Old Business**

6.a. BOE Calendar Adjustment based on Budget Timeline

Motion to amend the 2025 Schedule of Meetings as stated by the Chair. This motion, made by Stefanowicz and seconded by Main, Carried.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0

7. **New Business**

7.a. BOE Vacancies and Appointments

Motion to appoint Patrick Austin to the Board of Education vacant position. This position will go through November 2025. This motion, made by Wagner and seconded by Main, Carried.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 0

8. **Administrative**

8.a. **Consent Agenda**

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

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8.a.i. Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2024

8.a.ii. Policies - 4000.1/4200.1/5145.44, 0521, 6148, 6172

9. **Policy**

9.a. Policy 3171.1 - Non-Lapsing Education Fund

Motion to approve Policy 3171.1 - Non-Lapsing Education Fund. This motion, made by Wagner and seconded by Burdick, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 2

9.b. Bylaws - 9123, 9124, 9130, 9132

10. BOE Comments for Future Agenda Items

Revisiting Homework Club.

11. Public Comments

None

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:05 p.m. This motion, made by Main and seconded by Burdick, Carried.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted by
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The Board of Education