

Stonington Board of Education Special Meeting- August 27, 2018

Alexa Garvey, acting chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:02pm at Shared Space in the Velvet Mill, Stonington. Members present were Candace Anderson, Deborah Downie, Craig Esposito, Jack Morehouse, and Farouk Rajab.

Also present: Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools and Mary Anne Butler Assistant Superintendent

Board Member Absent: Alisa Morrison

Purpose of Retreat and Overview: Dr. Riley and Mrs. Butler presented information on the upcoming school year, accountability rating for 2017-2018, Smarter Balance performance scores, items for the September- November agendas and future topics.

Board Discussed and gave direction of the following:

Board Goals:

School Climate will be the focus of the 2018-2019 school year. The Board has requested the district climate survey data to develop the 2018-2019 goals. With all the changes in the district this year the Board also wanted to ensure that the opportunities offered at our schools continue to expand our student's access to a variety of experiences for optimal readiness for the next level of their education or post high school.

Goals:

1. Collect School Climate Survey data to establish 2018-2019 goals. Source of information includes but not limited to: current completed climate survey, graduate follow up and exit interview information. Information will be presented to the Board at the September Board Meeting. Goals will be completed by the November Board of Education regular meeting.
2. Expand opportunities for student optimal achievement.

Board Sub-Committees:

The Board agrees that we maintain our subcommittee format. Meeting schedule will be established in November. Teaching and Learning, Policy and Communications committees will not change. Finance committee will become Finance and Facilities committee. The Board will seat a Board representative on the District Climate Committee. We will maintain a Board representative to the Building Committee and Stonington Education Fund.

8:30 PM Dr. Riley and Mrs. Butler exited the meeting.

Board Introspection and Discussion:

The Board will have a winter retreat in January. Alexa Garvey will look at a variety of self-evaluation formats for the Board to choose from. Alexa Garvey will look at presentations or information on improving our schools through CAFE.

The following motion was made by Candace Anderson and seconded by Craig Esposito.

Motion 1: To Adjourn at 9:05 pm

Aye: All


Alexa Garvey, Board Secretary