

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 2, 2012

Gail MacDonald, Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education meeting room. Members present were Faith Leitner, Secretary, Alisa Morrison, Kevin Bornstein, and Craig Esposito.

Absent: Deborah Downie, Frank Todisco

Also present was Dr. Paul Smotas, Interim Superintendent of Schools.

Executive Session

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Faith Leitner:

Motion 1: To enter into executive session regarding the Program Facilitator Interviews and invite Paul Smotas to join.

All: Aye

The Board entered into executive session at 6:12 p.m.

Board member Alisa Morrison exited the executive session at 6:50 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Gail MacDonald welcomed the representatives from Lockton Health Insurance Benefits Consultants.

Dr. Paul Smotas noted that the district is in the process of teachers and administrators' negotiations, therefore insurance benefits consultants; Tim Hasselman and Bob Devito were present to give an overview of benefit plans and trends in the industry.

Lockton Health Insurance Benefits Consultants Presentations

Lockton Health Insurance Benefits Consultants, Tim Hasselman and Bob Devito distributed a handout on existing and new health plans. Mr. Hasselman and Mr. Devito also presented an overview on the existing plans and the High Deductible Health Plan, which could serve as a new health care plan for employees.

The Board had questions for Lockton and requested from them a breakout of Town and BOE healthcare costs.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Paul Smotas reported on the following topics:

- Water at the school buildings
- Sprinkler system update
- Options for WBSS if unable to open
- Cancelled move at Central Office
- Athletic fields at SHS
- Magnet School transportation
- Administrative salaries (CO)
- Vacancies
- Revenue Committee status

The Board discussed each of these topics.

Proposed Authorization to Superintendent to Make Emergency Purchasing Decisions and Sign Contracts

Dr. Paul Smotas asked that the Board give the Superintendent authorization to make emergency purchasing decisions and sign contracts.

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 2: To authorize the Superintendent to make emergency purchasing decisions and sign contracts pertaining the turf issue at the athletic fields at SHS.

Kevin Bornstein questioned if the emergency aspect was in regards to exemption from waivers. The Board and Dr. Paul Smotas explained this would pertain only to the turf issue.

All: Aye

Executive Session

The following motion was made by Faith Leitner and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 3: To enter into executive session for the purpose of a discussion on the superintendent search update and invite Paul Smotas to join.

All: Aye

The Board entered into executive session at 8:41 p.m.

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

Motion 4: To adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

All: Aye

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "FAITH LEITNER". The signature is written in all caps and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Faith Leitner, Board Secretary