

## STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2012

A combined Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectman Special Meeting was held at the Mystic Middle School Cafeteria.

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:06 p.m., other members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Kevin Bornstein, Frank Todisco, Alisa Morrison and Craig Esposito. Late Arrival 6:13 p.m.: Deborah Downie

Board of Finance members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman, Sandy Grimes and John O'Brien. Absent: Bryan Bentz, June Strunk and Dudley Wheeler

Board of Selectmen members present were Glee McAnanly, Edward Haberek, Jr. Late Arrival: 6:48 p.m.: George Crouse

Also present were Ana deOliveira, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, students and interested citizens.

### General Discussion on State of Schools

Guest presenter, Dr. Paul Smotas gave a presentation, distributed information and commented on the following topics: (Exhibits attached)

#### **State of the Schools**

- Facilities
- Curriculum
- Staffing (Exhibits A, B, C)
- Student Successes, Challenges
- Board/Administrative Relationships
- Board/Board/Board Relationships

#### **Stressors**

- Revenue vs. Expenses (Exhibit D)
- Bonding Level
- Special Education Tuition/Transportation (Exhibit E)
- Student Information System
- Revaluation

#### **Opportunities for Collaboration**

- Medicaid Reimbursement
- Town Owned Parking Lot
- Retirement Account MOU (Exhibit F)

#### **Budget Clarity and Development**

- Reality vs. Perception
- Tools for Success
- Sample Budget 101 (Exhibits G, H, I)

All three Boards had questions for Dr. Paul Smotas and exchanged dialogue concerning these issues.

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**Exit Interview with Outgoing Superintendent**

All three Boards thanked and applauded Dr. Paul Smotas for his work during his tenure with Stonington Public Schools.

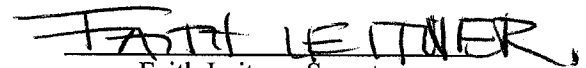
**Comments from Citizens**

No comments at this time.

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Frank Todisco

**Motion 1: To adjourn at 7:13 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

  
Faith Leitner, Secretary