

**STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 26, 2010**

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Rob Cary, Faith Leitner, Sam Agnello, Alisa Morison and Kevin Bornstein.

Member absent: Doug Rea, Secretary.

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

**Board Goals**

The Board discussed goals for 2010-2011 school year.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

**Motion 1: To adopt the three goals as presented.**

**Aye: All**

The Board discussed and proofread the suggested action steps towards achieving goal #1.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

**Motion 2: To accept the four action steps related to goal #1 as discussed and adjusted.**

**Aye: All**

Discussion continued.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello:

**Motion 3: To adopt possible action steps A, B, C for goal #2 as discussed.**

**Aye: All**

Discussion continued.

The following motion was made by Rob Cary and seconded by Sam Agnello

**Motion 4: To adopt possible action steps A and B as amended for goal #3.**

**Aye: All**

The Board discussed possible alternate wording to this motion and how it might be more inclusive.

Motion 4 was amended by Rob Cary and seconded by Kevin Bornstein as follows

**Motion 4: To accept possible actions steps A and B, so that B reads, “invite the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and other stakeholders, to join the Board of Education in undergoing a comprehensive study of both town and school needs, in terms of buildings and land, for both short and long-term use.”**

**Aye: All**

The Board conferred with Leanne Masterjoseph about SBIT’s, and how they benefit the schools, the students, and how to proceed with them.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Alisa Morrison

**Motion 5: In lieu of specific SBIT appointment, Board Members instead have school liaison assignments this year.**

**Aye: All**

#### Special Education Audit Presentation

Special Services Director, Ginny Brown, led the presentation of the recently conducted Special Services Audit. Mrs. Brown introduced Michael Neiman, Senior Vice President of Futures Education, and Dominick Vita, Education Consultant.

Mr. Neiman reviewed the following:

- History of Clinical and Educational Services Analysis

- Current Challenges in Special Education
- Executive Summary
- How Interviews were conducted
- Preliminary findings
- Recommendations

Ginny Brown shared the implications of the audit.

Mr. Neiman and Mr. Vita continued their presentation on the following:

- Program review and recommendations
- Financial findings

Mrs. Brown provided information on the following to the Board:

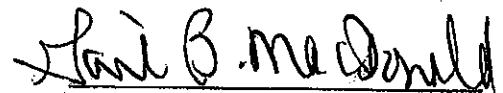
- Paraprofessional support
- Therapy support
- Preschool options
- Student and staff supports
- IEP writing and the use of Shipman and Goodwin

Gail MacDonald thanked Futures Education for the presentation and it was decided that follow-up questions would be sent to Leanne Masterjoseph, Ginny Brown and Nikki Gullickson.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

**Motion 6: To adjourn at 8:55 p.m.**

**Aye: All**



Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman