

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

February 2, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 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, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Shea Butcher was not in attendance. Robert Hicks was also present.

Award of Bus Bid

Mr. Hicks recommended that the bus transportation bid be awarded to Rice Construction Company in the amount of \$44,380. The initial bid was amended to remove the elimination of two days of transportation for bus inspections and the necessity for a liability waiver when students in grades K-5 cross the street without the assistance of a bus monitor. The bidder has agreed to a three-year price freeze and Mr. Hicks recommended that the School Committee accept this as well. William Padien suggested that Rice Construction sign an acceptance letter or contract. In addition, he feels that there should be an emergency plan in place to provide service if the bus breaks down. A motion (Tretheway, Hall) to award the amended bus transportation bid to Rice Construction Company in the amount of \$44,380 carried with a vote of 3-1 with Sean McGarry voting in the

negative.

2010-2011 Budget Work Session

Mr. Hicks made several suggestions for changes to the budget including the increase in transportation to cover the bus bid, \$5000 for club stipends, increase in student travel, and the inclusion of School Committee stipends. He recommended reducing unemployment by \$5000, reducing the cafeteria subsidy by \$2822, and eliminating the two new sports (track and sailing) for a savings of \$9368.

A lengthy discussion was held on cultural enrichment programs and what defines a club, how to accurately budget for an unknown item, whether the enrichment program would be available to all students and not just to those who are not involved in athletics, and whether track and sailing could be operated as a club until they are successfully established programs.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 8:56 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 4-0.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 9:30 p.m. to return to open session carried with a vote of 4-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to seal the executive session minutes carried with a vote of 4-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 4-0.

Patricia Balles

Date approved: March 22, 2010