## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 26, 2012

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Kevin Bornstein, Alisa Morrison, Deborah Downie and Frank Todisco.

Late Arrival: Craig Esposito and Reka Keller, Student Government - 7:06 p.m. Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

## **Comments from Citizens**

No comments at this time.

## 2012-2013 Budget Discussion

Gail welcomed everyone to the workshop and explained that the workshop would start with a discussion on the New Programs and follow with the line by line 2012-2013 Proposed Global Budget. Gail noted that comments and questions would be addressed throughout the workshop.

Leanne Masterjoseph and Administrators explained and answered the Board's questions as they discussed each New Program of the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget. (see handouts)

Gail MacDonald initiated the line by line 2012-2013 Proposed Global Budget discussion. Leanne Masterjoseph addressed and answered the Board's questions on each budget line of the 2012-2013 Proposed Global Budget.

Board decided to schedule an additional Budget workshop. The Board reached a consensus on a target increase, for the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget and recommended that the Administration provide a revised prioritized budget which will be discussed at the next Budget workshop. The Board set a target percentage increase of 3.75%.

## **Citizens Comments**

Sue Jones, commented on the Tuition and Transportation budget lines and asked for a breakdown on the Retirement budget line.

Cindy Nadeau, commented on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget, fundraising, ECC funding.

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

Motion 1: To adjourn at 9:37 p.m.

Aye: All

Faith Leitner, Board Secretary