

Board of Education Minutes
December 20, 2012
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. Testa, Mr. McCord, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, and Mrs. Dame. Also present was Mr. Nero and Mr. Mullane. Chairman Testa called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Discussion of Middle School Boiler Replacement – Mr. Nero said he had received a call about the middle school boiler and elaborated on the conversation. Mr. Testa said he spoke to Dan Spring, Board of Finance Chairman, and reviewed the different options with him and the uncertainty surrounding the current boiler situation. He said there are different options but in an emergency, something will have to be done. Mr. Mullane said the diagnosis on Monday was that the boilers were not good. He said the boiler is down but some panels are good. This boiler uses oil and he didn't recommend switching to gas at this point because the chimney will have to be lined. He spoke of what it cost to replace the high school and elementary school boilers. He spoke of the pumps in the school. Mr. Mullane explained what was done to the boilers in the high and elementary school. He elaborated. He went over a crossover and what that would involve. He spoke of one scenario and what the cost would be. He spoke of condensing and non-condensing boilers with the non-condensing type having the longer life span. He said if we decide to do something more during the summer, Funk Boiler would supply a temporary boiler if need be. Mr. Nero said it is winter and we have to think about the fact that if we wait until something happens we have an issue. Mr. Mullane told the Board the balance in the capital non-recurring line is about \$30,000. He elaborated. There was discussion. Mr. Mullane spoke about the new boilers we have now can be taken apart and moved at any time. Mr. Nero commented and said they are looking at different options. Questions were asked and answered about the boilers being sized higher than needed. There was discussion and further questions were asked about condensing and non-condensing boilers. Mr. Nero suggested talking to Funk Boiler. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mullane had explanation of why two boilers would be more efficient than just one. He elaborated. Mr. Testa explained that he understood that this full amount would be coming to the Board of Finance for an additional appropriation. Mr. Testa had further explanation and suggested we do what we can with emergency boilers to give us time to see what all the options are. There was discussion. Mr. Nero had comment about why he needed to have this meeting. Mrs. Dame left the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the different cost scenarios. They would try to get Funk Boiler here on Friday at 10:30 a.m. There was further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education