



## **Stratford Board of Education**

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

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**Meeting Date:**  
**June 25, 2018**

**Meeting Location: Board Room**  
**1000 East Broadway, Stratford CT 06615**

**DRAFT**

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

**Recorded By: Lou Spetrino**

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**1 ATTENDANCE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Present</b>
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
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		Y
Mike Fiorello,	SEA President	SHS Instructor	Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

**2 MEETING LOCATION**

Building: Board Room / Administration Center – 1000 East Broadway – Stratford CT 06615

**3 MEETING START**

Meeting Scheduled to Start: 7:15 PM  
Actual Start Time: 7:15 PM

**4 AGENDA –**

- **Opening Remarks by Chair** – Board Chair, Eric Lazaro, opened the **June 25, 2018** Board of Education meeting (held in the Board Room at the Administration Center, 1000 East Broadway, Stratford CT) at 7:15 PM. A quorum was confirmed.

- **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Lazaro asked everyone to stand and join Board Member, **Bob DeLorenzo**, in the Invocation and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Presentations** – There were no presentations. School ended on June 15, 2018.
- **Student Representatives Report** – There were no Student Representative reports.
- **Public Participation** – There were Ten (10) public speakers. Their names and information are listed below:
  1. **Susan Marcus** – *286 Nassau Road, Stratford CT 06614* – re Transportation for ALP students / parents.
  2. **Jim Lynch** – *82 Prospect Road, Stratford CT 06615* – re Transportation for ALP students / parents.
  3. **Monica Short** – *304 Huntington Road, Stratford CT 06614* - re possible layoff of teachers at Eli Whitney Elementary School.
  4. **Richard Brown** – *6375 Main Street, Stratford CT 06615* – re support of Stratford Public Schools and plea for transportation for ALP students.
  5. **Maria Aguirre** – *195 Albright Ave., Stratford CT 06614* – re Transportation for ALP students / parents.
  6. **Marina Byrne** – *79 Homestead Ave., Stratford CT 06615* – re Transportation for ALP students / parents.
  7. **Paul Byrne** - *79 Homestead Ave., Stratford CT 06615* – re Transportation for ALP students / parents.
  8. **Julie & Robert Arcos** – *56 Brightwood Ave., Stratford CT 06614* – re Transportation for ALP students/parents.
  9. **Jason Garnett** –
  10. **Lorenzo Elder** – *226 Garibaldi Ave., Stratford CT 06615* – re positive remarks for Stratford Public Schools, Board of Education and Administration.
- **Superintendent’s Executive Report** – Dr. Robinson reported about the following items:
  - New Chief Operating Officer – Ron Melnik – on board July 1, 2018
  - Senior Walk / Graduation 2018 (June 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>)
  - Stratford High School Walk-Thru Tour (June 26<sup>th</sup>)
  - Meeting with Durham

- **Consent Agenda**

- The Consent Agenda was approved upon a motion made by Mr. Faggella; seconded by Mrs. DelBene, and carried unanimously (7:0).

The Consent Agenda included the following:

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (*Reference BOE Policy #9326*)

- a) Minutes from the *May 29, 2018 (regular meeting) and the June 21, 2018 (special meeting)*.

2. **Personnel Document (Staff Assignments)**

- **Items for Discussion / Action**

- **Proposed: Policies for “Second Read” approval and final adoption:**

- Policy 5141.5 – Suicide Prevention
  - A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE “SECOND READ” FOR **POLICY 5141.5 SUICIDE PREVENTION** WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MRS. BUTURLA, AND **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**
- Policy 5144.3 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
  - A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE “SECOND READ” FOR **POLICY 5144.3 DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** WAS MADE BY MR. FAGGELLA; SECONDED BY MR. DELORENZO, AND **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**
- Policy 6111 – School Calendar
  - A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE “SECOND READ” FOR **POLICY 6111 SCHOOL CALENDAR** WAS MADE BY MRS. DELBENE; SECONDED BY MRS. BUTURLA, AND **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7:0)**

- **Proposed:** Revised curriculum for AP Computer Science Principles (Pathway Programs) – forwarded with a favorable recommendation made by the Curriculum Committee.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE; SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED REVISED CURRICULUM FOR AP COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES (PATHWAY PROGRAMS) FORWARDED TO THE FULL BOARD WITH A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE. HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0).**

- **Proposed:** Textbook for AP Unites States Government (Grade 11) – forwarded by the Curriculum Committee with a favorable recommendation.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA; SECONDED BY MR. FAGGELLA TO ADOPT THE AFOREMENTIONED TEXTBOOK. HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0)**.

