

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

January 7, 2010

4:00 PM

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. The following members were present: Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, and William Padien. Shea Butcher and Richard Tretheway were not in attendance. Robert Hicks was also present.

Race to the Top Participation

Mr. Hicks explained that the reason for addressing the Race to the Top today and not at the regular meeting next week is because the deadline to submit the memorandum of understanding is tomorrow. He submitted copies of a PowerPoint for people to read. Race to the Top (R2T) is a \$4.3 billion education reform fund as part of the American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds will be distributed in two phases with Phase I applications due early 2010 and awards in April. Phase II will be due in late spring with awards in September. Mr. Hicks stated that Rhode Island is aggressively pursuing funding. Mr. Hicks also submitted a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions and the Partnership Agreement. There are three ways to participate: struggling schools,

participating district, or involved district. He suggested that Block Island participate in all of the components of Section B (World-class Standards and Assessments – The LEA will participate in implementing relevant aspects of the RI Plan to develop and implement high-quality standards and assessment systems), all components of Section C (Data Systems to Support Instruction – The District will participate in implementing all aspects of the RI Plan to develop, implement, and use a statewide longitudinal data system), Section D(1)(b) (Participating in the Leadership Academy training and development of school leadership teams, principals, central office leaders, and school committee members), Virtual Learning under Section F(3), and indicate our interest in other competitive grants.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to authorize the superintendent to sign on to participate in the Race to the Top's Section B – World Class Standards and Assessments, Section C – Data Systems to Support Instruction, Section D(1)(b) – Participating in the Leadership Academy training and development, Section F(3) – Virtual Learning, and to express our interest in other competitive grants carried with a vote of 3-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 4:40 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 3-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: February 8, 2010