



## **Stratford Board of Education**

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### **STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Meeting Date:** 2/27/2017

**Meeting Location:** Administration Center – Board  
Room

**Approved:** **DRAFT**

**Recorded By:** Teresa Lycoudes

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## 1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
James Feehan	Board Chair		Y
Leonard Petruccelli	Board Vice Chair		Y
Theresa Sheehy	Board Secretary		Y
Chris Barnaby	Board Member		Y
Maria Buturla	Board Member		Y
Susan Lance	Board Member		Y
Eric Lazaro	Board Member		Y
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Clarence Zachery	Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Jack Dellapiano	SAA Representative	SHS Principal	Y
Mike Fiorello, Kristin Record	SEA President	BHS Instructor	Y
Robin Julian	SEA	Elementary Instructor	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

## 2 MEETING LOCATION

Building: Administration Center / Board Room – 1000 East Broadway

## 3 MEETING START

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 7:15 PM

## 4 AGENDA

- **Opening Remarks by Chair**

1. Board Chair, Jim Feehan, called the February 27, 2017 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:15 PM. A quorum was confirmed. Mr. Feehan asked everyone to stand and join **Board Member, Eric Lazaro**, for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Presentations** – There were no presentations at this meeting.

- **Public Participation** – There were three public speakers. Those who spoke are as follows:
  1. **Chris Murphy** – 4723 Main Street, Stratford CT – **Magnet Schools**
  2. **Justin Gendron** – 198 Summer Street, Stratford CT – **Drama Clubs (High Schools)**
  3. **Andrea Corcoran** – 521 Windsor Avenue, Stratford CT – **Early Dismissal for Teacher PLC**
- **Student Representatives Report** – The 2016-2017 School Representatives to the Board of Education were introduced. **Joseph Pellegrino represented Bunnell High School. Roula Kouvatas represented Stratford High School.** Both students gave a brief report about the various happenings and events throughout the month of February at Bunnell and Stratford High Schools.
- **Superintendent’s “Status of the Schools” Report** – Dr. Robinson reported about the following items:
  1. **Doodle for Google**. Dr. Robinson recognized Sarah Harrison, a sophomore at Bunnell High School, whose artwork was selected by Google in the Doodle for Google contest. The Board was given a preview of Sarah’s artwork.
  2. **Nichols Elementary – Mike Ginicola** – Dr. Robinson recognized Mike Ginicola,
  3. **Parents SEE Cohort 4** – Dr. Robinson welcomed the Parents SEE 4<sup>th</sup> Cohort group. Several members were in attendance.
  4. **Culinary Students** – The Culinary students recently served lunch to the seniors at the Baldwin Center.
  5. **Strategic Plan Update** – Dr. Robinson reported that the Action Team Leaders will meet Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for a training session with Dr. Title. She said the teams will begin to meet the next week.
- **Consent Agenda**
  - Mr. Petrucelli entertained a motion for the items contained in the **Consent Agenda** (meeting minutes, overnight trips, personnel assignments and budget transfers).
    - **Item 1: Meeting minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup> special meetings.**
    - **Item 2: Personnel Status Document.**
    - **Item 3: Budget Transfers**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MRS. SHEEHY, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE **CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **Items for Action**

- **Proposed:** 2017-2018 ITEMIZED ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES (BUDGET)

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY TO REDUCE THE BUDGET BY MRS. LANCE TO REDUCE THE BUDGET BY \$2,448,825 WHICH WOULD BRING IT TO A 2.294% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY AND OPENED FOR DISCUSSION. AFTER A BRIEF DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE THIS ITEM AND SEND IT BACK TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MR. LAZARO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7 TO 0.

- **Proposed:** FOUR ADDITIONAL "TEACHER PLC" DAYS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018.

- A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7 TO 0.

- **Tabled Items -**

1. **Scholarship Opportunities for District Student Teachers / Minority Teacher recruitment** – (remained tabled)
2. **Strategic Plan** – (remained tabled).

- **New Business**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli; seconded by Mrs. Sheehy to take the agenda out of order and talk about Item F-1 (agenda) – Magnet Schools – clarification of the policy for magnet school bussing.

1. **Update on magnet school litigation** – Mr. Feehan informed the gathering that he and administration recently met with Attorney Norm Pattis. He said Attorney Pattis believes the case is of merit, and is a strong case. Mr. Feehan said the Stratford Board of Education is set to move forward in the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli; seconded by Mr. Barnaby to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.

It was reiterated by the Board members that transportation ceases to all magnet schools including CES (6 to 6 and RCA), Discovery, and Fairchild Wheeler.

▪ **Old Business**

1. **Update: Residency Verification (Grade 5)** – Administration reported that still only 50% of the fifth grade families have complied. At this time, calls are being made to the families for residency verification.
2. **Discussion re: Middle School Attendance Policy** – A motion was made by Mr. Barnaby; seconded by Mrs. Lance, to table this item. The motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

▪ **Committee Reports**

1. **Athletic Review** – Mrs. Lance reported the Athletic Review Committee did not meet during the month of February due to the budget workshop meetings. She said the Committee will meet sometime in March to continue discussion and move forward with a Middle School academics policy in regards to students who are participating in middle school sports programs.
2. **School Plant / Planning Committee** – The School Plant Planning Committee did not meet during the month of February.
4. **Finance Committee** – Mr. Petruccelli reported that the Finance Committee held a total of seven (7) budget workshop meetings. (January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, February 8<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and February 21<sup>st</sup>. He said a lot of time and careful consideration was put into this endeavor by the Committee members.
5. **Curriculum Committee** – Mrs. Buturla said that other than the items for action voted on earlier, the Committee was given a presentation on the Dual Language Program.

▪ **Other Committees:**

- **CABE** – There was no report.
- **CES** – There was no report.
- **Town / BOE Liaison** – Mr. Petruccelli reported the Town/BOE Liaison Committee did not meet during the month of February.

- **Town Building Needs** – Mr. Petruccelli reported that the Town Building Needs Committee met on February 15<sup>th</sup>. He said two zoning decisions were positive. He also reported that the committee anticipates a shovel in the ground by May for the Stratford High School renovation project.
- **PTSA** – Mrs. Lance reported the PTA Council did not meet in February.
- **CARE Committee** – The Committee is set to meet March 1, 2017. Mrs. Lance will cover this meeting on behalf of the Board Chair.
- **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There were no Committee appointments / assignments.
- **Board Goals 2016-18** – The Board Goals for 2016-18 will be reviewed at a future meeting. Mr. Feehan announced he would be adding the BHS Field House back to his goals.
- **Good and Welfare** – The following items were reported:
  1. **Early Dismissal – March 10, 2017 (Teacher PLC Day)**
- **ITEMS “TO DO”**
  1. Distribute Roof project list to Board members.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
  - The meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM upon a motion made by Mr. Petruccelli; seconded by Mrs. Sheehy, and carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. The meeting will be held at the Administration Center (as normally scheduled) in the Board Room. The meeting start time will be the regular start time of 7:15 PM.

***Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:***

**ATTEST:**   
**Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent**