

Board of Education Minutes
January 16, 2013
Workshop

A workshop of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Gymatorium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Mendolia, Mr. Karpinski, and Mr. Mathwich. Absent were Mr. Testa, Mr. Hundt, Dr. Robert and Mrs. Dame. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mr. Apicelli, Mr. Carlson of the Ad Hoc Committee, and Shawn Murphy, Selectman. The workshop began at 7:03 p.m.

1. Review and Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee's Building and Facilities Studies - Mr. Mathwich gave some history of what the Ad Hoc Committee has been working on since he is also a member of that committee. He gave the information via a timeline scenario. He reviewed the presentation of April 2010. There was comment and discussion. Mr. Nero also had comment. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the deficiencies and the committee's recommendations for the high school. He had explanation. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich continued with his presentation. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich gave an overview of the middle school deficiencies and the committee's recommendations. He reviewed the administration needs and other needs in the Gymatorium. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the deficiencies at the elementary school. He went over the committee's recommendations for the elementary school. Mr. Mathwich summed up the closing remarks of that presentation and what their next steps at that time would be. He said the Board of Selectman wanted to put a price on it and they did an RFP. He said they reviewed the costs of the proposals from the architecture firms and Quisenberry and Arcari was chosen. Mr. Mathwich elaborated. There was comment and questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. The public asked questions that were answered. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the facilities study done by Quisenberry and Arcari. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Carlson of the Ad Hoc Committee had comment. Mr. Mathwich continued with the presentation and reviewed the space outlines. The public asked questions that Mr. Mathwich answered. Mr. Carlson had comment. There was further comment and questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich continued with the presentation and went over the State's allowable square footage for reimbursement. He had further explanation. Mr. Carlson answered questions. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the different proposals of Quisenberry and Arcari beginning with the elementary school. Mr. Carlson explained the reasoning for these options was to bring items from the second floor to the first floor. Mr. Mathwich elaborated and continued with the different options. Mr. Mathwich said the Ad Hoc Committee liked option d if that was the type of project the Townspeople wanted. There was discussion and Mr. Nero had comment. Mr. Mathwich reviewed the different options for the middle/high school. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich continued reviewing the options. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich said the Ad Hoc Committee liked option c if that was

the type of project the Townspeople wanted. There was comment and questions were asked. There was discussion. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Mathwich listed items the Board of Education needs to look at to move forward. Some of the items he listed included the policies regarding construction and the educational specifications. There was further discussion. Mr. Mathwich and Mr. Carlson had further comment. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion. Mr. Nero had comment. There was further comment. Mr. Shawn Murphy had comment. There was further discussion. Four members of the public took part in the discussion throughout the course of the meeting.

The workshop ended at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Board of Education