



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date:
February 25, 2019

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

**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	N
Linda Gejda	Asst. Superintendent	Central Office	Y
Teresa Lycoudes	Recorder / Board Secretary	Central Office	Y
SAA Representative			Y
SEA Representatives			Y
Lou Spetrino	Videographer		Y

2 MEETING LOCATION

- *Please visit the website at www.stratfordk12.org to see the meeting video.*
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 **February 25, 2019** Board of Education meeting (held in the Board Room / Administration Center – 1000 East Broadway, Stratford CT) at 7:15 PM. A Quorum was confirmed. Mr. Lazaro asked everyone to stand and join Board Member, Bob DeLorenzo, in reciting the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

- **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**

- **Presentations / Supt. Robinson’s Executive Report** –the following occurred:
 1. **Parents SEE Group**
 - Dr. Robinson recognized the 6th cohort group of the Parents SEE program. She said the program to date has been very successful over all of the cohort groups. She also recognized some members in the audience from the previous cohort groups.
 2. **Community Table-top Security Event** – Birdseye Complex
 - Dr. Robinson informed the gathering that Stratford participated in a successful table-top security workshop at the Birdseye Complex. Police, EMS, Fire, Security and Schools came together for this endeavor.

- **Chief Operating Officer’s Report** – Mr. Melnik was not present to report.

- **Public Participation** – There was one public speaker:
 1. **Lorenzo Elder** – *226 Garibaldi Ave.* – **Falling Trees**

- **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (*Reference BOE Policy #9326*)
 - a) Minutes from the **January 28, 2019 (regular meeting)**
 2. **Personnel Document** (Staff Assignments)
 3. **Budget Transfers over \$7500** – (There were none)

A Motion was made by Mrs. Lance to separate the Personnel Assignments from the rest of the consent agenda. Mrs. DelBene seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The minutes from the January 28, 2019 Board of Education meeting were accepted and approved on a motion made by Mrs. Lance; seconded by Mrs. Buturla, and carried unanimously.

The Personnel Assignments were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Lance; seconded by Mr. Faggella, and carried. Mrs. Lance recused herself from the vote, and Mrs. Rodia abstained.

There were no budget transfers.

- **Items for Discussion / Action**

- **Proposed:** High School Scheduling (Tabled) – A motion was made by Mr. Faggella; seconded by Mr. DeLorenzo to remove this item from the table for discussion and possible action. After a brief discussion with both high school principals, and some brief discussion of the Board, a recess was called at 8:11 PM. When the Board reconvened at 8:21 PM, it was moved to place the item back on the Table as follows:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. RODIA/ SECONDED BY MR. FAGGELLA TO PLACE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING BACK ON THE TABLE. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN in favor of placing the item back on the table.

Eric Lazaro – Yes

Susan Lance – No

Maria Buturla – Yes

Allison DelBene – Yes

Bob DeLorenzo – Yes

Vinny Faggella – No

Karen Rodia – Yes

The motion carried 5 to 2.

- **Proposed:** Durham Transportation Contract (Tabled) –remained tabled.
- **Proposed:** Tuition Rates for 2018-2019 SY

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE / SECONDED BY MRS. RODIA TO ACCEPT THE TUITION RATES FOR SY 2018-2019. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (7-0)

- **Tabled Items -**

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

- **Old Business for Information / Discussion**

- Mrs. Rodia led a brief discussion regarding homework focused mainly on the middle schools. Mr. Lazaro asked for a copy of the current Homework Policy to be sent to Board members with their weekly packet.

- **New Business for Information / Discussion**

- There was none.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Athletic Review** – Athletic Review did not meet.

- **School Plant / Planning Committee** – Mr. Faggella said he hopes to schedule a meeting in the near future. He had planned to meet on February 26th, but was bumped by the Finance committee.
 - **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. February 26th and 28th will be the dates for the next budget workshop meetings.
 - **Curriculum Committee** – The Curriculum Committee did not meet.
 - **Chairmen’s Committee** – The Chairmen’s Committee met on February 21, 2019.
- **Other Committees: A brief report was given on the following committees.**
 - **CABE** - There was nothing new to report.
 - **CARE** - Dr. Robinson attended the monthly CARE meeting. She said the members of the CARE Committee want to partner with the SBOE in regards to minority teacher recruitment.
 - **CES** - CES did not meet.
 - **Town / BOE Liaison** – The Liaison meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - **Town Building Needs** - The Town Bldg. Needs continued their discussions on the SHS renovation project.
 - **PTSA** – The PTSA Council did not meet
 - **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There were no Committee appointments or assignments.
 - **Executive Session** –There was no need for an Executive Session.
 - **ADJOURNMENT**
 - The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM upon a motion made by Mrs. Lance; seconded by Mrs. Rodia, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Monday, March 25, 2019**. The meeting location is TBD.

Upcoming Events (Can be viewed on the District Website Calendar)

- a) February 26, 2019 – Budget Workshop at 6:30 PM / Board Room
- b) February 28, 2019 – Budget Workshop at 6:30 PM / Board Room

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



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