- **Proposed:** Participation of Stratford Public Schools in the CE) (Community Eligibility Provision) for 2018-2019.

A brief discussion took place regarding the program and concerns expressed by some of the Board members. Mrs. Lance asked for an explanation of what the program is about. Mr. Zachery reported it is a government program where free breakfast and free lunch will be provided to all children at the elementary level beginning 2018-2019 school year. He said the district is at approximately 45% free & reduced status and the program's eligibility requirement is 40%. He stated that it is not a new program; it has been around, but Stratford now qualifies to participate. He said he is still working on the numbers in an effort to qualify the middle and high schools.

Hearing no further discussion:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA; SECONDED BY MRS. BUTURLA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP). HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0)**.

Board Chair, Eric Lazaro, requested Item #7 be stricken from the agenda as it did not reach a vote, at this point in time (Secretaries Contract).

- **Tabled Items -**

- **Scholarship Opportunities for District Student Teachers / Minority Teacher recruitment**
- **Middle School Attendance Policy**
- **Magnet School**
- **Residency Verification (Grade 5)**

Board Chair, Eric Lazaro requested that Item #3 "Magnet School" be stricken from Tabled Items. The remaining tabled items will remain on the table.

- **Old Business for Information / Discussion**

- There was none.

- **New Business for Information / Discussion**

There was none.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Athletic Review** – Mr. DeLorenzo reported the Committee Met on May 8, 2018. He said they discussed new scoreboards for Bunnell High School, and a Brick Walk fundraiser.

- **School Plant / Planning Committee** – The School Plant Planning Committee did not meet during the month of June. Mr. Faggella stated he would be meeting in August with the BHS Field House Committee regarding renaming of the Field House.
- **Finance Committee** – Mrs. Lance reported the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. She said Mr. Zachery gave a brief update as to the status of the FY 2017-18 operating budget and for FY 2018-19, as well.
- **Curriculum Committee** – Mrs. Buturla reported the Curriculum Committee did meet in June in regards to the items that were put forth requesting Board action.
- **Other Committees:**
  - **CABE** – There was nothing new to report.
  - **CARE** – There was nothing new to report.
  - **CES** – There was nothing new to report.
  - **Town / BOE Liaison** – Mr. Lazaro reported the Town / BOE Liaison Committee met on June 20, 2018.
  - **Town Building Needs** – Mrs. Lance and Mr. DeLorenzo both reported that the majority of the Town Building Needs meeting focused on the Stratford High School project.
  - **PTSA** – The PTSA Council did not meet in June, and will resume meetings once school starts back up in the fall.
- **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There are no current vacancies at this point in time.
- **Good and Welfare** – The Board members each took the opportunity to thank the community for speaking about their concerns, etc. They also offered comment regarding the 2018 Graduation ceremonies at both Bunnell and Stratford High Schools. Each had a very positive experience and were honored to participate.
- **Executive Session** – At 8:30 PM, the Board entered Executive Session on a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Lance, and carried unanimously. Executive Session included all Board members, Dr. Robinson and Mr. Zachery. The purpose for Executive Session was to discuss salary increases for non-union employees (2018-2019), and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

At 9:16 PM, the Board reconvened in Public Session.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. DELBENE; SECONDED BY MR. FAGGELLA TO APPROVE A WAGE INCREASE OF 1.5% FOR NON-UNION STAFF MEMBERS. THE **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (7:0)**.

▪ **Upcoming Dates:**

- July 4, 2018 – Board of Ed. Administration Center will be closed in observance of the holiday.
- August 27, 2018 – Opening Convocation

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM upon a motion made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mrs. Buturla, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, August 27, 2018**. The Board normally does not meet during the month of July. The meeting location for the August meeting will be the Board Room at the Administration Center (1000 East Broadway) and the meeting time will be 7:15 PM.



**Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:** Teresa Lycoudes, Board Secretary & Executive Assistant to the Superintendent