

Board of Education Minutes
October 8, 2014
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wheeler Gymnasium Band Room. Present were Mr. McCord, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Mathwich, Mr. Karpinski, Mrs. Wagner, Dr. Robert, Mrs. Buzzee, and Mr. Mendolia (7:08 p.m.). Also present were Mr. Nero and Mrs. Allen. Chairman McCord called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – None.
4. Setting of Goals – Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had explanation. He spoke of the initial meeting with the facilitator. Dates had been emailed to those involved about setting another meeting. There was discussion about the meeting that took place with the facilitator. There was further discussion. Items mentioned were using a different architect, possibly proceeding with the middle school wing, the science rooms, and part of the elementary school, and a timeline to remind everyone of the work done so far. Mr. Mathwich had comment on the last time we went out to bid for an architect. There was discussion of putting together a timeline to show what the Ad Hoc Committee has already done. We need to look at the previous NEASC report as a refresher for the new report. He had further comment and explanation. Mr. Nero said maybe we take one piece at a time. He thought of a project with a cost of \$12M to the town. He spoke of the previous NEASC report. The goal should be to address smaller parts of the project. He had further comment. Mr. McCord said we still need to do “renovate as new” to get the most reimbursement. There needs to be agreement on the goals at the tri-board meeting or we will not move forward. The Board of Education’s goals were listed as follows: have the State Department of Education provide more information on reimbursement, get a number from the town for the project, get the state of the town debt, and have the Board of Education look at reducing the scope with focus on the Science labs, middle school, and safety at the elementary school. Mrs. Wagner made a motion that was seconded by Dr. Robert to accept the list for the next tri-board meeting. There was discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Public Comment – None.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education