

# Board of Education Meeting Minutes

## October 19, 2011

### 1. School Community Session- 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Members Present: Chairman Stephanie Hall; Meredith Doyen, Jamie Doucette, Sara McLean, Laurie Finan.

Mr. Charles Meyers, Superintendent/Principal; Marilyn Conroy, Business Manager; Sharon Patterson, District Treasurer; Ann-Marie Thibodeau, Claims Auditor; Dawn Brolin, Outside Consultant.

- 1.1 Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Hall called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.2 Public Participation – Ann-Marie Thibodeau requested an Executive Session with the Board Members for discussion of personnel matters. The Board agreed to meet with Mrs. Thibodeau in Executive Session at the end of the Public Session.

Jamie Doucette made a motion to go into Executive Session seconded by Laurie Finan. Motion carried: 5-0.

The Public Session of the Board Meeting resumed at 6:25 p.m.

### 2. Consent Agenda- Chairman Hall requested a motion to add additional warrants # 16 in the amount of \$21,020.16, #17 in the amount of \$4,836.00 and #18 in the amount of \$1,676.88

Sara McLean made a motion to add the additional warrants, seconded by Jamie Doucette.

Motion carried: 5-0.

2.1	Warrants Payable	Total	\$ 93,113.45
	Warrant # 11 Payroll		30,959.71
	Warrant # 12 Multi-Fund		939.09
	Warrant # 13 Multi-Fund		32,761.84
	Warrant # 14 Payroll		27,468.52
	Warrant # 15 FITA/ERS		984.29

Meredith Doyen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Laurie Finan.

Motion carried: 5-0.

### 3. Action Items (*Board Chairman*)

- 3.1 Motion: To Approve Minutes of the September 21, 2011 Board of Education Meeting

Meredith Doyen made a motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2011 Board of Education Meeting, seconded by Laurie Finan.  
Motion carried: 5-0.

- 3.2 Motion: To Approve Appointment of the following extracurricular positions:  
Sewing/Knitting Club – Leslie Tombari & Yaritza Gello  
Biking Club – Christine Anifantakis (Fall) & Michael George (Spring)  
Drama Club – Sara Rafferty  
History Movie Club – Michael George  
Curriculum Extension/Cultural Arts Coordinator – Kelly Ramsey  
Accompanist for Winter and Spring Concerts – Nate Matzdorff  
Fitness Club – Michael George

Laurie Finan made a motion to approve the above appointments for extracurricular positions, seconded by Sara McLean.  
Motion carried: 5-0.

- 3.3 Motion: To Approve a Capital Projects expenditure for a protection screen on the gym window by Storm Solutions, Inc.  
Mr. Meyers stated that he had received a quote from Mr. Tony Tremaine for a roll-up protective screen for the large window in the gym. During the recent hurricane Trooper Kevin Drew had noticed that the large window in the gym was unprotected. Since the school gym is a designated shelter during a hurricane, he felt that the window should be protected. Mr. Meyers mentioned that the protection screen could also help darken the gym, and that there is some money left in the capital improvements project budget which could be used for this purpose. Following some discussion, the Board decided to table this motion pending further information. Mr. Meyers will do some research for the next meeting regarding other alternatives.
- 3.4 Motion: To Approve Mileage Reimbursement at the current IRS Rate. The Board decided to state in the Policy Manual that the Board of Education approves the use of the current IRS standard rate for mileage reimbursement.  
Motion to approve the Current Standard IRS rate for mileage reimbursement made by Laurie Finan, seconded by Sara McLean.  
Motion carried: 5-0.
- 3.5 Motion: To Approve Request from Claims Auditor to Attend a Conference  
The Board decided to table the motion until after the Executive Session with Mrs. Thibodeau following the Public Session.

#### **4. Superintendent's Report (*Superintendent*)**

- 4.1 Code of Conduct - *Revised*: First Reading – Mr. Meyers presented the Board members with a second draft of the Revised Code of Conduct. He stated that he hopes the Board will be ready to approve the Code of Conduct at the next meeting. Discussion ensued and the Board decided to add definitions for bullying, hazing, and harassment.
- 4.2 Resolutions Pertaining to School Property – Mr. Meyers presented the Board with drafts of two resolutions pertaining to school-owned property. Resolution #1 states that the Board of Education resolves to meet with the Walsh Park Board of Directors

to resume discussions about the possibility of using the school property between Winthrop Avenue and Whistler Avenue for the development of affordable housing. Resolution #2 states that the Board of Education will investigate the assessed value of school owned land on Silver Eel Cove and engage in discussions with the Town of Southold Land Preservation Committee to determine whether the Town of Southold is interested in purchasing the land to be part of the Silver Eel Preserve. Mr. Meyers stated that the Ferguson Museum has already undertaken a proposed Silver Eel Preserve Stewardship Plan, and Penni Sharp is interested in working together with the School in this matter. Meredith Doyen also reported that she has been in contact with Heather Lanza, Planning Director for the Town of Southold regarding the purchase of this property and the development of affordable housing. Meredith Doyen volunteered to attend a Walsh Park meeting this coming Friday to discuss development of affordable housing on school property located between Winthrop and Whistler Avenues.

Sara McLean made a motion to pass these two resolutions, seconded by Jamie Doucette. Motion carried: 5-0.

- 4.3 Visiting Athletic Team Transportation – Dan Gillan  
Mr. Gillan addressed the Board of Education expressing his concerns regarding the difficulty of bringing teams over to Fishers Island for athletic competition, due to rising costs for transportation on the ferry. Mr. Gillan stated that so far this year he has been able to arrange only one girls' basketball home game, and three boys' basketball home games. Mr. Gillan also mentioned that he has been in contact with Mr. George Peabody, the captain of the Popeye boat who is willing to transport teams and their coaches at the cost of \$11. per person. Mr. Gillan requested permission from the Board members to approach the Fishers Island Ferry Commissioners to ask if they would offer the same rate in order to help defray some of the costs to visiting teams. The Board members supported Mr. Gillan's request and Meredith Doyen and Mr. Meyers agreed to attend a Ferry Commissioners meeting with him. The Board recommended that Mr. Gillan present the commissioners with a written proposal including historical data demonstrating the decline in home games over the years.
- 4.4 Update from the Island Community Center – Meredith Doyen stated that the new Community Center's Outreach Development Director will attend next month's Board meeting to present a proposal for the school's use of the Community Center this year.
- 4.5 Magnet Program Marketing- Mr. Meyers stated that he is attending a meeting at the ISAAC school (Interscholastic School for Arts and Communications) in New London next week to give a presentation on Fishers Island School. Jamie Doucette stated that she may also be able to attend that meeting with Mr. Meyers. The Magnet Committee will meet soon to develop a plan to recruit more magnet students, particularly in the middle grades. The school brochure is soon to be completed by Marty Petersen, and Mr. Meyers will share a proof with the Board when he receives it. The brochure will be completed before the Magnet selection process gets underway.

## **5. Executive Session**

**6. Adjournment-** Sara McLean made a motion to adjourn the Public Session of the meeting, seconded by Jamie Doucette. Motion carried: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Name of Recorder: Leslie Tombari

# **Board of Education Resource Packet**

**For**

**October 19, 2011**

**Regular Meeting**

**“For Your Information”**

**Additional Materials**

**For**

**Board of Education Review**

**From**

**Office of Superintendent**

**October 19, 2011**