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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting – May 7, 2013
High School Cafeteria

NOT BOARD APPROVED

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse; Vice President, Mr. Gregory Meyer; Mr. Thomas Carson; Mrs. Susan Koukounas; and, Mrs. Amelia Lantz.

ABSENT: Mrs. Kimberly Ligon.

LATE: Mr. Jeffrey Falisi.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Nancy Carney, Dr. Lois Etzel, Mr. Sam M. Schneider, and Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr.

Board President, Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to recess to Executive Session for discussion involving the collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Falisi arrived at 6:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Koukounas, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to return to open session.

Return to
Open Session

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 6:55 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were about 30 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

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A motion was made by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Lantz, to adopt the agenda as published.

Adoption of
Published Agenda
-Approved

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The public hearing on the proposed budget for 2013-2014 was declared opened at 7:33 p.m.

Public Hearing
-Proposed 2013-2014
Budget

There were no comments heard from members of the audience.

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse reminded everyone to vote on May 21st at their designated polling place (Riverhead High School, Aquebogue Elementary School, Phillips Avenue Elementary School, or Riley Avenue Elementary School). The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The public hearing was declared closed at 7:34 p.m.

The following candidates spoke in order as their names will appear on the ballot:

Opportunity for
Candidates

Amelia Lantz
Jeffrey J. Falisi
Christopher J. Dorr

Each candidate was limited to three minutes to speak in support of his/her candidacy.

There were no comments made by members of the community related to Agenda topics only.

Community Comments

A motion was made by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA
-Approved

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Approval of Minutes

Special District Meeting – April 2, 2013
Regular Meeting – April 9, 2013
Special Meeting – April 17, 2013

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Budget Transfer

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the following budget transfer:

To Code:	From Code:	Amount
1420-413-00-1000	1910-415-00-1000	\$ 15,000.00
	1620-409-10-1000	20,000.00

Personnel

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Professional Personnel recommendations be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and are subject to Board Policy #9310:

(AS PER THE ATTACHED SHEETS)

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Civil Service Personnel recommendations be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and are subject to Board Policy #9310:

(AS PER THE ATTACHED SHEETS)

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mr. Carson, to approve the following resolution:

Third and Final
Reading of Board
Policies
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the third and final reading of the following Board policies:

- 1000 - Community Relations Goals
- 1050 - Annual District Election and Budget Vote
- 2410 - Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review
- 4532-E.1 - Application for School Volunteers
- 5550 - Student Privacy
- 5710 - Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Carson, seconded by Mrs. Lantz, to approve the following resolution:

Appointment of Vote
Workers for Special
District Meeting on
May 21, 2013
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District appoints the following persons for the Annual School District Budget Vote and Election of Board Members on May 21, 2013:

Inspectors of Election: Cathleen B. Johnson, Joan Kielkowski, Gerald McConnon, and Maryann Siemen.

Poll Clerk: Mary Yarusso

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of compensation for the Inspectors of Election and Poll Clerks be set at \$10.00 per hour. Employees of the District shall receive one and one-half times the employee's hourly rate beyond the normal workday.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mr. Carson, to approve the following resolution:

Approval for the
Certification of
Lead Evaluator
-Approved

RESOLVED, that Elizabeth Chappell is hereby certified as Qualified Lead Evaluator of classroom teachers having successfully completed the following training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b):

- (1) The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators/the Leadership Standards and their related functions;
- (2) Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
- (3) Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR 8§30-2.2;

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- (4) Application and use of the State-approved rubrics selected by the Riverhead Central Faculty Association for use in the evaluation of classroom teachers, including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe a classroom teacher's practice;
- (5) Application and use of the assessment tools that the Riverhead Central School District utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers, including but not limited to professional growth goals, school improvement goals, etc.
- (6) Application and use of the State-approved locally selected measures of student achievement used by the School District to evaluate its classroom teachers;
- (7) The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and the School District to evaluate a classroom teacher under 8 NYCRR §30-2, including:
 - (a) how scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of classroom teachers, and
 - (b) application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the overall rating of classroom teachers and their subcomponent ratings; and
- (8) Specific considerations in evaluating classroom teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities.

Training on the use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System, also required by 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b), will be provided once the NYS Education Department makes available information required for such training.

This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators provided by the NYSED.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lantz, seconded by Mr. Carson, to approve the following resolution:

Award of Bids
-Approved

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WHEREAS, in April 2013 the District solicited various bids; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is in the best interests of the Riverhead Central School District to award the bids to various vendors; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts shall be for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, with the option to renew for (2) one-year periods upon concurrence of the Riverhead Central School District and said vendor, under the same terms and conditions; and

