

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
April 25, 2012

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Mathwich, Mrs. Dame, Mr. Mendolia (7:08 p.m.), Mr. Testa (7:09 p.m.), and Mr. Hundt (7:27 p.m.). Since there was not a quorum, Vice Chairman McCord called the non-meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Presentations – a. Ledyard High School Agri-Science and Technology Program – Ms. Shelly Roy introduced herself as the Director of the program. She reviewed different aspects of the program including the application process and the “hands on” approach to learning. She said they work on 4 years of skill building. She reviewed the classes taken during each of their years and explained them. (The official meeting began at 7:09 p.m. when there was a quorum.) She elaborated on some of the courses. She explained that the students have to take all the exploratory courses. Ms. Roy said the animal sciences program is the most popular as well as aquaculture. She went over some of the activities that take place in each of these courses. She explained they are associated with FFA and use it for their leadership program and she elaborated. She reviewed the SAE activities. Ms. Roy went over the application procedure and deadlines. She said they get about 150 applications per year but enroll about 70 or so students. Questions were asked and answered about late enrollments and students entering in their junior year. There were further questions asked and answered. She reviewed the recommendation portion of the application. Questions were asked about how many classes there are. Questions were asked and answered about various aspects of returning to the home district. Further questions were asked. She further reviewed the application process and questions were asked about high school students applying rather than eighth graders. She had further comment. Questions were asked and answered. Questions were asked of Miss Allyson Bond, student from North Stonington, in attendance. Further questions were asked and answered. There was further comment.

3. Public Comment – Mr. Hundt congratulated Miss Bond and her parents on this accomplishment. Mrs. Feldman had comment on the renovations and budget items. She elaborated and had further comment. She commented on closing Wheeler High and had further comment.

On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mr. Testa, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education