



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: 3/27/2017

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

Approved: 4/24/2017

Recorded By: Teresa Lycoudes

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
James Feehan	Board Chair		Y
Leonard Petruccelli	Board Vice Chair		Y
Theresa Sheehy	Board Secretary		N
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
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

Actual Start Time: 7:19 PM

4 AGENDA

- **Opening Remarks by Chair**

1. Board Chair (James Feehan) called the March 27, 2017 Board of Education meeting to order at 7:15 PM. A quorum was confirmed, and Mr. Feehan asked everyone to stand and join **Board Member, Susan Lance**, for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Presentations** – Board of Education Appreciation. – Dr. Robinson informed the gathering that March is Board Appreciation month. She thanked the Board members for their time and dedication they give to Stratford Public School. Each Board member was given a small gift for their volunteer efforts.
- **Public Participation** – There were four adult public speakers and two students. Those who spoke are as follows:
 1. **Students** – *School Climate* – **Chapel Street Elementary School**
 2. **Lee Ann Murphy** – *20 Nutmeg Lane, Stratford CT* – **School climate at Chapel Elementary**
 3. **Leanne Small** – *135 Cutspring Road, Stratford CT* – **School climate at Chapel Elementary**
 4. **Andrea Veilleux** – *441 Washington Parkway, Stratford CT* – **Board of Ed Budget**
 5. **Henry Bruce** – *37 Jefferson Street, Stratford CT* - **Move Stratford Public Forum**
- **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. **District Website**. Dr. Robinson reported that a new website for the district will be debuting in the very near future. She said the new website will be more user friendly and accommodating for posting necessary information.
 2. **NGSS** – Dr. Robinson said the new science standards have just been approved and will also be available in the very near future.
 3. **Technology Students** – Dr. Robinson congratulated the technology students for their high achievements at the State’s competition.
 4. **Financial Literacy** – April is Financial Literacy month. You will be seeing various activities taking place at the district schools. Dr. Robinson said several local businesses participate in these activities.
 5. **Education Committee** – Dr. Robinson reported that the Education Committee has been hard at work. She said there may be a change in the ECS formula. She said more will be reported.
- **Audit Firm:** Mr. Feehan reported that the Board’s attorney would select the attorney who will select an audit firm. Mr. Feehan stated that the

attorney has been selected. His name is Nicholas Grello . This attorney currently has no contracts with the Board of Education. Questions from the public can be sent to Board Secretary, Teresa Lycoudes, and these questions will be forwarded to the attorney who in turn will forward to the auditing firm. Administration and Board members will have no direct contact with the auditors.

- **Consent Agenda**

- Mr. Feehan 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 February 27th regular meeting and March 7th, March 15th, and March 22nd special meetings.**
 - **Overnight Field Trip request to Nature's Classroom (Eli Whitney – October 2017) (included in the Board Agenda)**
 - **Item 2: Personnel Status Document (March 2017)(included in Board Agenda).**
 - **Item 3: Budget Transfers (included in the Board Agenda)**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PETRUCCELLI; SECONDED BY MR. BARNABY, TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE **CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (6:0)

- **Items for Action**

- **Proposed:** SRBI (A Scientific Research-Based Intervention) Approach to Student Learning and Behavior (Grades PreK – 12) – referred by the Curriculum Committee.
 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MRS. LANCE TO APPROVE THE SRBI APPROACH TO STUDENT LEARNING AND BEHAVIOR (GRADES PREK – 12).
- **Proposed:** DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM (Meeting the needs of the ESOL Population – as referred by the Curriculum Committee).
 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MR. PETRUCCELLI. THE MOTION CARRIED. (5:1 – Chair voted No)
- **Proposed:** Block Scheduling for Bunnell and Stratford High School to be implemented 2018-19 School Year – as referred by the Curriculum Committee
 - A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MR. LAZARO. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (6:0)

- **Tabled Items -**

- 1. Scholarship Opportunities for District Student Teachers / Minority Teacher recruitment – (remained tabled)**
- 2. Strategic Plan – (remained tabled).**
- 3. Middle School Attendance Policy**
- 4. Magnet School Transportation**
- 5. Residency Verification (Grade 5)**

A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli; seconded by Mr. Barnaby to remove Item #4 (Magnet School Transportation) from the table. The motion carried.

Mr. Feehan reported that a lawsuit has been filed by Stratford Board of Education against Bridgeport Magnet Schools and with the State Department of Education Commissioner, as well. He said the first hearing took place earlier in the day. Mr. Feehan informed the group that he would offer updates as they came available.

▪ **Old Business**

- 1. Update: Residency Verification (Grade 5) –** Chairman Feehan informed the gathering that a residency hearing will be scheduled for April 6th for families who have not complied with residency verification (grade 5).

A motion was made by Mr. Petruccelli; second by Mrs. Lance to table Residency Verification.

▪ **Committee Reports**

- 1. Athletic Review –** Mrs. Lance reported the Athletic Review Committee did not meet during the month of March. She said the Committee will meet sometime in the near future 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 March.
- 4. Finance Committee –** Mr. Petruccelli reported that the Finance Committee met briefly before the Board meeting. He said discussion took place regarding the budget transfers included in this agenda and in regards to the regular monthly reports (also included in this agenda).
- 5. Curriculum Committee –** Mrs. Buturla said there was nothing to report.

▪ **Other Committees:**

- **CABE** – There was no report.
 - **CES** – There was no report due to Mrs. Sheehy’s absence.
 - **Town / BOE Liaison** – Mr. Petruccelli reported the Town/BOE Liaison Committee did not meet during the month of March.
 - **Town Building Needs** – Mr. Petruccelli reported that the Town Building Needs Committee met on March 20th 2017. He said Turner Construction would be going out to bid for the Stratford High School project. He said discussion also took place regarding the Bunnell High School Field House and Solar Panels for new roof projects.
 - **PTSA** – Mrs. Lance reported the PTA Council has scheduled a special meeting to discuss the budget. The meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2017 and will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting location is the Board Room.
 - **CARE Committee** – Mr. Zachery attended the CARE Awards Banquet.
- **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There were no Committee appointments / assignments.
 - **Board Goals 2016-18** – The Board Goals for 2016-18 will be reviewed at the April meeting.
 - **Good and Welfare** – The following items were reported:
 1. **Residency Hearing** – April 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The hours between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM will be designated for families to bring their documentation in an effort to avoid going before the Board at an actual hearing.
 - **ADJOURNMENT**
 - The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM upon a motion made by Mr. Petruccelli seconded by Mrs. Lance, and carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, April 24 , 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:



Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
