

## **STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room.

Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Doug Rea, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Faith Leitner, Kevin Bornstein, Rob Cary and Alisa Morrison.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Michele Melia, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

### Comments from Citizens

Emilia Cassatta commented on the following:

- Library Media Specialist
- Technology Education

Cindy Nadeu commented on the following:

- Administrators shared between West Vine Street School and West Broad Street School

Gail MacDonald started the meeting by offering an apology to Board members and to the public, for comments she made at last week's Board meeting. She explained that her frustration was not directed at anyone in particular, and that she was sorry. She also thanked Leanne Masterjoseph and the Administrators for all of their hard work on the budget and the requests from Board members.

The Board discussed the following:

- The Superintendent's revised budget
- Line items
- Administrators reorganization
- Lead teachers
- Shared Dean of students
- Redistribution of paraprofessional hours
- ISS Monitors
- Library Media Specialist
- Media supplies and books
- SHS request for additional teachers
- DMS enrollment

- .5 Music teacher for PMS
- Technology Education
- Mandarin Chinese

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and was not seconded:

**Motion 1: To have the Administration do an assessment of the world language program**

**No action was taken**

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Doug Rea:

**Motion 2: The Board of Education reaffirms the commitment to the world language program as is.**

**The vote was as follows:**

<b>Faith Leitner:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Sam Agnello:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rob Cary:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Kevin Bornstein:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Doug Rea:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Alisa Morrison:</b>	<b>No</b>

**The motion passes.**

The Board continued their budget discussion on the following:

- Allocations
- District assessments/material fees
- Proposed consolidation of West Vine Street School/West Broad Street School
- PMS workshop 21
- Revenues

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

**Motion 3: To approve the bottom line 1.37% increase and to accept the budget as revised.**

**Aye: All**

Gail MacDonald expressed to Board members and the public in attendance the importance of getting out in to the community and making sure questions are answered. She suggested ways to do this would be to attend the following:

- PTO meetings
- Booster meetings
- Morning coffee meetings

Alisa Morrison suggested another way to interact with the community would be to attend the Saturday basketball games at COMO.

Comments from Citizens

Krissa Anderson commented on the following:

- Getting the word out about the budget
- West Vine and West Broad Street School Principals
- Program facilitator
- Lead Teacher

Sue Jones commented on the following:

- Projected class sizes

Rachel ODell commented on the following:

- Job description for Administrator position
- Concerns about discipline/emergency issues
- Library Media Specialist

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and Rob Cary

**Motion 2: To adjourn at 8:44 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

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Doug Rea, Board Secretary