

STAMFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 12, 2011

DATE OF MEETING: October 12, 2011  
PLACE OF MEETING: Auditorium  
KIND OF MEETING: Regular Board of Education Meeting  
MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Hartwell, M. Kane, F. Santana, C. Graves  
OTHERS PRESENT: T. Dunbar, R. Ehrets, D. Bright, L. Hatch, M. Boyle,  
L. Page, G. Link, C. Hauser, K. Meehan, E. Smith, P. Wenner, J. Barber, M. Harris, P.  
DeVita, E. Wentworth, P. Beck, R. Ucci, S. Rinehart, D. Mueller, T. Simmons, S.  
Herger, N. Lisanti, L. Lisanti, R. Foote, E. Hager, J. Eklund, D. Friedmann, D.  
DeGregory

D. Hartwell, President called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

D. Hartwell led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to adopt the  
October 12, 2011 Agenda.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to adopt the October 12, 2011  
Board of Education Agenda**

M. Kane moved, seconded by F. Santana  
motion to approve the September 1, 2011  
Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of September 1, 2011 Special Board  
of Education Meeting Minutes**

M. Kane moved, seconded by F. Santana motion to  
approve the September 21, 2011 Regular Board of  
Education Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of September 21, 2011  
Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes**

D. Hartwell, Board President, responded to the concerns presented to the Board of Education during Recognition of Visitors at the previous Board of Education Meeting:

In response to concerns about the number of study halls, last year there were 380 study halls and this year there are 405 study halls. Electives have been added which include Distance Learning courses, and a child development course. An automated call went out listing the added electives, as well as posted on the web site. The “add date” for courses has been extended.

In response to concerns about the BEDS forms, the BEDS forms have been completed for this year, and they reflect highly qualified teachers.

In response to the SATs conflicts, this year the SATs will be offered through the Distance Learning, as opposed through Gear Up.

In response to the concern of small children walking by themselves, the staff is on top of this, as all Pre-K and Kindergarten students are supervised by an LTA or a teacher.

In response to the question regarding ROTC, different divisions come in to make presentations once a year. We will continue to investigate opportunities.

In regard to the question regarding a mechanism in place if a Board vote were 2-2 with only 4 board members, the resolution would not pass, and it would be presented again after further review.

In response to art electives being offered for BOCES students, there are courses at opposite ends of the day so students can sign up opposite the times they attend BOCES.

D. Hartwell introduced Morgan Boyle who is substituting for the Student Board Representative.

M. Boyle shared the following highlights for the month of September:

First graders watch as our caterpillars change into butterflies. They read about apples and tasted different “apple” foods and drinks and began writing poems called cinquains. They will visit the fire house for fire safety and the planetarium to learn about stars in October. They are looking forward to Halloween!

The second graders have been learning about communities and identified leaders in our school community. They learned about insects and their life cycle.

In October Mrs. Gockel's Fifth Grade ELA class will have a special visitor, Yung Yung Tsuai (Sway), a professional dancer/instructor at the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance in NY. Students will have the opportunity to perform with Martha Graham Students and students from Roxbury Central School at the Roxbury Arts Center, in Roxbury, NY.

The library has begun enrollment for the 1000 Books Program for students in grades Pre-K through 4.

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of August 2011.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of Treasurer's Reports  
for month of August 2011**

C. Graves moved, seconded by F. Santana motion to accept the Claims Auditor Report #SN3.

Motion carried 4-0

**Acceptance of Claims Auditor Report #SN3**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to accept the Warrants #SN3.

Motion carried 4-0

**Acceptance of the Warrants #SN3**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to accept the Claims Auditor Report #SN5.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept the Claims Auditor Report #SN5**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves motion to accept the Warrants #SN5.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept the Warrants #SN5**

C. Graves moved, seconded by F. Santana  
motion to accept Claims Auditor Report SN6.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept Claims Auditor Report #SN6**

F. Santana moved, seconded by C. Graves  
motion to accept Warrant #SN6.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept Claims Auditor Report #SN6**

F. Sanata moved, seconded by M. Kane  
motion to approve the Budget Transfers #3.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to approve Budget Transfers #3**

C. Graves moved, seconded by F. Santana  
motion to accept bank reconciliations for August 2011.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept August 2011 Bank Reconciliations**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
motion to accept the Extracurricular Activity  
Reports for July and August 2011.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to accept the  
Extracurricular Activity  
Reports for July and August 2011**

F. Santana moved, seconded by C. Graves  
motion to approve the Budget Calendar as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to approve the Budget Calendar**

The Board of Education received the Conference  
Request Report and the Building Use Reports in their packets.

During Recognition of Visitors:

C. Hauser asked how the current enrollment compared to last years? She questioned a form that was provided at a previous board meeting regarding the number of discipline referrals.

P. Wenner asked about the length of the Bassett Health Care contract.

N. Lisanti asked the Board of Education Members what their opinion was regarding the term limit for members. She also questioned if the Board of Education was aware of the program that a five year old student was put into, and how it has failed miserably.

E. Hager asked all to vote for her in this upcoming election.

D. Friedmann asked when the Board of Education Meetings will get back on schedule, and stated that she believed there were only three reasons to go into Executive Session. She also asked if the Board was looking into other insurance companies to provide coverage.

