Chairman Timothy Walsh called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: (alpha order)
Paula Ellis (excused)
John Francino-Quinn (excused)
Kate Kutash
Arlene Liscinsky, Vice Chairman (excused)
Thomas Minotti, Secretary (excused)
Win Oppel
Mike Pacowta
Timothy Walsh, Chairman
Kathleen Yolish

Quorum of 5 present, 4 absent

Board of Education Administration present:
Superintendent of Schools, Freeman Burr
Assistant Superintendent, Lorraine Rossner
Director of Finance, Allan Cameron
Director of Human Resources, Rita McDougald-Campbell

(1 tape on file in City/Town Clerk’s Office)

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda
Win Oppel moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Kate Kutash; vote 5-0; motion passed.

Items Voted On
Copies of the Pay to Participate Policy #5139 were distributed and Lorraine Rossner briefly explained that the policy was presented at the June meeting to sit for review.

Kate Kutash moved to approve the proposed Pay to Participate Policy #5139, which has “sat” for thirty days, in accordance with the Board’s Policy; seconded by Kathy Yolish; vote 5-0; motion passed.
Win Oppel moved to empower the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a contract for natural gas supplies, in accordance with the recommendation of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, based on the results of the auction to be conducted by them on August 4, 2010; seconded by Kate Kutash. Discussion – Allan Cameron stated it is the first time we have gone out to bid on natural gas. He said the market for natural gas is at an all-time low since 2004. He anticipates a four-year contract will be signed. Vote 5-0; motion passed.

Win Oppel moved to empower the Superintendent, or his designee, to execute a contract for electric generation services, in accordance with the recommendation of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, based on the results of the auction to be conducted by them on August 11, 2010; seconded by Mike Pacowta. Discussion – Mr. Cameron was questioned about the expiration of our current contract and stated it expires in December and this contract would follow. Vote 5-0; motion passed.

Mike Pacowta moved to approve the job description of the Executive Director of Curriculum and Support Services, as recommended by the Personnel Committee; seconded by Kathy Yolish. Discussion - Copies of the job description were distributed, and Lorraine Rossner discussed the edits that were made. Vote 5-0; motion passed.

Adjournment
Win Oppel moved to adjourn at 6:18 p.m.; seconded by Mike Pacowta; vote 5-0; motion passed.

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Recording Secretary – Board of Education
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