



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:
September 24, 2018

Meeting Location: Board Room / Admin. Ctr.
1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615

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**Recorded By: Teresa Lycoudes/
Secretary to the Board of Education**

1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Location	Present
Eric Lazaro	Board Chair		Y
Susan Lance	Board Vice Chair		Y
Maria Buturla	Board Secretary		Y
Allison DelBene	Board Member		Y
Bob DeLorenzo	Board Member		Y
Vinny Faggella	Board Member		Y
Karen Rodia	Board Member		Y
Dr. Janet Robinson	Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Ron Melnik	Chief Operating Officer	Central Office	Y
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
Harold Greist	SAA Representative	SHS Principal	Y
Mike Fiorello, Kristin Record, Robin Julian	SEA Representatives	SHS, BHS & VSS - Instructors	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: 7:15 PM

4 AGENDA –

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – The Board Chair (Eric Lazaro) opened the **August 27, 2018** Board of Education meeting (held in the Board Room / Administration Center – 1000 East Broadway, Stratford CT) at 7:15 PM. He asked everyone to stand and join Board Member, **Maria Buturla**, in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Presentations** –the following occurred:
 1. **Teacher of the Year – Jennifer Mangiafico (Chapel Street Elementary School).**
 - **Teacher of the Year Recipient**, Jennifer Mangiafico (Chapel Street Elementary School) was honored with a plaque presented by Superintendent Robinson, on behalf of the Stratford Board of Education.
 - **Teacher of the Year Nominees** were also publicly recognized. They are:
 - *Aimee Puskar* – Eli Whitney Elementary School
 - *Cyrilla Turechek* – Stratford Academy – Johnson House Elementary School
 - *Christine Ebner* – Flood Middle School
 - *Marybeth Petrella* – Stratford Academy – Victoria Soto School
 - *Marina Ciccarini* – Wooster Middle School
 - *Vittoria Pillo* – Lordship Elementary School
 2. **SBAC Assessments** – A brief presentation on SBAC Assessments was given by Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Linda Gejda; STEM Coordinator Harold Greist; and Literacy Coordinator Susan Schmidt.
- **Student Representatives Report** – The Student Representatives to the Board of Education were introduced from Bunnell and Stratford High School. Each student reported about the events happening at their school.
 1. **Bunnell High School – Holly Rosa**
 2. **Stratford High School – Cheree Wright**
- **Superintendent’s Executive Report** – Dr. Robinson reported about the following:
 - Commending the Student Representatives
 - Transportation Issues
 - Strategic Plan & Strategic Plan Oversight Committee (SPOC)
 - Teacher Evaluation Plan (TEVAL)
 - District Enrollment
 - Registration – Welcome Center / Placement, etc.
 - Number of Students Exiting the District
- **Chief Operating Officer’s Report** – Mr. Melnik reported about the following items:
 - Transportation
 - Food Service Audit

- OSHA
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- **Public Participation** – The following members of the public spoke:
 1. **Andrea Corcoran** – 521 Windsor Ave. – **School Policy Uniformity**
 2. **James Shaham** – 70 Ash Street – **Aqua Program Bussing**
 3. **Greg Cann** – 234 Klondike Street – **Steps towards Accountability**
 4. **Lorenzo Elder** – 226 Garibaldi Ave., Stratford CT – **Just Quickly**
 5. **Robert Lombard** – 1140 Chapel Street – **School Bus Stop**
 6. **David Steer** – 11 Champion Terrace – **Aquaculture Program**
 7. **Ranya Hamada** – 95 Linton Street – **Cheshire/Cutspring Bus Stop**
 8. **Andrea Veilleux** – 441 Washington Parkway - **Finance**
 9. **Brooke Trasy** – 30 Ash Street – **Large Class Sizes**

Mr. Lazaro thanked the public speakers for their concerns and their comments. He stated that the classroom sizes are well within the contractual guidelines. He also reminded the public that no one wanted layoffs; therefore, the only viable option was to reduce transportation. He said many public conversations were held regarding transportation, and many conversations have been held with the Superintendent and Mr. Melnick regarding transportation, as well.

- **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (*Reference BOE Policy #9326*)
 - a) Minutes from the **August 27, 2018 (regular meeting)**
 2. **Personnel Document** (Staff Assignments)
 3. **Overnight Trip requests for the following:**
 - Trip to Orlando, Florida – SHS Music Department
 - Trip to Orlando, Florida – HOSA Students
 - Trip to Montreal, CANADA – World Language Students

It was the consensus of the Board, at the request of Mrs. DelBene to take Consent Agenda item 3c separately. A motion was made by Mrs. DelBene; seconded by Mrs. Rodia, and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. DeLorenzo; seconded by Mr. Faggella to accept the rest of the Consent Agenda (see above). The **motion passed unanimously. (7 to 0)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lance; seconded by Mrs. DelBene to open Item 3c for discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3-c

1. **Overnight Trip Request to Montreal, CANADA (World Language Department)** – Mrs. DelBene expressed her concern as to how this trip relates to the curriculum, and in addition the days of school

missed (missed instruction). At 9:14 PM, the Board recessed. The Board reconvened at 9:21 PM.

