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Farouk Rajab, Board Chairman called the special meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Members present were Craig Esposito, Kevin Agnello, Chris Donahue, and Sara Baker. Also present were Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary, Dr. Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools, and members of the administration staff. Guest, Alisha Stripling.

Late Arrival: Heidi Simmons, Secretary – 6:31p.m.

Member Absent: Dan Kelley

Farouk Rajab, Chair opened the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting was to approve both the Director of Finance and Assistant Superintendent contacts.

Approval of Director of Finance Contract

Chris Donahue asked whether there was an increase from the current contract to the new contract. Dr. Riley noted there is a 2.25 % increase difference more. Mr. Donahue asked if that is common with other school districts. Chair Rajab noted that it is. Chair Rajab noted both contracts were reviewed for median salaries and language of the contracts with our legal counsel.

The following motion was made by Craig Esposito and seconded by Sara Baker:

Motion 1: To approve the Director of Finance contact.

All: Aye

Farouk Rajab, Chair and Board members congratulated Alisha Stripling as the new Director of Finance. Ms. Stripling voiced she is thankful for the opportunity. She added she grew up in the area and knows Stonington is an amazing school district and is excited to see what she can add to that. Chair Rajab welcomed Ms. Stripling to the team.

Approval of Assistant Superintendent Contract

The following motion was made by Sara Baker and seconded by Heidi Simmons:

Motion 2: To approve the Assistant Superintendent contract.

All: Aye

Tim Smith thanked the Board with vesting him with the opportunity to serve the district in this new role. Mr. Smith noted he started his tenure at the high school and realized then how great the school system was and moved his family to the area about fourteen years ago. He is excited to help Mrs. Butler move her work forward in the coming years and thanked the Board for their support. The Board members congratulated Mr. Smith.

Board Comments/Concerns

Chris Donahue congratulated both candidates and is looking forward to working with them.

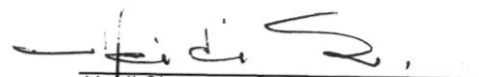
Dr. Riley noted a message will be going out shortly announcing the two new administrators to the staff and parents on the Board's behalf.

Adjournment

The following motion was made by Chris Donahue and seconded by Sara Baker:

Motion 3: To adjourn 6:36 p.m.

All: Aye


Heidi Simmons, Secretary