

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

June 11, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, June 11, 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: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Leslie Ryan was also present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the open session minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 2007, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to approve the minutes of executive session #1 held on May 21, 2007, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to approve the minutes of executive session #2 held on May 21, 2007, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

William Padien reported that the roofing company would be out on June 19 or 20 to repair the roof above the middle grades science lab. They will also patch several other areas. A-1 Sheet Metal will be out when school is done to install the dust collection system in the shop. Once the unit is in place Howell Conant will finish the electrical work associated with the project. Mr. Padien is also talking with Joe Sprague about finishing the handicap ramp to the parking lot and installing the basketball stanchions. He stated that he hopes the basketball court can be resurfaced when the town completes the road project this fall.

Richard Tretheway stated that we had received a two-part security proposal from Shannix for the installation of cameras at several locations throughout the building and a key-card system. It was suggested that an eight-channel recording system be installed with six cameras. The cost of this system is just over \$7,000. Two additional cameras can be installed later if necessary. The town has budgeted \$10,000 in FY08 for this installation. A motion (Tretheway, McGarry) to authorize Shannix to install the security cameras after July 1, 2007, carried with a vote of 5-0.

Matthew Moran submitted a written athletic report for June 2007. Mrs. Ryan raised the issue of the inequity in compensation for the coaches of the boys and girls teams. Currently, there is a discrepancy of about \$500 a season. Years ago the girls played fewer games, but that doesn't seem to be the case anymore and she would like this

discrepancy rectified. She also stated that if Mr. Moran was expected to attend each School Committee meeting that would have to be made clear to him.

Marlee Lacoste reported on the following:

- On May 22 the school staff had the opportunity to meet and greet Dr. Irving at an informal gathering at Mrs. Ryan's home. The following day Dr. Irving toured the school and greeted all the students.
- On May 24 Department of Health representatives were out to conduct the annual hearing screening for students in grades K-3.
- On May 27 BISF held its most successful spring fair with new activities and secondary student volunteers.
- On May 27 the Student Council organized a beach picnic for the secondary students. Teachers were very positive about how well it went.
- On May 29 the sports banquet has held at Smugglers. This is the coaches' opportunity to highlight the achievements of our athletes.
- On May 30 Tom Gregory transformed the gym into a concert hall, with the help of new staging, where students in grades K-12 showcased their musical talents.
- On June 1 Shirley Hendrix from RIDE worked with two teachers to create I-Plans. She will return in the fall to work with six other teachers. In addition, Ms Hendrix began training Kristine Monje as a local trainer.
- On June 5 students in grades K-7 presented Green Eggs and Hamlet, an original musical play by Mrs. Ryan. This was an additional

- opportunity for students to perform outside the classroom setting.
- On June 5 the Consolidated Resource Proposal was sent to RIDE. We will hear later this summer if more information is required.
 - On June 8 the fourth grade students from Hamilton Elementary School visited Mrs. Monje's class. Block Island's fourth grade students will visit Hamilton School on June 13.
 - On June 9 students in grades K-12 participated in the graduation ceremony. Special thanks to Amy Doran and Matt Coviello for their hard work setting up the gymnasium and to Pam Buol, Toni Lemoine, Teri McCombe, Barbara Michel, and Bonnie Swinton who directed the students and put the final touches on the room.
 - On June 10 the seventh grade students, accompanied by Brandon Pineo, left for a week of sailing aboard the Harvey Gamage. This trip is made possible through fund raising efforts and the response was excellent once again.
 - On June 11 the first and third grade students went to Mystic Aquarium.
 - On June 11 the undergraduate award ceremony was held immediately after lunch.
 - On June 12 Morgan Rose will visit with elementary classrooms to explain the Island Free Library's Summer Reading Program. The younger elementary students have the option to participate in the library's program in lieu of the school program.
 - On June 12 kindergarten and grade five will hold their annual picnic and field day at Twin Maples. This is an opportunity for the fifth grade friends to organize and run fun activities for their younger

buddies.

