

Board of Education Minutes
February 23, 2019
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in the Wheeler High School Shaw Media Center. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Mathwich, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord, Dr. Robert, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present were Mr. Nero, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Costa, Mrs. Wilkison, Mrs. St. Germain, Mr. Chaney, Mr. Pont, and Mr. Boucher. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Finance – a. January 2019 Financial Statements – Questions were asked and answered. On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial statements for the period ending January, 2019.

4. 2019-2020 Proposed Education Budget – Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. He explained the grant that he wrote. Dr. Robert had a question as to where the Board wanted to be with this budget and there was discussion. Further questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment. Board members had comment. There was discussion. Dr. Robert made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Mendolia to accept a budget with a 7% increase. Questions were asked and answered. Mr. Nero had comment on the Steering Committee. There was discussion. There was further discussion on where to reduce the budget to 7%. Questions were asked and answered. Dr. Potemri left at 10:26 a.m. The administration had comment on the suggested reductions. Mr. Mendolia left at 10:39 a.m. Further questions were asked and answered. With the suggested reductions the budget is at 7.21%. Dr. Robert amended his motion and Mr. Karpinski seconded it to approve a budget with a 7.21% increase with the following reductions: 730 account - \$150,000; 250 account – office supplies-\$15,000, workshops-\$15,000, memberships-\$5,000; 830 medical account - \$50,000; 130 account - \$10,000; 216 account - \$30,000; 213 account - \$40,000; 110 account - \$10,000; 1400 account - \$20,000; and 1000 account - \$10,000 for a total of \$355,000 in reductions. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

On a motion by Dr. Robert, seconded by Mr. Mathwich, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education