

Board of Education Minutes
Special Meeting
March 21, 2012

A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wheeler High School Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Testa, Mr. Hundt (7:07 p.m.), Mr. Mathwich, Mrs. Dame, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present was Dr. Pukas.

Mr. McCord called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Proposed for Executive Session – a. Discussion of the Employment of Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel – On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mrs. Dame, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for the Purpose of Discussion of the Employment of Non-Bargaining Unit Personnel.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

The Board took a recess at 8:05 p.m. to Discuss Negotiations Strategy.

The Board came back to open session at 8:21 p.m. Mr. McCarthy, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Sandford, Mr. Apicelli, Mr. Boucher, and Mr. Pont were in attendance.

3. Salaries/Benefits of Non-Bargaining Unit/Non-Certified Staff – On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mr. Mathwich the Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal from the secretaries in a memo dated March 7, 2012. On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. Hundt, the Board voted unanimously not to increase the Superintendent's salary, give the Business Manager a 0% increase, the Administrative Assistant a 1% increase, the Bookkeeper a 1% increase, the Special Education Secretary a 3% increase, the Maintenance Supervisor a 3% increase, the Groundskeeper a 2% increase, the IT Director a 3% increase, the High School Nurse a 1% increase, the Elementary School Nurse a 0% increase, the Nurses' Aide a 1% increase, and the Non-Public Nurse a 0% increase.

4. Sabbatical Request – Mr. Hundt made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mathwich to deny the sabbatical request at this time. There was discussion that the denial was due to financial restraints. The motion passed with five voting in favor and one abstention. Mrs. Dame abstained.

5. 2012-2013 Proposed Education Budget – Mr. Mathwich made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Hundt to approve the proposed budget with the salary changes for the non-bargaining unit personnel and the secretaries. There was explanation of the revised sheet. Questions were asked and answered regarding tuition students and the associate principal's extra days. There was discussion. The motion passed with five voting in favor and one opposed. Mr. Testa opposed the motion.

6. Calendar – Dr. Pukas explained there are two presentations that need to be scheduled—Ledyard Vo-Ag and NEASC. She will try to schedule one or the other for April 25th at 7:00 p.m. The next would be for May 23rd. She will try for the Ledyard presentation on April 25th.

7. Public Comment – Mr. McCord thanked the public for coming.

There was discussion of who will be presenting the budget. Mr. Testa will do the opening remarks. There was discussion.

8. Adjournment – On a motion by Mr. Hundt, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education