

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

October 26, 2010

4:00 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 4:02 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.

2009-2010 Audit Report

A draft of the audit report was received earlier today, but the auditors are unable to fly out from Westerly due to the foggy weather. Mr. Hicks stated that he would be willing to email any questions to the auditor that the School Committee may have regarding the audit.

Regarding internal controls, Mr. Hicks explained that this is typical in small operations where one person is responsible for so many things.

It was stated that we already do many of these things, but perhaps the auditor was not aware of it.

Post Employment Benefit Report

Mr. Hicks submitted a memo explaining Other Post-Employment

Benefits (OPEB), which are benefits provided to an employee after he/she leaves service, usually after someone retires. Teachers are eligible for this benefit after 20 years of service and can receive it for five years or until the age of 65, whichever occurs first. Employers have tended to pay for OPEB out of the general operating account, but these are substantial long-term obligations that extend beyond the year-to-year budgets. Mr. Hicks included a table showing the annual liability peaking at \$103,019 and the cumulative liability through 2049, which is \$1,643,452. However, this is a fluid document as it assumes each employee would stay the full 20 years.

Adjournment

An interim meeting was schedule for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 2010, to meet with the auditor.

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 4:39 p.m. to adjourn carried with a vote of 3-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: November 15, 2010