

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Kevin Bornstein, Alisa Morrison, and Frank Todisco.

Late Arrival: Deborah Downie – 7:03 p.m.
Craig Esposito – 7:44 p.m.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Reka Keller, Student Government, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

Comments from Citizens

Jon Nickerson commented on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget, and thanked the Board and Administration for their service.

2012-2013 Budget Discussion

Gail MacDonald recapped where the Board is in the Budget process and explained that the workshop would focus on the Superintendent's proposed reductions. Gail also thanked Judy Samokar for the additional information on the line by line accounts.

Gail MacDonald explained that the Board usually waits until the February's Regular Board Meeting to approve the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget, but noted that the Board could choose to do so at the present workshop.

Leanne Masterjoseph presented and explained the proposed adjustments for the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget bringing it to a 3.985% increase. Leanne also supplied the Board with a packet of detailed information on each of the proposed budget adjustments.

Gail MacDonald asked the Board to focus and comment on the proposed adjustments and asked if any Board member needed more information on each proposed adjustment.

Administration answered the Board's questions on each of the proposed adjustments.

The Board agreed that further discussion would take place at the next month's meeting. The Board came to an agreement to reinstate the following proposed adjustments:

- SHS Athletics Reinstate Full Schedule
- Out of District Transportation to Schools of Choice
- Impact of Transportation Reduction (Competitive MS Trips)

Gail MacDonald recommended that the Administration re-evaluate the 300 and 600 line items in the 2012-2013 Proposed Global and asked that the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget be reduced by another \$5,000 dollars before next's month Board meeting.

Citizens Comments

Sue Jones commented on Out of District Transportation to Schools of Choice proposed reduction.

Doug Rea commented on the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget, Superintendent's Annual Report, and commended the Board and Administration for their hard work in the Budget process.

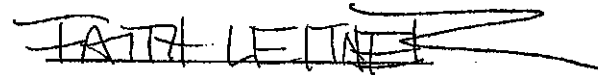
Gail MacDonald also thanked Leanne and all who contributed in the publishing of the Superintendent's Annual Report.

Gail MacDonald ran through important dates to keep in mind as the Board meets with the Board of Finance.

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Faith Leitner.

Motion 1: To adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Aye: All

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FAITH LEITNER". The signature is written in a stylized, cursive-like font with some overlapping lines.

Faith Leitner, Board Secretary