- **Students in grades 8-11 will have open campus during final exams, which begin tomorrow.**
- **The annual beach picnic for students in grades 1-4 is scheduled for June 14.**
- **Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for 10:30 A.M. on June 15.**
- **Field day for students in grades 1-6 will be held at Heinz Field on the morning of June 15. Students will return to school for lunch.**
- **We have received the certificate once again showing that Block Island School is a Regents Commended School for 2005-2006.**

Mrs. Ryan reported that she attended a very interesting, but disturbing, day-long conference on school safety last week. Paul Deane, a member of the New Shoreham Police Department, also attended. She stated that currently we are required to have 15 fire drills each year. Next year several of the fire drills will be changed to “lock-down” drills, which will require a code word and plan where the doors to each room will be locked. Mrs. Ryan intends to make this a priority this summer and at the start of school each teacher will be handed a key to his or her classroom.

Mrs. Ryan stated that SORICO superintendents had an interesting and productive visit here at the school on June 8. They discussed several common issues, including the PBGR. She hopes they will be willing to make the trip to Block Island every year.

Old Business

A motion (Padien, Hall) to move agenda item 4B - Introduction of NSPD's Youth Officer to 8:00 P.M. when Chief Carlone and Thomas Pennell can be present carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to dissolve the Superintendent Search Committee with a thank you to the members for their willingness to serve carried with a vote of 5-0.

Nancy Cole reviewed the changes made to the FY08 general operating budget since it was approved by the School Committee in February, although the bottom line, as approved at the financial town meeting, has not changed. A motion (Padien, Butcher) to approve the FY08 general operating budget as presented this evening carried with a vote of 5-0.

New Business

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to post Policy ID: Extra-Curricular/Athletic Participation for the required 30-day period carried with a vote of 5-0.

Recreation Director Robert Closter requested that the School Committee waive the facility use fees for two camps being offered this summer, Champion Baseball and a basketball camp. A motion (Padien, McGarry) to waive the facility fee for Champion Baseball, which will take place on the school field from July 23-27, carried with

a vote of 5-0. A motion (Padien, Butcher) to waive the facility use fee for basketball camp, to be held July 3-August 2 in the gym, carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Ryan explained that she is still in the process of updating the guidance counselor job description to include PBGR requirements, but it would be ready for review by candidates during the upcoming interview process.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to consent to the appointment of John Kisseberth to the position of assistant junior high softball coach carried with a vote of 5-0.

Because the administration was unsuccessful in filling the secondary science position, Henry Lemoine submitted a letter of interest to Mrs. Ryan when the application process started over. He also submitted a letter notifying the School Committee of his wish to withdraw his letter of intent to retire. Mrs. Ryan recommended the re-appointment of Henry Lemoine as the secondary science teacher. A motion (Padien, Butcher) to rescind the motions made at the March 12, 2007, meeting regarding Henry Lemoine's intent to retire carried with a vote of 5-0. A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to reappoint Henry Lemoine as the secondary science teacher carried with a vote of 5-0.

Mrs. Ryan stated that four applications had been received for the part-time guidance counselor position. Interviews will be held shortly

and the appropriate recommendation for appointment will be made at the July meeting.

Mrs. Ryan reported that the maintenance supervisor position has been advertised in the Block Island Times, but no applications have been received. Everett Littlefield will work until the end of June, but stated he would work with the new supervisor to make sure his "to-do" list gets accomplished.

Calendar of Events

A calendar of events for the month of June 2007 was presented for School Committee information. The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2007.

Old Business

Police Chief Vincent Carlone introduced Thomas Pennell to the School Committee as the department's new youth officer. Officer Pinnell attended DARE and Youth Service School and has experience in Massachusetts working with youngsters. He is hoping to tailor the programs for the different age groups at the school and will be working with the teachers to see what/where the needs are.

Correspondence

Information was received from Amy Lewis regarding teachers participating in the town's 457 retirement program. There was a change in the tax laws, which allows teachers to contribute to a 457 in

addition to a 403B at their own expense. There will be no cost to the school as the paperwork is already being done by Nancy Cole for the town employees. A motion (Padien, Hall) to allow members of the New Shoreham Teachers Association to participate in the ICMA 457 at their own expense carried with a vote of 4-1, with Sean McGarry voting in the negative.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 8:15 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 5-0.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 8:22 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to seal the minutes of the executive session carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to adjust the part-time superintendent's/part-time special education director's 2007-08 fiscal year salary to \$85,000 for 195 days carried with a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) at 8:25 P.M. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: July 16, 2007