

MINUTES OF THE CORNWALL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2010 AT 4:00 P.M. AT  
CORNWALL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Board members present were: Becky Hurlburt, Phil Hart, Irene Hurlburt, Thomas K. Levine, and Rachel Matsudaira. Wynne Kavanagh was absent. Also present was Robert Vaughan, Principal.

Mrs. B. Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Mrs. B. Hurlburt read a statement that this Special Meeting was called with the intention of "...uniting the Board in a positive way, not in a coercive way." She noted that the motion at Tuesday's meeting regarding the letter of support for the Region One administration was recorded as "did not pass," but that it actually passed unanimously, as abstaining votes are not counted. (This will be corrected at the October regular meeting.) She also stated that she has not been directed by the Superintendent or the Assistant Superintendent, but has been guided through several difficult issues that arose at Cornwall Consolidated School in the past eight months.

Mr. Hart reiterated that he thinks a statement of support at this time is inadvisable and would prefer waiting until after the current inquiry at the high school is completed. After some discussion the following motion was voted:

**A motion was made by Mrs. Matsudaira and seconded by Mr. Levine to support the following statement:**

**It is not the intention of the Cornwall Board of Education to influence the Region One Board of Education with issues involving Housatonic Valley Regional High School. We are separate Boards and do not take sides or leverage any weight in the proceedings of the Regional Board of Education. As far as our relationship with the Region One Central Office is concerned, the Cornwall Board of Education has consistently found the Region One Central Office to be helpful, supportive and cooperative in assisting the Cornwall Board and the Cornwall School in its efforts to create the best educational environment possible for the school children in our community. The extensive experience of Superintendent Patricia Chamberlain, Assistant Superintendent Diane Goncalves, and Business Manager Samuel Herrick has supplied Cornwall Consolidated with a level of dedication, knowledge and professional response that has served Cornwall well. We are confident that the Cornwall Board of Education's relationship with the Central Office will continue as such in the future.**

**Voting aye were Mr. Levine, Mrs. B. Hurlburt, Mrs. I. Hurlburt, and Mrs. Matsudaira. Voting nay was Mr. Hart.**

**On a motion by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mrs. Matsudaira, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.**

Susan F. Gingert  
Board Clerk