

STONINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 16, 2009

Mr. Bolduc, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Stonington High School Commons. Members present were John Bolduc, Chairman, April Smith, Secretary, Doug Rea, Gail MacDonald, Rob Cary, Kevin Bornstein.

Members Absent: Sam Agnello.

Also present were Leanne Masterjoseph, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jackie Garvie, Recording Secretary, members of the staff, and interested citizens.

2009-2010 Budget

Board members reviewed the purposed 2009-2010 budget and suggested reductions of \$368,000 (attachment 7a). The board agreed to reduce substitute teacher pay by \$5.00 for a savings of \$16,000 (Line #2), reduce \$2,000 from technology stipends (Line #11), eliminate \$24,000 for non-union paraprofessionals (Line #8), remove \$30,000 from additional operations (Line #9), and remove \$12,000 from Technology (Line #10).

The board members also discussed class sizes for next year.

The following motion was made by Gail MacDonald and seconded by Rob Cary:

- **Motion 1: To reinstate 2.0 FTE classroom teacher positions where administration sees the need.**

Aye: All

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Gail MacDonald:

- **Motion 2: To take \$43,000 from Pay to Play and the remaining \$11,080 in reduction savings and apply to increasing staffing at elementary schools.**

The vote was as follows:

Doug Rea:	Yes	Gail MacDonald:	No
April Smith:	No	John Bolduc:	No
Rob Cary:	No	Kevin Bornstein:	No

The motion failed.

Public Comments

Rob Marseglia, DMS parent, spoke in support of literacy paraprofessionals.

Cindy Nadeau, WVSS parent, spoke in support of Autism Specialist position. Asked the board if it would be cheaper to keep special education students in district and not place outside of district. Also suggested that there be less late busses and have more students ride the late busses that are provided. She also stated that she thinks "Play to Pay" is the future.

Public Comments continued.

Betty Pacelle, SPS Media Specialist, spoke in favor of putting back media specialists that were cut from the budget.

The Board of Education responded to citizen comments and answered questions that were raised during public comments.

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 3: To take \$14,100 from Line #1 of Attachment 7a and use \$11,080 from reduction savings to reinstate literacy paraprofessionals.**

The vote was as follows:

Doug Rea:	Yes	Gail MacDonald:	No
April Smith:	No	John Bolduc:	No
Rob Cary:	No	Kevin Bornstein:	No

The motion failed.

The following motion was made by Doug Rea and seconded by Kevin Bornstein:

- **Motion 4: To adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**

Aye: All

April Smith, Board Secretary