

**Regular Meeting
Stafford Board of Education
Stafford Elementary School
May 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Ms. Kathy Bachiochi
Ms. Jennifer Davis
Mr. Mike Delano
Mrs. Andrea Locke, Secretary
Mr. George Melnick
Ms. Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson

Absent: Mrs. Kathy Walsh
Miss Grace Zopelis, Alternate Student Representative

Also Present: Mr. Steven Moccio, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Steven Autieri, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Jonathan Campbell, Assistant Principal, Stafford Middle School
Mr. Devin Cowperthwaite, Supervisor of Building Services
Ms. Peggy Falcetta, Principal, Staffordville School
Mr. Damian Frassinelli, Director of Athletics and Recreation
Ms. Anna Gagnon, Principal, West Stafford School
Ms. Caroline Hargraves, Assistant Principal, Stafford Elementary School
Mr. Timothy Kinel, Assistant Principal, Stafford High School
Ms. Beth LaPane, Supervisor of Food Services
Ms. Susan Mike, Principal, Stafford Middle School
Mr. Steve Montgomery, Principal, Stafford Elementary School
Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal, Stafford High School
Ms. Diane Peters, Business Manager
Ms. Jolene Piscetello, Director of Pupil Services
Mr. Nicholas Wyse, Student Representative

Item I. Call to Order- Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Item II. Pledge of Allegiance

The student representative led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item III. Secretary's Report- Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, that the Board approve the Secretary's Report for the regular meeting held on 05/06/19, as presented. Ms. Bachiochi, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke, and Mr. Melnick voted for the motion, which carried.

Item IV. Consent Agenda

- A. 18-19 Bills, 5/7/19- \$154,533.39
- B. 18-19 Bills, 5/14/19- \$154,571.62
- C. 18-19 Grants, 5/14/19- \$9,632.59
- D. Cafeteria Profit and Loss Through March 31, 2019
- E. Obsolete Books, West Stafford School

Mr. Melnick asked a question regarding the obsolete books. Ms. Linda Callahan, Library Media Specialist, was present at the meeting and responded that there were 22 books that were declared obsolete. She said that those books were out-of-date and in very poor condition.

Mrs. Davis asked a question regarding the increased profit for the cafeteria program this year. Mrs. Peters stated that the Medicaid eligibility changed about a year ago, which has helped increase revenue for the program.

Ms. Bachiochi made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the Board approve the items listed in the consent agenda, as presented. Ms. Bachiochi, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke, and Mr. Melnick voted for the motion, which carried.

Item V. Correspondence

A. **Board Meeting Reminder**- Ms. Shegogue read the Board meeting reminder that was posted on the agenda.

Item VI. Board Reports

A. Report from Student Representatives

Mr. Wyse reported on the following topics:

- New York City Trip
- Junior Prom
- Memorial Day Parade
- Senior Picnic
- Sports Update
- High School Drama and Music Update

B. Negotiation Committee

The Negotiation Committee members are Mrs. Locke, Ms. Shegogue and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Locke reported that the committee has completed negotiations with CSEA (non-certified staff members) without going to mediation. She said that CSEA will hold a ratification meeting within the next few weeks.

Item VII. Superintendent's Reports

G. 2018 – 2019 Financial Report, July 1 – April 30, 2019

Mrs. Diane Peters, Business Manager, presented the 2018 – 2019 financial report that covered the period beginning July 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019. She stated that the budget balance is \$113,808.68, not including the MBR adjustment of \$239,655.00. Mrs. Peters stated that she projects approximately \$50,000 to remain at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

There were no questions or comments.

A. High School Music and Drama Presentation

Mrs. Dillon, music and drama coordinator, introduced the music and drama students that were present at the meeting. There were student representatives from choir, show choir, madrigals, ladies' choral, and band.

Mr. Moccio stated that the talent, dedication, and hard work of the students, as well as the inclusive and supportive environment they create is very apparent in all of their interactions at the schools and in the community.

B. Teacher of the Year 2020

Mr. Moccio announced that Stafford's Teacher of the Year for 2020 is Mrs. Lynn Erickson, District Technology Integration Specialist. He said that the announcement of this selection was during the 1st Annual Teacher and Paraeducator of the Year Staff Reception, which was held at Stafford High School on May 16, 2019. Mr. Moccio introduced Mr. Autieri, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, who facilitates the selection process.