D. DeGregory inquired about the dates of the Shared Services Presentation, and stated that he was disappointed with the study as it seemed to be missing information.

K. Meehan inquired about the revisions on the Code of Conduct for students.

C. McKenna stated that she felt that Ruth and Michelle did an excellent job to make the Master schedule work with what they were given. She also said that the the primary level program was changed from the way she had intended it to be.

P. DeVita stated that she had several Special Education concerns last month, and now six weeks into school her daughter is failing. She said that Mr. Hull and Mrs. Dunbar have been working with her because mistakes have been made. She asked that CSE meetings be allowed to be tape recorded.

D. Hartwell, Board President read a letter from the O'Conner Foundation indicating the grant as applied for by M. Staiber for funding toward the cost of the new computers was not approved.

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby approves the list of surplus  
Library books to be donated to Windham-Ashland-Jewett  
Central School.

Motion carried - 3  
Abstain -1 (C. Graves)

**Approval of surplus  
Library Books to be Donated to  
Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints C. Stratigos as the  
summer Regents Test LTA at \$16.74 per hour,  
retroactive to August 17, 2011.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of C. Stratigos  
as Summer Regents Test LTA**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints T. Bradshaw  
as the Technical Director for the Drama production  
for the 2011-2012 school year as per the STA contract.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of T. Bradshaw  
as Technical Director for the Drama Production**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints C. Graves as  
the volunteer Costumer for the Drama production  
for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried 3  
Abstain 1 (C. Graves)

**Appointment of C. Graves the  
volunteer Costumer for the Drama Production**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints J. Gearhart as  
the Senior Class co-advisor with M. Eklund for the 2011-  
2012 school year as per the STA contract.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of J. Gearhart as  
Sr. Class Co-advisor with M. Eklund**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints P. Voorhees as the  
webmaster at an annual stipend of \$1,500.00 for the  
2011-2012 school year.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of  
P. Voorhees as Webmaster  
at an annual stipend of \$1,500.00**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby appoints D. Numbers,  
C. Keyser, and D. Banker as teacher mentors for the  
2011-2012 school year at a stipend of \$300 per semester  
as per the STA Contract .

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of  
D. Numbers, C. Keyser, and D. Banker  
as Teacher Mentors for the  
2011-2012 school year**

C. Graves moved, seconded by M. Kane  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby approves the following  
additions to the substitute list for the 2011-2012  
school year:

J. Albano\*  
J. Reynolds  
D. Romano\*  
L. Staiber  
C. Tait

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of  
additions to Substitute List**

\*contingent upon clearance from the  
State Education Department to comply  
with the Fingerprinting provisions of Project Save.

F. Santana moved, seconded by C. Graves  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby approves the implementation  
of the Life Skills Training Program to be taught by  
Sarah Herger and Michelle Wilson.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of the  
Life Skills Training Program**

Approval of the proposed settlement between Verizon  
v. Harpersfield was tabled for further review.

M. Kane moved, seconded by F. Santana  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent the approval to establish an  
Audit Committee as per the Charter.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to establish  
an Audit Committee as per the Charter**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent the approval to establish a Budget  
Committee to include three community members and  
two board of education members.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to  
establish a Budget Committee**

M. Kane moved, seconded by F. Santana  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby approves the appointment  
of L. Braun, returning as a cafeteria substitute effective  
October 12, 2011.

Motion carried 4-0

**Appointment of L. Braun  
as a returning cafeteria Substitute**

M. Kane moved, seconded by D. Hartwell  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent motion to change the November  
10, 2011 Board of Education Meeting to November  
9, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0

**Change the November 10, 2011 Board of  
Education Meeting to November 9, 2011**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves  
BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of  
the Superintendent hereby approves the Allowance  
Authorization #GC-02 in the amount of \$3,330.00.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of the Allowance Authorization  
in the amount of \$3,330.00**

R. Ehrets, Building Principal reviewed the changes  
to the student Code of Conduct. The approval of  
changes was tabled for further review.

Mrs. Dunbar, Superintendent reviewed information regarding  
the early release days for the Race to the Top Inquiry Team Training.

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to approve  
early release days for the Race to the Top Inquiry Team  
Training, with dates to be determined.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of Early Release Days  
for the Race to the Top Inquire Team Training**

Mrs. Dunbar, Superintendent reviewed the Public Access to  
School District Records Policy #1020.1 for a third reading.

F. Santana moved, seconded by C. Graves  
motion to approve the revisions to the Access to  
School District Records, Policy #1020.1.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of revisions to the  
Access to School District Records, Policy #1021.01**

Mrs. Dunbar, Superintendent provided a second reading of the Building Use Policy #1010.

C. Graves moved, seconded by D. Hartwell motion to approve the revisions to the Building Use Policy #1010 as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of revisions  
to the Building Use Policy #1010**

F. Sanata moved, seconded by D. Hartwell motion to move into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss CSE recommendations.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to move into Executive Session**

M. Kane moved, seconded by C. Graves motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to move out of Executive Session**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to approve the CSE recommendations as presented.

Motion carried 4-0

**Approval of CSE Recommendations**

F. Santana moved, seconded by M. Kane motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0

**Motion to adjourn the  
Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Hatch,  
District Clerk