

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

January 22, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, January 22, 2007, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. The following members were present: Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Shea Butcher and Richard Tretheway were not in attendance. Leslie Ryan was also present.

Award of Bids

Mrs. Ryan reported that she had spoken to Howie Rice earlier in the day and he has proposed the following for the bus contract for the 2007-08 school year: One bus for 180 school days and a second bus for the months of September through December and April through June for \$42,250. William Padien reported that he had discussed the two-mile radius for bus service with our attorney and she has suggested we do not want to adopt this policy, which would have to include crossing guards and safety assessments of every road. Mrs. Ryan stated that Mr. Rice has reduced the price of his bid from \$70,000 to \$42,250 and would not want to insult him by asked for additional cuts. A motion (Padien, Hall) to accept the bus contract bid from Rice Construction Company, Inc. of \$42,250 for two buses,

one to be utilized all 180 days and the second not to be used during December through March, carried with a vote of 3-0.

Hull Suburban Propane submitted a bid within the allowable timeframe last week, but due to a miscommunication it was not given to the central office until the following morning. Mr. Padien stated that based on past history and reliability he feels we should stay with Littlefield & Sons. A motion (Hall, Padien) to accept the propane gas bid submitted by Littlefield & Sons Ltd. carried with a vote of 2-1 with Sean McGarry voting in the negative.

2007-2008 Budget Work Session

With the new bus bid coming in at \$42,250 the budget now has an excess of \$418. The committee suggested that the \$418 should be added to the field trips line item. Any other “found” money should be used to reinstate field trips at the requested level and then increase the supplies line item. The committee asked Nancy Cole to develop a list of items that were cut during the budget process so they can be explained when our budget is presented to the town. Sean McGarry stated that he has not given up on changing our athletic structure and Annie Hall mentioned that no added time was included for the guidance counselor position. They feel these are big sacrifices for this year.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:48 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 3-0.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 8:35 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 3-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to seal the minutes of the executive session carried with a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

A motion (McGarry, Hall) at 8:40 P.M. to adjourn carried with a vote of 3-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: 2/12/2007