

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Block Island School

June 8, 2010

4:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in the media center of the Block Island School.

Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Robert Hicks was also in attendance.

Principal Appointments

Mr. Hicks commended the work of the principal search committee (Shea Butcher, Teri McCombe, Bonnie Swienton, Megan Mitchell, and Derek van Lent), which not only spent hours reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, but also had to discuss how the candidates would work together. Of the 28 applicants, seven were interviewed. Mr. Hicks recommended the appointment of John Canole, who is an interim principal this year, and Karen Kurzman, who lives in Westerly and has spent most of her career in small Vermont towns. Both principals will have a 90-day contract at \$456 per day. Mr. Hicks also recommended a separate \$15,000 extension contract (30 days) for Ms Kurzman to provide professional development services, which will allow us to take fuller advantage of her school improvement experience, accelerate our curriculum work,

and expand coverage.

A motion (McGarry, Hall) to consent to the appointments of John Canole and Karen Kurzman as co-principals of the Block Island School for the year beginning July 1, 2010, carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to consent to the \$15,000 extension contract for professional development services to be paid from Title I funds carried with a vote of 5-0. Since this item was not specifically listed on the agenda, the School Committee will reaffirm its vote at the meeting scheduled for June 21, 2010.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Butcher) at 4:08 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: June 21, 2010