

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
March 14, 2016

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A special meeting was held on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner (7:04 p.m.), Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia (7:11 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. St. Germain, and Mr. Chaney. Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Recommended Executive Session – a. Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit Staff – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. for the Purpose of Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit Staff.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

5. Old Business – a. 2016-2017 Proposed Education Budget – On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted five in favor and two against to restore the non-bargaining unit salaries to 3.1% from 2.9%. Mr. Karpinski and Mrs. Buzzee opposed the motion. Dr. Robert commented again on the diesel fuel and Mrs. Allen told him that was reducing one bus run as well and she explained. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted five in favor and two against to accept the 2016-2017 proposed education budget of \$13,011,045 for a 1.97% increase. Mr. Karpinski and Mrs. Buzzee opposed the motion. Mr. Nero commented that the budget will be formatted and sent to the Board of Finance. Mr. Nero had further comment.

6. Public Comment – Mr. Chaney asked a question about the article published in *The Day* paper on Friday. Mr. Nero had comment and read an email he had received from Stonington's superintendent, Van Riley. He read another email received from Mr. Riley in February regarding New London's recruitment for their magnet schools. Mr. Nero had further comment. He commented on an article in the AASA publication, *School Administrator*. Board members had comment. Mrs. St. Germain had comment. There was further comment. Mr. Nero had further comment.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education