

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

August 23, 2010

6:30 p.m.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, August 23, 2010, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Robert Hicks was also in attendance

Presentation – Washington County Regional Planning Council

This item was tabled until Jeff Broadhead could be in attendance. Mr. Hicks stated that he has a meeting with WCRPC on Tuesday and will send information to the School Committee after he meets with them.

Approval of Minutes

A motion (McGarry, Hall) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 26, 2010, as presented carried with a vote of 5-0.

Reports

Annie Hall stated that there seems to be some confusion as to how absences and field trips are recorded and what shows up on report cards as absences. Mr. Hicks will make sure this is defined for the parents.

William Padien reported that the drainage project has been completed. There was an extra component that needed to be done to complete the hook up to the drainage system and he was not sure what the additional cost would be. Also, the drain on Payne Road was full of sand, which prevented the water from draining. This has been rectified and will be put on the town's maintenance list to vacuum out periodically.

Mr. Hicks submitted a memorandum regarding preparations for the opening of school, which included information on personnel, facility, and other miscellaneous items. The certification process was expedited for Mark Mollicone, the applicant chosen to fill the technology education position; Maura Daley will be the long-term sub for grade 3 for the first half of the year while Judy Durden is on leave; the social worker, psychology, and Adaptive Physical Education positions will be ready for school opening. As stated earlier by Mr. Padien, the drainage work has been completed. The new security system should be up and running by the end of this week, with card access restricted to the main entrance, kindergarten, and gym doors. Both the drainage and security projects are slightly over budget and Mr. Hicks is waiting until he is confident that there is money in the budget to address the school field and solar panels. The skylight replacement will take place during the week of September 27. Music classes will be held in a different room while the project is being done. Work on the lower level is almost complete and the cleaning is

going well and on schedule. Two ActiveBoards have been installed in the Spanish and first grade classrooms; a mobile unit that will be based in the media center is on backorder.

New Business

Mr. Hicks requested that the School Committee reallocate some of the money saved in this year's hiring to fund TIE-Net (\$7,785), AIMS-Web (\$350), RIASP membership (\$1,020), VHS (\$3,200) and Study Island (\$583). Two top step teachers were replaced with one on first step and another on step six, which comes with a savings of \$44,622. Sean McGarry questioned whether this should wait until it is decided how to book the school department's retirement liability. Mr. Hicks pointed out that he does not know of any district that booked the liability all in one year. However, we are not at a point where we know what the liability is or if there are requirements to book it in a single year.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to reallocate \$7,785 of the personnel costs for TIE-Net and \$350 for AIMS-Web carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to reallocate \$3,200 of the personnel costs for VHS and \$583 for Study Island carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to reallocate \$1,020 of the personnel costs for membership in RIASP carried with a vote of 5-0.

Correspondence was received from Kristine Monje requesting tuition reimbursement for two courses she intends to take towards her Master's degree (EDU 702 – School Law; EDU 704 – Supervision and Evaluation of Instructional Personnel). A motion (Hall, Padien) to approve Kristine Monje's request for tuition reimbursement pursuant to the terms and conditions of the School Committee/ Teachers' Contract carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to consent to the reappointment of Robert Closter, Jr. as the Block Island School Athletic Director carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to consent to the reappointment of Kirk Littlefield as head coach for junior high soccer, John Breunig as head coach for varsity soccer, and Becky Pappas as assistant coach for varsity soccer carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to consent to the appointment of Patricia Tremble as the summer reading tutor carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to consent to the appointment of Amy Dugan as the summer math tutor carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) to consent to the appointment of Shannon Booth as the full-time social studies teacher carried with a

vote of 5-0. Ms. Booth will be placed on Step 6 of the Salary Scale with an increment for her Master of Education.

A motion (Padien, McGarry) to consent to the appointment of Mark Mollicone as the full-time technology education teacher carried with a vote of 5-0. Mr. Mollicone will be placed on Step 1 of the Salary Scale.

Correspondence was received from Judy Durden requesting a maternity leave for the first semester of the 2010-11 school year. She and her husband are adopting a baby who was born on July 26. A motion (Tretheway, Padien) to conditionally approve Judy Durden's request for a maternity leave pending the completion of the adoption carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve Yordanka Martin's employment contract as presented and authorize the chairperson to sign it carried with a vote of 5-0.

Calendar of Events

The Back to School Breakfast is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1 at the 1661 Inn. The next regular meeting of the School Committee is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 20, 2010.

Correspondence

Various pieces of correspondence were submitted for School Committee information.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Tretheway) at 7:39 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: September 20, 2010