

Farouk Rajab, Board Chairman called the special meeting to order at 2:02p.m. Members present were Heidi Simmons, Secretary, Craig Esposito, Kevin Agnello, Sara Baker and Dan Kelley. Members Absent: Chris Donahue. Also present Mary Anne Butler, Superintendent, and Ana de Oliveira, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Human Resource Manager Appointment

Chair Rajab spoke the purpose the meeting is to review the Human Resource Manager position, by law the Board of Education is required to appoint the position. Mary Anne Butler, Superintendent gave an update noting the pool of applicants was not deep but feels confident with the candidate that has been chosen. She added that Patti Burmahl, Director of Administrative Services from the Town was also part of the interview process. Mrs. Butler noted that the candidate comes from an education background and will have her 092 certification. She added that Alisha Stripling, Director of Finance can teach her the process of on boarding and Human Resources component can be learned. Her start date would be October 31st. Heidi Simmons questioned if the pool for HR positions are usually not robust. Mrs. Butler explained that is what many districts are seeing across the board. Dan Kelley voiced his concern, noting that he is not a fan of this position in the first place. He added the candidate does not have HR experience and is an English teacher. He added just to use an educator is not something he is comfortable with. He voiced he would prefer reopening and re-advertising the position. Mrs. Butler noted the need for a person with a 092 certification in the position, who will also work on the Title IX process, and handle professional development for administrative staff. Heidi Simmons appreciates candidates with a lot of flexibility. Kevin Agnello also agrees with the need to have a candidate with an education background.

Craig Esposito had questions regarding the position’s salary. Mrs. Butler stated the starting salary is \$128,000 per year.

The following motion was made by Kevin Agnello and seconded by Craig Esposito:

Motion 1: To approve the appointment of Bethany Wagner as the new Human Resource Manager for Stonington Public Schools.

Vote:	Farouk Rajab – Yes	Dan Kelley – Abstained
	Heidi Simmons – Yes	Kevin Agnello – Yes
	Craig Esposito – Yes	Sara Baker – Yes
	Chris Donahue – Absent	

Motion: Passes

Adjournment

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

Motion 2: To adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

All: Aye

Heidi Simmons, Secretary