Mrs. DelBene asked for explanation on how World Language standards will be addressed by the trip; and, in addition, requested a post activity that would address those standards. With that being said, Mrs. DelBene moved to approve the trip (with the aforementioned caveat); seconded by Mrs. Rodia, and **carried unanimously. (7 to 0)**

- **Items for Discussion / Action**

- **Proposed: “Second Read” for Policy #6146 – Graduation Requirements** – The aforementioned proposal was referred to the Board (with a favorable recommendation) by the Policy Review Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA; SECONDED BY MRS. LANCE TO APPROVE THE SECOND READ STATUS AND ADOPT POLICY 6146 “GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS” (forwarded by the Policy Committee with a favorable recommendation). **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0). The policy was adopted.**

- **Proposed: Curriculum – Grade 9 Modern World History –**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MRS. DELBENE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE AFOREMENTIONED CURRICULUM. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0).**

- **Proposed: Curriculum – Grade 11 AP Government & Politics -**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MRS. DELBENE TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED CURRICULUM. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**

- **Proposed: Curriculum – Library Media (Grades K-6) -**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. BUTURLA; SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED CURRICULUM. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**

- **Proposed: Food Services ED099 -**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MR. FAGGELLA TO DESIGNATE DR. JANET ROBINSON AND RON MELNIK AS AUTHORIZED SIGNERS FOR FOOD SERVICES ED099. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**

- **Proposed: Increase Cost of Meals by .05 cents for 2018-2019 school year as per the State mandated price calculator -**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA TO ADOPT THE .05 CENT PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL MEALS. THE **MOTION CARRIED** UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)

- **Tabled Items -**

- **Scholarship Opportunities for District Student Teachers / Minority Teacher recruitment**
- **Middle School Attendance Policy**
- **Residency Verification**

The “Tabled Items” remained on the table.

- **Old Business for Information / Discussion**

- There was none.

- **New Business for Information / Discussion**

- There was none.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Athletic Review** – There was nothing new to report. Mr. DeLorenzo said that he hopes to schedule a meeting in the very near future.
- **School Plant / Planning Committee** – Mr. Faggella reported a meeting will be scheduled with the Renaming (BHS Field House) Committee in the near future.
- **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting.
- **Curriculum Committee** – The Curriculum Committee met on September 11th and moved forward the items voted on earlier in this meeting.
- **Chairmen’s Committee** – A special Chairmen’s Committee took place on September 19, 2018.

- **Other Committees: A brief report was given on the following committees.**

- **CABE**
- **CARE**

- **CES**
 - **Town / BOE Liaison**
 - **Town Building Needs**
 - **PTSA**
- **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There were no Committee appointments or assignments.
 - **Executive Session** –A motion was made by Mr. DeLorenzo; seconded by Mrs. DelBene to enter Executive Session including all Board members present, Dr. Robinson, Mr. Melnik, and Mr. Molloy. The purpose for Executive Session was for the discussion on School Safety & Security and the Superintendent’s Contract.

The motion to enter Executive Session carried unanimously and the Board entered Executive Session at 9:42 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session and entered Public Session at 10:23 PM.
 - **ADJOURNMENT**
 - The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM upon a motion made by Mrs. Buturla; seconded by Mr. Faggella, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, October 22, 2018**. The meeting location will be the Board Room at the Administration Center (1000 East Broadway) and the meeting time will be 7:15 PM.

Upcoming Events:

- A. Tuesday, September 25, 2018 – Open House at Eli Whitney Elementary School
- B. Wednesday, September 26, 2018 – Open House at Wooster Middle School
- C. Thursday, September 27, 2018 – Lordship Elementary School
- D. October 2, 2018 – Early Dismissal PLC Day
- E. October 2, 2018 – Open House at Wilcoxson Elementary School
- F. Thursday, October 4, 2018 – Open House at Stratford High School
- G. Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – Open House at Nichols Elementary School
- H. Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – Curriculum Committee Meeting
- I. Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – Open House at Franklin Elementary School
- J. Thursday, October 11, 2018 – Open House at ALPHA

The remainder Board meetings for 2018 are:

- 1. October 22, 2018
- 2. November 26, 2018
- 3. December 17, 2018

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



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