

**NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
December 23, 2003**

The North Branford Board of Education met for a Special Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Library Media Center of Totoket Valley Elementary School on December 23, 2003. The following members attended:

Board Vice-Chairperson:	Ron Haskins
Board Secretary:	Amy Sochocki-Norton
Board Members:	Lisa Gagliardi Penny Seaman Cheryl Smith Kris Vanacore

Superintendent of Schools:	Dr. Robert K. Wolfe
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I. Visitors

Director of Business/Personnel:	Donald Winnicki
Principals:	Nancy Brittingham, TVES Karen Johnson, STW Rose Angeloni Paul Proto

MOTION: Moved by Cheryl Smith and seconded by Kris Vanacore to nominate Ron Haskins as Board Chair.

MOTION: Moved by Amy Sochocki-Norton and seconded by Kris Vanacore to nominate Lisa Gagliardi as Board Chair.

MOTION: Moved by Kris Vanacore and seconded by Amy Sochocki-Norton to close nominations for Board Chair.

Lisa Gagliardi stated that “in the past 5 days, I’ve thought a great deal about this issue. Unlike Mr. Haskins, I DON’T feel politics has any place in the running of the Board of Education – even in the election of its leadership offices. It is apparent to me that this is the case here. I believe that there have been too many political entanglements in this process thus far, and it is MY opinion, that we’ve lost sight of the qualities we should be seeking in this leadership role-

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qualities such as experience, knowledge, objectively, fairness honesty, and an existing working relationship among current Board members upon which to build and extend to new members. I therefore, respectfully withdraw my name from the running.” This letter was typed as submitted to the secretary.(attached)

(Correction) work objectively should have read objectivity.

Lisa Gagliardi withdrew her name from the nominations for Board Chair.

PENNY SEAMAN AYE
KRIS VANACORE AYE
AMY NORTON NAY
LISA GAGLIARDI ABSTAINED
CHERYL SMITH AYE
RON HASKINS AYE

MOTION PASSES: 4-1-1

Ron Haskins is the newly elected Chair of the North Branford Board of Education.

MOTION: Moved by Kris Vanacore and seconded by Amy Sochocki-Norton
To adjourn this meeting of the North Branford Board of Education
At 9:45 a.m.

ALL VOTED AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Ardine