

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

October 1, 2008

7:00 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Richard Tretheway was not in attendance. Leslie Ryan and Davida Irving were also present.

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Jeff Wadovick reviewed the changes made to the audit over the last couple of weeks, which included a reduction in legal fees from \$9900 to \$6618 and additional income of \$1200 to the school lunch program.

He stated that he would speak with Amy Lewis about the town transferring to the school 1/12 of the school's funding each month. He also stated that the School Committee should be more proactive in making sure this transfer takes place. Mr. Wadovick pointed out that the school lunch program had a decline of about \$10,000, but both revenue and food costs were lower over the last year so the swing may not be as far off as he stated last month. School Committee members requested that Nancy Cole put together a list of the items taken from the fund balance so no programs are added or

money spent that is not there. Mr. Wadovick cautioned the School Committee against spending too much of its fund balance. A motion (McGarry, Butcher) to accept the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and authorize Nancy Cole to transmit them to the town carried with a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Wadovick submitted a proposal to review the lunch program. He would submit a report summarizing the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, as well as any suggestions he may have for improving the internal control for a fee not to exceed \$3,550 plus out-of-pocket expenses.

Appointments

A motion (Hall, Padien) to consent to the appointment of Elizabeth Gomes as the Block Island School guidance counselor carried with a vote of 4-0. Mrs. Gomes will work two days per week during the school year, up to a maximum of 75 days, and be compensated at the rate of \$58 per hour.

A motion (Butcher, Hall) to consent to the appointment of Lisa Robb as a teacher assistant carried with a vote of 4-0. Mrs. Robb will be compensated at the rate of \$14.00 per hour and receive benefits in accordance with the Town Employees' Association Contract.

A motion (Hall, McGarry) to consent to the appointment of Robert Closter, Jr. as the Athletic Director carried with a vote of 4-0. Shea

Butcher stated that he would like the superintendent to report at the November meeting on how Mr. Closter is doing as the AD.

A motion (Hall, McGarry) to consent to the re-appointment of Alex Chapman as the assistant coach for the 7-9 soccer team for the 2008 soccer season carried with a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 4-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: October 20, 2008

****Double asterisk is used to define motions in the minutes for easier identification.**