

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in classroom 102B at Stonington High School. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Rob Cary, Faith Leitner, Sam Agnello, Alisa Morison and Kevin Bornstein.

Late arrival: Doug Rea, Secretary 7:51 p.m.

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

Gail MacDonald welcomed everyone in attendance, and Leanne Masterjoseph recognized Jennifer McCurdy, the staff at Stonington High School, Steve Murphy, Bill King, Ken Donovan and Nikki Gullickson for their outstanding performance during a situation at the high school earlier today.

Discussion on CMT & CAPT Results & Action Plans

Nikki Gullickson provided a brief introduction to the CMT & CAPT results, described the action plans administrators would present.

Principals Doug Hammel, Terry Jordan, Stafford Thomas, Tim Smith, and Assistant Principal Jennifer McCurdy explained the results of the CMT & CAPT results for each of their schools, and the resulting action steps.

Nikki Gullickson summarized the overall district response to state testing. Administrators answered the Board's questions.

Leanne Masterjoseph indicated that while tonight's meeting focused on state testing, the October meeting would provide for summary data concerning internal assessment.

Discussion on Kindergarten Class Size

Nikki Gullickson provided the following information to the Board:

- A packet of data re: Adult to student ratios in Kindergarten

Bill King provided information regarding possible changes transportation and possible impacts on students, families, and the costs involved. Mr. King also provided information to the Board about the requests he received at the beginning of the year for morning and afternoon sessions.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Alisa Morrison:

Motion 1: To add one section of Kindergarten back to both Deans Mill and West Vine Street School with (.5 AM kindergarten at Deans Mill School and .5 PM Kindergarten at West Vine Street School).

The Board continued to discuss Kindergarten classroom size.

The vote was as follows:

Faith Leitner	Yes	Gail MacDonald	No
Rob Cary	No	Sam Agnello	Yes
Doug Rea	No	Kevin Bornstein	No
		Alisa Morrison	Yes

The motion fails.

The following motion was made by Sam Agnello and seconded by Doug Rea:

Motion 2: To adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

Aye: ALL



Doug Rea, Board Secretary