

# **NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE INTERIM MEETING**

**Block Island School**

**August 24, 2009**

**9:30 A.M.**

**The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, August 24, 2009, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Mr. Hicks and interim principals Leslie Improta and John Canole were also in attendance.**

## **Operation of School Food Service Program**

**Mr. Hicks explained that the reason for this meeting was because of the surprise resignation of the food service director and the changes required by the school food program, including nutritional regulations and fitting the breakfast/lunch programs into the uniform chart of accounts. Mr. Hicks felt it was worth looking into becoming a member of the state food service contract, which is not a mandatory contract.**

**Mr. Hicks explained the three options available for the food program: continue to operate as in the past, go out to bid and competitively award a management contract, or participate in the state awarded RFP under Aramark. It was pointed out that it would be impractical to**

**go out to bid at this late date.**

**Mr. Hicks contacted Aramark and learned that they were not interested in having us join their program because we are too small and, with school starting in two weeks, a little too late. They would, however, be interested in consulting with us regarding nutritional regulations and moving towards a contractual relationship with us in the future.**

**Mr. Hicks' plan at this time is to continue advertising for a food service director. Applications are due Monday, August 31 and he hopes to interview on Tuesday. He requested that members of the Wellness Committee contact him if interested in being part of the interview process.**

**School Committee members requested that Mr. Hicks continue discussions with RIDE regarding whether Aramark has the option to turn us down if awarded the state contract.**

### **Adjournment**

**A motion (Tretheway, Padien) at 9:56 a.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.**

**Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk**

**Date approved: September 21, 2009**