

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2011

Gail MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, Doug Rea, Secretary, Sam Agnello, Rob Cary, Alisa Morison, and Kevin Bornstein.

Late Arrival: Faith Leitner – 7:12 pm

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

Gail MacDonald asked Leanne Masterjoseph to introduce Nick Grello, the new legal representation for the Board of Education from Siegel & O'Connor.

Ginny Brown provided the Board with information about the Community Classroom, initiative and the new partnerships formed with Avalon and Mystic Aquarium.

Gail MacDonald noted that “public comments” were not on the agenda, but she would allow comments during budget discussion if they were pertinent to the budget.

Comments from citizens focused on the Custodial Supervisor position.

Budget Workshop

Leanne Masterjoseph and Administrators answered the Board's questions as they discussed the following:

- FTE counts
- Non-Instructional Supplies
- Revenue Analysis
- Budget Spreadsheet

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

Motion 1: To reinstate .5 kindergarten teachers at West Broad/West Vine and Deans Mill School.

The Board discussed this motion, additions that would need to be made to each of the schools, and the cost involved.

The Board requested that assessment data on integrated K programs from this year and last year be made available to them as soon as available.

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

Motion 2: To table the motion.

Aye: All

The Board continued their discussion on the budget with focus on World Language enrollments.

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Rob Cary

Motion 3: To send the current Superintendent's recommended budget forward to the Board of Finance.

The Board discussed this motion and different options available to them.

The motion was pulled from the table by Doug Rea with Rob Cary in agreement.

The Board continued their discussion on the budget:

- Language enrollment numbers in the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior grades

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

Motion 4: To request an assessment of the World Language program and brought forward in May.

Aye: All

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

Motion 5: To put forward the budget as presented by our Superintendent to the Board of Finance.

The vote was as follows:

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

The Motion passes. 4 – 3

Gail MacDonald once again invited members of the public to comment on budgetary issues. Comments focused on projection numbers in Preschool, Preschool programs, and the RII process.

Gail MacDonald welcomed the public to stay for the Board's discussion on the Superintendent's evaluation.

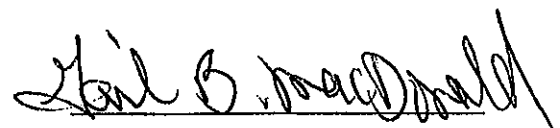
Superintendent's Evaluation

The Board discussed if going into executive session was necessary, and it was agreed upon that it was not required at this time. Sam Agnello and Kevin Bornstein shared a template for the Superintendent's evaluation with Board members. Members agreed to study the documents and make recommendations in the coming week.

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

Motion 6: To adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

Aye: All



Gail MacDonald
Board Chairwoman