

Special Meeting  
July 31, 2009

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Friday, July 31, 2009, at 5:45 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, Mr. Testa, Mr. Briscoe, Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Dame. Also present were Dr. Pukas and Mr. McCarthy. Absent were Mrs. Banker and Mr. Secchiaroli.

1. Chairman Robert called the special meeting to order at 5:47 p.m. and announced that it was being audiotaped.

2. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the North Stonington Board of Education and Connecticut Council 4/AFSCME, Local 1303-134 – Dr. Robert thanked those who had worked for 16 months on the contract negotiations with Local 1303 even members who are no longer on the Board of Education. A summary of the settlement was distributed. On a motion made by Mr. McCord, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to ratify and authorize the chairman to sign the tentative agreement reached between the negotiating teams of the North Stonington Board of Education and Local 1303-134 of Council #4, AFSCME, for a collective bargaining agreement in effect from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

3. Discussion of Custodial Position Cut from Recent Budgets - There was an explanation made about the custodial position that had been cut from the past several budgets. Discussion ensued as to why this discussion was taking place and a response given concerning the re-instatement of a former custodian and the shifting of positions based on union contract. Questions were raised as to where the money for this position might come from and an explanation was given by Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Testa raised a concern over using this money for retaining an employee and not educational purposes. He asked if the administrators had any further educational needs. Mr. McCarthy responded that things were in good shape. Dr. Pukas said perhaps reading supplies at the middle school. There was a suggestion that any further discussion on this matter be deferred to the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. On a motion by Mr. Briscoe, seconded by Mr. Testa, the Board voted unanimously to terminate the extra custodial position that has now been caused as a result of re-instatement as of August 28, 2009, with regrets. Dr. Pukas was instructed to notify the Board if anything changed before that date.

On a motion Mr. McCord, seconded by Mr. Briscoe the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie J. Pukas, Ph.D., Secretary Pro-Tem