Mr. Autieri outlined the Teacher of the Year selection process and shared portions of Mrs. Erickson's nominations, which highlighted her dedication and care for students. Mrs. Erickson was presented with an engraved clock on behalf of the district and the Board. Her name will also be added to the TOY plaque that was created by the high school's industrial technology department.

C. Paraeducator of the Year 2020

Mr. Moccio announced that Stafford's Paraeducator of the Year for 2020 is Ms. Kathy Callahan, Paraeducator at Staffordville School. He said that similar to the CSDE Teacher of the Year program, the nominee must meet specific criteria, which is outlined in the announcement letter that was sent to staff, parents, and community members. Mr. Moccio introduced Ms. Jolene Piscetello, Director of Pupil Services.

Ms. Piscetello highlighted some of Ms. Callahan's accomplishments and contributions to the school community. Ms. Callahan was presented with an engraved clock on behalf of the district and the Board.

D. Recognition of Stafford Public Schools' Retiring Staff Members

Mr. Moccio introduced and spoke about the following staff members, certified and non-certified, who will have retired at the end of the 2018-2019 school year:

- Cheryl Buck-Kenny, West Stafford School
- Linda Callahan, Stafford Middle School

- Jackie Hughes, Staffordville School
- Patricia H. Kritzman, Stafford Middle School
- Kathleen Ladr, Staffordville School
- Al Motyl, Stafford High School
- Lisa Ostrowski, Stafford Middle School
- Bruce Posocco, Stafford High School
- Gail Smialek, Stafford Elementary School
- Holly Sullivan, West Stafford School
- Jean Titus, Stafford Middle School
- Conrado Ulloa, Stafford High School
- Janet Vakalis, Stafford High School

Mr. Moccio presented each who was in attendance at the meeting with a gift.

E. Presentation of the 2018 – 2019 CABE Student Leadership Awards

Mr. Moccio stated that each year, the CABE Student Leadership Award program honors Connecticut high school and middle school students who exhibit exemplary leadership skills based on the following criteria:

- Willingness to take on challenges
- Capability to make difficult decisions
- Concern for others
- Ability to work with others
- Willingness to commit to a project
- Diplomacy
- Ability to understand issues clearly
- Ability to honor a commitment

He said that the 2018-2019 recipients of this prestigious award from Stafford High School are Abigail Napolitano and Samuel Yefko. Both students are eleventh graders. He said that the recipients from Stafford Middle School are Collin Gudeman and Samuel Suchecki. Collin is in eighth grade and Samuel is in seventh grade.

The four honorees were present at the *Celebration of Excellence*. Mr. Marco Pelliccia, Principal of Stafford High School, Mr. Timothy Kinel, Assistant Principal of Stafford High School, Mrs. Susan Mike, Principal of Stafford Middle School, and Mr. Jonathan Campbell, Assistant Principal of Stafford Middle School, spoke about each of these students and their contributions to the school and the community. Each student was presented with a certificate.

F. Recognition of the Student Representatives to the Board of Education

Mr. Moccio stated that Stafford High School senior, Nicholas Wyse, and junior, Grace Zopelis, have served as Student Representatives to the Board of Education during the 2018 – 2019 school year. He said that they have done an outstanding job updating Board members on student activities throughout the district, as well as providing a student's perspective on Board matters. They willingly offer input during Board of Education meetings and have served as advocates for students. Nick was presented with a gift

card and a certificate commemorating his service to the Board at the *Celebration of Excellence*. Grace was not present at the meeting.

Item VIII. Public Comment

There were no questions or comments.

Item IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Item X. New Business

A. Review and Possible Approval of Educational Specifications for the West Stafford School Oil Tank Replacement Project and Authorization of the Board Chairperson to Sign

Mrs. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Locke, that the Board approve the educational specifications for the West Stafford School Oil Tank Replacement Project and authorize the Board of Education Chairperson to sign. Ms. Bachiochi, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke, and Mr. Melnick voted for the motion, which carried.

Item XI. Personnel Matters

There were no Personnel Matters.

Item XII. Student Matters

There were no Student Matters.

Item XIII. Adjournment

Mrs. Locke made a motion, seconded by Mr. Melnick, to adjourn. Ms. Bachiochi, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Delano, Mrs. Locke, and Mr. Melnick voted for the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. The Board and guests present at the meeting stayed for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine C. Marinelli, Recording Secretary

Sonya Shegogue, Chairperson

Andrea Locke, Secretary