

Board of Education Minutes
Tri-Board Meeting
May 26, 2016

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A joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Education was held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present for the Board of Selectmen were Mr. Mullane and Mr. Murphy; present for the Board of Finance were Mrs. Howell, Mr. Pavlovics, and Mr. Ratib; and present for the Board of Education were Mr. Carlson, Mrs. Wagner, and Mr. Karpinski. Also present were Mr. Nero and Mr. Urgo. The meeting started at 7:25 p.m.

2. Public Comments – R. Carlson (BOE) – Mr. Urgo, chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, said they tried as a committee to communicate. He said the town needs to have a method of communicating. They tried to get accurate information out. He spent a lot of time fighting false information. He said the town needs to think about getting involved in social media. To combat mis-information takes a lot of time. We need to find a better way to get communications out. He thought we should be the source of information and there is no accurate source. Mr. Pavlovics thought there was some movement in that direction. He had further comment. There was discussion.

3. General Discussion – Boards – Follow-up on School Modernization Effort – Mr. Nero said time was spent with Mr. Malik of Quisenberry Arcari to review the educational specifications. They had to review them to make sure they are correct. He elaborated. They will be working on them again on Tuesday. Mr. Nero said the Ad Hoc Committee's finances were needed as part of the NEASC report and he elaborated. There was discussion. There was discussion of the USDA application and the application to the state on the project. Mr. Urgo said they are going to try to figure out how to get the word out as to where they are on the project. There was discussion of timelines. Further discussion ensued of submitting applications.

Proposed Future Discussions of Tri-Board - The EMS Committee and the Economic Development Committee will be invited to attend to give updates. There was discussion. Mrs. Howell handed out a sheet for the members present and the audience. There was discussion Mr. Mullane said planning and zoning has worked to revise their plans. Discussion ensued. Mr. Urgo felt there was going to be a housing shortage in North Stonington. He reiterated having a Face Book page. There was discussion about having a reception for the town. There was discussion. There was further discussion on town media outlets.

4. Next Meeting – R. Carlson (BOE) – The next meeting will be August 25th.

5. Public Comments – None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education