

Little Compton School Committee Minutes

May 20, 2009

Present: J. Quinn, L. Brousseau Lebreux. M. Shapiro, M. Harrington, Dr. Devine-Superintendent, James Gibney, Principal and others.

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm in the Wilbur/McMahon School Commons by Chairman Michael Harrington.

II. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-5 (2) Collective Bargaining, Litigation. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Lebreux it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the executive session.

III. Public Input: Questions were raised pertaining to the prospect of a new school.

IV. Consent Agenda: On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Lebreux it was unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

a. Spotlight on Excellence: Mock Trial, presented by Mr. Fennessey. Mr. Fennessey reported that Little Compton Mock Trial team finished in the top third of schools in the competition.

b. Superintendent Report: Reported on the arrival of the Federal Stimulus money. The Superintendent reported on the sale of the school buses. The highest bid was from Amaral Bus Company and the bid will be awarded to Amaral Bus Company. Dr. Devine reported on the unfair labor charge by the NEARI against the Little Compton School Committee. It was reported that the money spent by Little Compton Schools was unnecessary due to the NEARI dropping the

charges without an explanation days before the meeting. Dr. Devine reported about changing the notification of teacher lay-off notifications to occur after the financial town meeting. The Superintendent reported that his investigation into reported inappropriate staff actions revealed no inappropriate behavior. Dr. Devine reported on technology testing of 8th grade students in the State of Rhode Island. Little Compton Schools reported 97% of the student's proficiency.

c. Principal's Report: None

V. Personnel Matters: On a motion made by J. Quinn, seconded by M. Harrington it was unanimously voted to rescind the letters of dismissal for the following teachers: Michael Tomasso, Kimberly Nickles, Madeleine Panaggio, Gabrielle Sullivan and Stephanie Tesoro.

VI. Action Items:

a. School Calendar, 2009-10, presented by the Superintendent. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by J. Quinn it was unanimously voted to approve the school calendar of 2009-10.

b. Vote to approve home school plan, presented by the Superintendent. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Lebreux it was unanimously voted to approve the home school plan presented.

c. Vote to extend retirement notification deadline, presented by the Superintendent. On a motion made by M. Harrington, seconded by L. Lebreux it was unanimously voted to extend the retirement deadline

to the June meeting.

VII. Discussion Items:

a. Unfair labor charge was previously addressed, presented by Superintendent

b. Selection to state-wide science initiative presented by Superintendent

c. Selection of former students for scholarship presented by Superintendent. Kevin Wilkie and Brian Medeiros each received an outstanding scholarship. It was also suggested to invite them both to the next school committee meeting.

VIII. On a motion made by L. Lebreux, seconded by M. Shapiro it was unanimously voted to Adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Sylvia

Secretary to the School Committee