

**STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING June 7, 2012**

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Deborah Downie, Alisa Morrison, Frank Todisco, and Kevin Bornstein.

Absent: Faith Leitner, Secretary, and Craig Esposito

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

**Comments from Citizens**

Jim Turner spoke on behalf of the Magnet School parents and asked the Board to reconsider the reduction of the transportation to out of town Magnet Schools.

Sue Jones commented on the reduction of HS Athletic Allocations and the reduction of extra-curricular stipends while suggesting that these dollars be taken from budget lines 620, 720 and 730. Sue added that she would rather see equipment purchases be postponed instead of cutting coaches.

Gail MacDonald thanked Bill King, Judy Samokar and Leanne Masterjoseph for providing the Board with a lot of information this past week, especially once the budget was passed.

Gail MacDonald noted that she received a great deal of information from the legal counsel and based on this information the Board will be making its decision on the list of item recommendations from administration.

**Possible Budget Approval**

Gail MacDonald asked the Board for suggestions on the reduction of the budget. The Board followed with discussion on the reduction of the budget.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Gail MacDonald.

**Motion 1: To accept submission as given with the exception of 0.4 FTE World Language (French) SHS and 0.5 FTE IT Tech reductions.**

The Board discussed this motion.

**Motion amended by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Gail MacDonald to reinstate \$44,500 from the list by identifying:**

0.4 FTE World Language -	\$19,350
0.4 FTE MMS Psychologist -	\$19,350
Summer Academy -	\$ 5,400
Supplies related to Summer Academy -	\$ 400

A reduction of (\$664) will be added to the HS Athletic Allocations and HS Co-curricular Allocations proportionally.(see attached)

**The vote was as follows:**

<b>Gail MacDonald – Yes</b>	<b>Alisa Morrison - No</b>
<b>Kevin Bornstein – Yes</b>	<b>Deborah Downie - No</b>
<b>Frank Todisco – Yes</b>	

**This vote was 3 to 2  
Motion Passes**

The following motion was made by Alisa Morrison and seconded by Deborah Downie.

**Motion 2:** For the Board of Education to seek discussion with the Board of Finance concerning maintaining transportation to out of town magnet schools in the budget.

All: Aye

Comments from Citizens


Sue Jones asked if there would be a cost savings in the hiring of a new superintendent.

Jim Turner thanked the Board for its consideration on the Magnet School transportation and offered his support if needed.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Deborah Downie.

**Motion 3:** To adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Aye: All

  
Faith Leitner, Board Secretary

## Submission to Achieve Imposed BOF Reductions

Rev 8/7/12

Acct	Items	Amount
111	Addition of 0.5 FTE Elementary Program Facilitator for WV/WB*	\$ 52,000.00
625	Savings on Heat Energy Acct	\$ (38,158.00)
114	Savings on unanticipated retirements	\$ (8,000.00)
133	Reduction of Lead Teacher Stipends	\$ (6,346.00)
410 625	Relocation of BOE Administrative Office Personnel (Decentralize Central Office)	\$ (6,033.00)
312	Deferral of Instructional Consultant	\$ (7,000.00)
153	Reduction of Tutor Hourly Rate	\$ (14,350.00)
640	Deferral of Textbook Purchases	\$ (8,000.00)
Various	Reduction of Operational Budgets District-wide	\$ (9,528.00)
250	Reduction of Retirement Allocation	\$ (20,000.00)
Various	Reduction of HS Athletic Allocations	\$ (14,929.00)
133	Reduction of HS Co-curricular Allocations	\$ (4,407.00)
113	Elimination of Numeracy Support Request	\$ (120,758.00)
510	Transportation to out of town Magnet Schools	\$ (43,456.00)
118	Reduction of proposed 0.5 FTE IT Tech	\$ (27,250.00)
511	SpEd Transportation Savings	\$ (30,000.00)

Total suggested budget reductions **\$ (358,215.00)**

Board of Finance mandated cuts \$ 306,215.00

\*Additions requested \$ 52,000.00

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