

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
February 23, 2011

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Banker, Mr. Scarchilli, Mr. Hundt, and Mr. Testa. Absent were Mrs. Dame and Mr. McCord. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Apicelli. Chairman Robert called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Student Discipline Matter, b. Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff, and c. Negotiations Strategy – On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:08 p.m. for the Purpose of Student Discipline Matter, Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff, and Negotiations Strategy and to invite Mr. Sandford, Mr. Apicelli, Mrs. Costa and Mrs. Ellen Turner into the student discipline matter portion of the session, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Velda Hess, and Mr. McCarthy into the Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff portion of the session, and Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Connolly into the Negotiations Strategy portion of the session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

3. Discussion of Proposed 2011-2012 Education Budget – Budget discussion ensued. The Board of Finance had directed the Board of Education to come in with a zero percent budget increase. The administration was directed to come up with \$240,734 in reductions to the budget to bring the budget down to a zero increase after the Jobs Funds money is considered. There was discussion about looking at the 2012-2013 budget to address the loss of the Jobs Funds money. Items for removal from the budget were discussed. Pre-purchase of items was discussed. Furlough days for all employees was discussed. Student contact days was discussed. The lunch/cafeteria aide position at the elementary school will be reviewed for need. All equipment purchases will be reviewed. Unexpended special education tuition money will not be used towards pre-purchasing. The Board will meet again on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mr. Scarchilli, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck McCarthy, Secretary Pro-tem