

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

August 14, 2006

4:00 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, August 14, 2006, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Sean McGarry, William Padien, Richard Tretheway, and Annie Hall. Jack Lyle was also present. Also in attendance were Marlee Lacoste, Ben Bentrup, Gloria Redlich, Nancy Cole, Martha Velie-Gass, Joanne Warfel, Kathleen Mitchell, and Sue Gibbons.

Work Session with Faculty/Staff on Adjustments to Existing Site Based Management Plan

Mr. Lyle distributed lists of duties and responsibilities for superintendent (full- or part-time), principal/headmaster/dean/facilitator, and dean/housemaster/co-facilitator, which he developed from state law, recommendations from staff members, boilerplate items he found online, and his contract. He stated that a number of duties for the various positions overlapped in a several areas. Discussion continued on the pros and cons of a part-time superintendent and a full-time principal (a non-union administrator), with assistance from

elementary and secondary coordinators who would be certified, union positions that included teaching time.

Establish School Improvement Team

It was explained that a School Improvement Team (SIT) would be an advisory group that would include the superintendent and a member of the School Committee. It was felt that monthly meetings would be a good starting goal. Shea Butcher suggested a SIT of 12 people, including members of the public, parents, students, teachers, the superintendent, facilitator, the K-7 and 8-12 coordinators, and a School Committee member. Others suggested that the Special Education Director or a special education representative and a support staff member should be included. There would be a different chairperson each meeting and agendas would be set at the previous meeting. A different person each meeting could be designated to take minutes or perhaps a clerk should be hired for consistency. The SIT would operate on consensus decisions instead of majority votes. Bylaws would be created by the members of SIT. It was requested that an ad be placed in the Block Island Times seeking volunteers to be part of the SIT.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to establish a school improvement team consisting of 16 people (Superintendent, Facilitator, K-4 Coordinator, 5-7 Coordinator, 8-12 Coordinator, elementary parent, secondary parent, two teachers, two students, special education representative, member of the support staff, School Committee member, and two

members of the public) to meet monthly at least seven days prior to the regular School Committee meeting date carried with a vote of 5-0. It was noted that members would be appointed at the School Committee meeting in September.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, McGarry) at 5:15 PM to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: 9/19/2006