

**STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Kevin Bornstein, Frank Todisco, and Deborah Downie

Late Arrival: Alisa Morrison – 7:21 p.m.

Absent: Craig Esposito

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Superintendent of Schools, Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Reka Keller, Student Government, members of the staff, students and interested citizens.

Gail MacDonald explained that tonight's meeting would focus on the 2012-2013 Budget Presentation to the Board of Finance.

**Comments from Citizens**

Sue Jones thanked everyone for the tremendous job in the budget preparation.

**2012-2013 Budget Presentation Discussion**

Gail MacDonald asked the Board members to provide input on ways to present the 2012-2013 Budget to the Board of Finance and explained the process from previous years.

The Board discussed options and the process in which to present the budget to the Board of Finance and reached an agreement that Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, would present a short presentation on the budget to the Board of Finance on March 7, 2012.

Gail MacDonald reported that she requested from Superintendent, Leanne Masterjoseph budgetary information from the past five years. Leanne distributed that information to the Board members.

The Board members suggested that information on the presentation of the 2012-2013 Budget to the Board of Finance be available to the community.

**Citizens Comments**

Jon Nickerson suggested that student representation, such as Student Government, Reka Keller, be present at the budget presentation to the Board of Finance as well as community members to serve as supports to the Board.

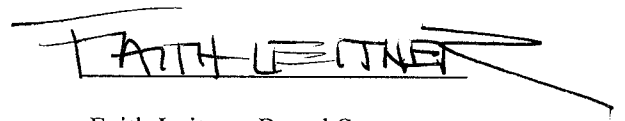
Sue Jones suggested that teachers and students attend the presentation of the budget to the Board of Finance, along with the use of the Alert Now system to highlight important upcoming dates on the budget presentation and deliberations.

Faith Leitner thanked everyone for their support in the recent SEF fundraiser.

The following motion was made by Kevin Bornstein and seconded by Faith Leitner.

**Motion 1: To adjourn at 7:49 p.m.**

**Aye: All**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FAITH LEITNER". The signature is written in all caps and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Faith Leitner, Board Secretary