

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
March 2, 2011

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mrs. Ricker, Mrs. Banker, Mr. Scarchili, Mr. Hundt, Mr. Testa, and Mr. McCord (arrived at 6:13 p.m.). Mrs. Dame was absent. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, and Mr. Apicelli. Chairman Robert called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Proposed 2011-2012 Education Budget – An updated budget was given to the Board. Mr. McCarthy reviewed the changes to the central office budget. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Sandford reviewed the changes to the middle/high school budget. Questions were asked and answered. Mrs. Wilkison reviewed the changes to the elementary school budget. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion. Mrs. Costa reviewed the changes to the special education budget. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Pont reviewed the changes to the technology budget. Questions were asked and answered. There was discussion. Board members had comment on various aspects of the budget. There were further comments and remarks. Board members had comments. Dr. Robert suggested tabling the rest of this discussion until later in the agenda. On a motion by Mrs. Banker, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to table this discussion, ask for public comment, go into Executive Session and then return to this item.

3. Public Comment – Mrs. Colleen Hawrylik, taxpayer and citizen, commended the administration for the hard work on this and she elaborated. She said we can't worry too much about next year. Mr. Tom Driscoll, citizen, commented on moving here for the schools. He elaborated on the system and what would happen if it diminished. The school is the center of activity. He had further comment. Mrs. Linda Coats, taxpayer and teacher, agreed with Mrs. Hawrylik. She hoped that would be presented to the press like that. She elaborated and spoke of getting the parents out to vote. She had further comment. Board members had comment. Dr. Pukas had comment. Board members had further comment. Mrs. Mehringer-Macina, taxpayer and teacher, had comment. There was further comment.

4. Proposed for Executive Session - a. Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff - On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mrs. Ricker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff and to invite Mrs. Costa into such session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

5. Action on Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit and Non-Certified Staff – No action taken at this time.

On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mr. Testa, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education