

Board of Education Minutes
June 5, 2019
Special Meeting

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A special meeting of the North Stonington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the North Stonington Elementary School Cafeteria. Present were Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Karpinski, Ms. Welborn, Mr. McCord, Dr. Potemri, and Mr. Mendolia. Also present was Mrs. Martin. Chairperson Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Public Comment on Agenda Items with Students Speaking First – Mr. Shawn Murphy commented that he would hate to see the Board of Education reduced. He had comment that he heard people approved of the Board of Education budget. Two members of the Board of Selectmen wanted the budget split and there was comment.
4. Old Business – a. 2019-2020 Proposed Education Budget – Mrs. Wagner said the Board of Finance was behind them with the budget. She felt with some unknowns we should reduce a little more. She said we could cut about \$50,000. It shows we can do something. Mr. Mathwich said we should reduce Junior Varsity sports. Ms. Welborn suggested looking at staffing. Mrs. Wagner said she would hate to cut staff. There was discussion. Mr. McCord commented that we have to be smart about it and he elaborated. There was discussion. There was discussion on the proposed student activities reduction. There was further comment. There was further discussion. Mrs. Wagner said although Mr. Nero is not present, he was on board with the suggested reductions. There was discussion on the student activities line item. Mrs. Wagner had comment. \$15,000 will be reduced from tuition, \$15,000 will be reduced from student activities and \$20,000 will be reduced from instructional supplies. There was discussion. Mrs. Wagner had comment. Mr. Murphy had a suggestion. The Board had further comment. On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to reduce the budget by \$50,000 for a new budget amount of \$13,775,463 for an increase of 1.93%.

5. Public Comment – None.

On a motion by Mr. Mathwich, seconded by Mr. McCord, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta T. McCarthy, Secretary to
The Board of Education