

Board of Education Minutes
October 28, 2009

A regular meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Music Room. Present were Dr. Robert, Mr. McCord, Mr. Testa, Mr. Briscoe, Mrs. Banker, and Mrs. Dame. Also present were Dr. Pukas, Mrs. Wilkison, Mr. Susi, and Mr. Sandford. Chairman Robert called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1. Ratification of Tentative Agreement Between the North Stonington Board of Education and the North Stonington Education Association Concerning the Contract Re-Opener for Salaries and Benefits for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 – Mr. Briscoe, Mrs. Banker, and Mrs. Dame were acknowledged and thanked for their work on the negotiation team. Mr. Briscoe commented on the re-opener and passed along his appreciation to the NSEA for the productive negotiations. He spoke of highlights including no change to the PPO insurance plan for the future, a high deductible HSA plan with a 50% contribution by the district, a hard wage freeze with no step increase and no stipend increase. Dr. Pukas commented on the side letter of agreement regarding the formation of a health insurance committee. Questions were asked regarding changes that Mr. Briscoe answered regarding the insurance and wages. Dr. Pukas explained if teachers had taken coursework and would be moving on the salary scale, those individuals would not be affected because by contract, they had to receive those increases. There was further discussion. Mr. Briscoe thanked Mrs. Banker and Mrs. Dame for their work on the negotiations. On a motion by Mr. Briscoe, seconded by Mrs. Banker, the Board voted unanimously to accept the tentative agreement between the North Stonington Board of Education and the North Stonington Education Association Concerning the Contract Re-Opener for Salaries and Benefits for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

On a motion by Mrs. Dame, seconded by Mrs. Banker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie J. Pukas, Ph.D, Secretary Pro-Tem
Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to the North Stonington Board of Education