

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

January 10, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. The following members were present: Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Shea Butcher was not in attendance. Leslie Ryan was also present.

Goals and Objectives

The district goals and objectives will be discussed and amended at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 16.

2007-08 Budget Work Session

William Padien stated that the budget must stay under the 5.25 percent cap or the equivalent of \$194,205. Included in the most recent budget is \$116,660 for a principal (includes salary and benefits), \$10,000 for a maintenance supervisor, a three-percent increase for the teachers, and a 12 percent increase for health benefits. Not included are increases for the support staff, a 1/5 increase for guidance, and a 3/5 increase for physical education. The committee made suggestions to cut the budget by reducing the

amount included for Close-Up, reducing technology by \$10,000 and purchasing some of those items out of the current budget, requesting a co-pay for medical benefits, increasing the facility use fee and charging the recreation department for the use of our building, reducing classroom supplies by \$3600, and requiring parents to pay some of the cost of field trips.

Matthew Moran, in presenting the athletic budget, requested an increase in the multiplier from \$222 to \$230 per point for the coaching stipends and an increase from 15 to 20 in the point value for the Athletic Director. He also suggested increasing the stipend for softball to include field work, which is already included in the baseball stipends. The soccer program was changed to reflect the grades 5-6 and 7-9 teams, which historically has been one team. This allows for better management and more one-on-one and/or small group instruction. Mr. Moran suggested offering a freshman girls' basketball team for the upcoming year only because of the numbers of students eligible to play. It was mentioned that the team could be managed with the existing coaches if scheduled correctly. When asked about a girls' volleyball team, Mr. Moran stated that if the students are willing to initially organize it money could be found (mini-grants, fundraising) to fund it. Unfortunately, none of the prep schools we play offer volleyball, but many of the state's public schools do. It was suggested that perhaps the parents could contribute money to have their children participate in a particular sport, but Mr. Moran said that fundraising is permitted in Rhode

Island, but a co-pay is not. The School Committee agreed to a multiplier of \$225 and increased the AD points to 17, but did not change any coaching points.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 9:10 P.M. to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4, 5(a)(2) for contract negotiations carried with a vote of 4-0.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 9:25 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 4-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to seal the minutes of the executive session carried with a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Tretheway, Padien) at 9:25 P.M. to adjourn carried with a vote of 4-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: 2/12/2007