

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
June 23, 2010

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Banker, Mr. Hundt, Mr. Testa, Mrs. Dame and Mr. McCord (7:16 p.m.) Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Wilkison, and Mr. Sandford. Absent were Mr. Secchiaroli, Mrs. Costa and Mr. Susi. Chairman Robert called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Community Relations – A few articles were at the Board members' places regarding the outstanding things going on at the schools. Dr. Pukas said there is a new reporter at *The Sun*, Dale Faulkner. There were further comments.

3. Presentations – None.

4. Administrators Reports – Mrs. Wilkison thanked the teachers and staff for their efforts throughout the year. Mr. Sandford said there were 49 graduates with many scholarships given. He spoke of the NEASC letters and the remaining deficiencies and he elaborated on those. He said the next letter is due by November 1st. Questions were asked and answered.

5. Administrative - a. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2010 – On a motion by Mrs. Banker, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2010 meeting.

May 26, 2010 – Mrs. McCarthy explained since this was a Board of Finance meeting that was posted as a joint meeting of the Boards of Finance, Selectmen and Education she took minutes of the meeting even though there was not a quorum of Board of Education or Board of Finance members. On a motion by Mrs. Banker, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted two in favor and five abstentions to accept the minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting. The motion did not pass. Dr. Robert, Mr. Hundt, Mr. Testa, Mrs. Dame, and Mr. McCord abstained.

June 2, 2010 – On a motion by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted two in favor, one opposed, and four abstentions to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2010 meeting. The motion did not pass. Mrs. Ricker opposed the motion and Dr. Robert, Mrs. Banker, Mrs. Dame, and Mr. McCord abstained.

c. Correspondence – Dr. Robert read a letter from Rachel Luce thanking the Board for the recognition she was given.

d. Personnel – Dr. Pukas read a letter from Linda Farinha resigning from her position as teacher at Wheeler High School. Dr. Pukas said she had accepted her resignation with thanks and regret.

- i. Business Manager Benefits – Dr. Pukas gave the background of the request and said it had been voted on at the Personnel Committee meeting. On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to add five vacation days to the Business Manager for a total of 20 days. Dr. Robert thanked Mr. McCarthy for all he has been doing.

6. Reports - a. Superintendent – Dr. Pukas told the Board the two finalists for the Principal position were being interviewed tomorrow and she explained. There were questions asked and answered. Dr. Pukas gave the history of the search process. Further questions were asked and answered.
 - b. BOE Chairperson – None.
 - c. Committee Chairs – None.
 - d. PSPBC Liaison – Mr. Testa said there was nothing to report.
 - e. Committee Action List – Dr. Robert will send an email regarding the RFP for the gym flashing.

7. Financial – May 2010 Financial Statements – On a motion by Mr. Testa, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted unanimously to accept expenditures of \$839,028.80, nonpublic grants of \$7,506, grant expenditures of \$23,330.81 for a May 2010 total of \$869,865.61. Dr. Robert spoke of the end-of-the-year numbers. Dr. Robert asked if he should request to have those funds being returned to be put aside for repairs. The consensus of the Board was yes. Dr. Robert said he would write the letter.

8. Old Business – None.

9. New Business – a. General Biology and General Geometry Textbooks – Mrs. Banker made a motion that was seconded by Mrs. Dame to accept the proposed general biology and general geometry textbooks. Mrs. Banker said both textbooks were reviewed and accepted by the committee. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sandford had comment. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Summer Meeting Schedule – Dr. Pukas explained that the meeting in July has usually been cancelled with the caveat that they can schedule one if needed. There was discussion. It was decided that a workshop for the Board’s goals will be held on July 28th at 6:00 p.m. On a motion by Mrs. Dame, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to cancel the July 14, 2010 meeting.

10. Calendar – Dates were looked at for various meetings.

11. Public Comment – Mrs. Pat Ostrout read a letter on behalf of the NSEA regarding the June 2, 2010 meeting.

12. Proposed for Executive Session – None.

On a motion by Mrs. Dame, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education