

Frank Todisco, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were, Alexa Garvey, Secretary, Candace Anderson, Deborah Downie, Jack Morehouse, Alisa Morrison, and Craig Esposito.

Also, present were Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Madison Geiger, Student Government Representative, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

### **Board Presentations:**

**Junior Project:** Students from the junior class presented their junior project, which connects the school and community. The project is called 14 Silhouettes. The students had a PowerPoint presentation, which showed the different silhouettes that will be painted throughout the school campus and where they will be located. The students chose this activity to showcase the many activities the student body is involved in. The project promotes diversity of students and individuality. This idea gets students excited about learning and participating in extracurricular activities. The students gave a list of supplies and cost to complete the project. Some of the supplies were donated and the work will be done after school with art teacher Mrs. Bonillo. They explained there will be very low maintenance involved and it will be the Student Government's job to touch up the silhouettes in the future. The students added they incorporated the 4C's and shared that the target for completion of the project would be the end of school year 2019.

**Curriculum Presentation:** Mary Anne Butler, Assistant Superintendent presented the new Spanish I, Biology and Modern World History Curriculum. She added that the Teaching and Learning Committee has reviewed all three at their last meeting. Deborah Downie further explained that the committee was clear on all. The Board had no questions on the curriculum. This is being brought back for a first read at the next Board meeting.

### **Middle School Steering Committee Report**

Tim Smith, Pawcatuck Middle Principal gave a report on the recent events related to the middle school consolidation. Mr. Smith shared the Stonington Middle School's mascot was revealed on May 15 which is the Stingrays and school colors will be blue and gold. There was a parent meeting on June 11 at Mystic Middle School for parents to share their questions, suggestions, and concerns regarding the consolidation. Mr. Smith added that teachers Tina Eisenbeis and Jocelyn Kepple have created a plan to bring classes together. They elected 10 student ambassadors from each middle school to play a summer day to bring both middle school students together. On August 17, there will be a summer activity to bring all students together for a day of team building and fun. He also shared a list of classes that will be piloted next year. There will also be classes during the summer for students that are interested. The complete report can be found on the Middle School Steering Committee website. Alexa Garvey asked who are the summer courses open to? Mr. Smith said all students are welcome to attend and we will provide transportation.

### **Communications and Recognitions**

Jack Morehouse communicated he and Craig Esposito met with high school senior students to talk about their experiences at the high school. Mr. Morehouse requested that we also meet with juniors next time, overall it was a nice positive experience and students look forward to these meetings in the future. He had the opportunity to play together with students and parents and friends of Mr. Hilbie, we played an original song of Mr. Hilbie and thanked Ellen Gilbert for putting this together Mr. Hilbie was truly surprised it was a great experience.

Student Government Representative, Madison Geiger recognized guidance and administration for putting on a wonderful senior banquet for all the scholarship winners and all seniors, they did a good job. She added we were able to recognize all seniors not just those going to college but also into the workforce.

Alexa Garvey communicated the senior night was nice and recognized those seniors heading on to college or whether they were heading onto the armed forces or workforce. Ms. Garvey noted they presented scholarships totaling over 5.7 million dollars at Academic Achievement Night and thanked all for inviting her to be a judge in the senior project event.

Candace Anderson noted it is the time of the year we can really see the success of the students and how far all have come and where they are going. Ms. Anderson recognized the recent events such as, retirement celebrations, the recognition event for Mr. Hilbie, and the many different ways we celebrate and recognize success and appreciations.