



Stratford Board of Education

STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: April 22, 2019

Meeting Location: Board Room / Admin. Ctr.

1000 East Broadway, Stratford, CT 06615

and

Stratford High School Cafeteria

245 King Street, 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	Y
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 **April 22, 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.

At that time, Mr. Lazaro recessed the meeting and informed the public the meeting would relocate to Stratford High School due to seating capacity.

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM in the cafeteria at Stratford High School (245 King Street, Stratford CT 06615).

- Mr. Lazaro asked everyone to stand and join Board Member, Bob DeLorenzo, in the recitation of 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 various events happening at their school.
 1. **Bunnell High School – Holly Rosa**
 2. **Stratford High School – Cheree Wright**
 - Cheree gave each Board member, Dr. Robinson, Mr. Melnik, and Dr. Gejda a commemorative brick from the old Stratford High School structure.
- **Presentations / Supt. Robinson’s Executive Report** –the following occurred:
 1. **Grants Administrator – Dr. Kevin Klemme**
 - Dr. Klemme spoke about grants that are funding some of the programs in the Stratford Public Schools; and, the receipt of new grants, as well.
 2. **Superintendent’s Executive Report:**
 - HOSA Competition. The HOSA students recently competed at State level and brought home 23 medals.
 - Strategic Plan Update
 - College Acceptances
 - Kindergarten Registration – 356 new registrations at present.
 - Meeting with Union Leadership
- **Chief Operating Officer’s Report** – Mr. Melnik reported the following:
 1. Health Insurance Bid
 2. Enrollment Numbers – April reflects an increase of 14 students.
 3. Financials - Everything is on track.
 4. Community Eligibility Provision – Application will be submitted mid May 2019. Seven of the nine elementary schools are eligible.
- **Public Participation** – There were two public speakers:
 1. **Mike Fiorello** – *President, SEA (Stratford Educators Association)* – **Furlough Days**
 2. **Lorenzo Elder** – *226 Garibaldi Avenue* – **8 Months In**
- **Consent Agenda**
 1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** (*Reference BOE Policy #9326*)
 - a) Minutes from the **March 25, 2019 (regular meeting)**

b) Minutes from the *March 5, 2019* (special meeting)

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

3. **Budget Transfers over \$7500 – (There were none)**

A Motion was made by Mrs. Rodia; seconded by Mr. Faggella to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. The motion carried unanimously. 7-0

• **Items for Discussion / Action**

- **Proposed: Graduation Date** – The principals from both Bunnell and Stratford High Schools requested June 11, 2019 be set as graduation for Stratford Public School seniors.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. LANCE SECONDED BY MRS. BUTURLA TO SET GRADUATION FOR BOTH BUNNELL AND STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL ON JUNE 11, 2019 (WITH A RAIN DATE OF JUNE 12TH). THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

- **Proposed: Tentative Last Day of School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. DELBENE/ SECONDED BY MR. DELORENZO TO SET THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AS JUNE 13, 2019 (TENTATIVELY – BARRING NO FURTHER EMERGENCIES). THE DISTRICT LOST 2 DAYS OF SCHOOL TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. 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**

All items remained tabled.

▪ **Old Business for Information / Discussion**

▪ **New Business for Information / Discussion**

- **NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT** - Dr. Gejda gave a presentation on the Next Generation Accountability Report.

▪ **Committee Reports**

- **Athletic Review** – Athletic Review did not meet. The May 2nd meeting will be rescheduled due to the Athletic Director’s unavailability to meet.
- **School Plant / Planning Committee** – Mr. Faggella reported that School Plant Planning did not meet in April. He stated he is looking to schedule a meeting in the near future.
- **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting.
- **Curriculum Committee** – The Curriculum Committee met on April 9, 2019.
- **Chairmen’s Committee** – The Chairmen’s Committee did not meet in April.

- **Other Committees: A brief report was given on the following committees.**
 - **CABE** - There was nothing new to report.
 - **CARE** – There was nothing new to report.
 - **CES** - Mr. Faggella reported that CES is in the process of evaluating the Executive Director.
 - **Town / BOE Liaison** – A special meeting of the Liaison Committee was held on April 10, 2019 to talk about the 2019-2020 Itemized Estimate of Expenditures. Members of the Liaison Committee, Board members and Administration were in attendance. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for April 23rd at Bunnell High School.
 - **Town Building Needs** – There is nothing new to report at this time.
 - **PTSA** – The PTSA Council did not meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2019
- **Committee Appointments / Assignments** – There were no Committee appointments or assignments.
- **Other Business**
There was none.
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Mrs. Lance gave kudos to Stratford High School for their production of Mamma Mia.
- **Executive Session** – It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to enter Executive Session at 8:52 PM. Executive Session included all Board members present and the Superintendent. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Supt’s Goals / Evaluation.
The Board reconvened in Public Session at 9:44 PM. There was no action needed for Executive Session items.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
 - The meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM upon a motion made by Mrs. Lance; seconded by Mrs. Buturla, and carried unanimously.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Stratford Board of Education is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 28, 2019**. The meeting location is TBD.

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

- a) April 23, 2019 – Public Budget Hearing at Bunnell High School

Meeting recorded and minutes transcribed by:



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