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Bid Number</u>
Hardy Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning	Plumbing Maintenance and Repair	RH13-011
Montauk Bus Charter, LLC, Center Moriches, NY	Bus Transportation	RH13-012
First Student Inc.	Bus Transportation	RH13-012
L.I. Cauliflower Association	Grass Seed and Fertilizer	RH13-013
Bi-Lo Industries, Inc. of Deer Park, NY	Bulk Virgin Motor Oil and other related Petroleum Products	RH13-015
Atlantic States Lubricants, Corp., Farmingdale, NY	Bulk Virgin Motor Oil and other related Petroleum Products	RH13-015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent to sign any necessary documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as there were no qualified responses for the Bid RH13-014 School Health Supplies, the Board of Education hereby rejects any submissions and directs that the items be rebid.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mr. Carson, to approve the following resolution:

Acceptance of
Donations
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the contribution from Syracuse University in the amount of \$500 to be used for the SUPA Forensics class to defray costs associated with LI Forensic Science competition sponsored by Forensics World for the 2012-2013 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby authorizes a budgetary increase to the budget line of 2110-501-01-2020 in the amount of \$500.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Messrs. Larry Salvesen of BBS Architects and Steve Brugge of Triton Construction, gave an update on the capital improvement projects. The three elementary buildings have advanced quite a bit and will be completed by September 2013. The design for the Middle School will be submitted to the NYSED by July 1 with designs for Pulaski and Roanoke to be submitted to the state by September 1.

*Update on
Bond Projects*

Phillips: The parking lot has been reconfigured and now has drop-off loops and sufficient parking. The playground will have rubber surfacing and the libraries have been expanded and reconstructed. Other interior areas of renovation will take place during the summer and completed. Currently, projects are about 65% complete.

Aquebogue: The drop-off and bus loop remain the same. A large parking area has been added in the back s/o of the existing parking lot. The playground is under renovation and will be getting a rubber surface along with some sand and some areas wooden. The addition to the existing prep kitchen continues to move forward and will be ready for operation by the start of school this September. Currently, projects are about 30% complete.

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Riley: There is a separate parking lot for parents and a parent drop-off. The addition of two new classrooms are under construction and the playgrounds will be operational by September. The renovations of the library and a new computer lab should be ready for use by the opening of school in September. Currently, projects are about 40% complete.

High School: The rendering shown during the bond phase is under review by the New York State Education Department and he noted that there is a delay in approvals by them. When approved, the project will go out to bid. Construction will then begin on the 30,000 sq. ft. front addition to the existing building beyond the main entry point. A completion date by the fall of 2015 is anticipated. Projects at the High School (library renovation, gym bleacher replacements, replacement seating in the auditorium) are expected to be completed by the spring of 2014. All other renovations to other classrooms, roofing and window replacements, etc. will be worked on during the summer and completed by the fall of 2015.

Middle School: Design plans are being finalized and should be sent to the NYSED by July 2013.

Pulaski Street School and Roanoke Avenue Elementary School : Design plans are being finalized and should be sent to the NYSED by September 2013.

Ms. Carney welcomed newly appointed Social Studies teacher, Katherine Brown. She further commented on the following:

Opportunity for Superintendent

▪The School District received a grant from Project Fit America. We were chosen as the first school in the State of New York to receive this grant. We thank Athletic Director, Bill Groth, who worked with the staff at Peconic Bay Medical Center to secure this grant that will include state-of-the-art indoor/outdoor fitness equipment, mentoring and training for Physical Education teachers, implementation of lesson plans, etc. Equipment will be put in place over the summer and the program will start in September 2013.

▪Peconic Bay Medical Center will host their Annual Garden Festival on May 9-12 at the Staples Shopping Center in Riverhead from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Proceeds from this event will help finance the Project Fit Program.

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- The Riverhead High School Student Government is to be commended for joining Ride for Life founder, Chris Pendergast, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease 20 years ago. This is his 16th ALS Annual Ride for Life that helps spread the message of hope and awareness. The Student Government donated \$300 to this cause.
- The Riverhead Middle School National Junior Honor Society and the Middle School Environmental Club hosted a “Family Night Under the Stars” at the Middle School on May 3.
- Roanoke Avenue Elementary School celebrated National “Screen-Free Week” (originally “Turn Off Your TV Week”) during April 29-May 5. Students were encouraged to turn off their TV and other digital devices and spend the time interacting with family.
- Congratulations to Carolyn Carrera who was chosen to play on the Long Island Metropolitan Team to compete in the 2013 U.S. Lacrosse Women’s Division National Tournament on May 25-26 at Lehigh University. She is the first Riverhead lacross player to be selected to a team of this national significance.
- Everyone is encouraged to look at the District website for the upcoming spring concerts. It is a wonderful way for the community to see all the good work our students do and enjoy their talents.

Contracts under \$25,000 approved and executed by the Superintendent of Schools:

Stacey Naglieri	CPSE Chairperson	\$6,000.00
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The Riverhead High School Interact Club hosted the Senior Citizen Prom in the High School cafeteria on April 17. Mr. Falisi thanked Carole Kirchoff who was MC and coordinator of this event and thanked everyone who helped make this annual event such a success. He also commented on the outstanding performance of the Riverhead High School Blue Masques’ production of “Fiddler on the Roof”; and, thanked the National Honor Society for a wonderful evening and congratulated all new inductees.

There were no comments made on behalf of the R.C.F.A.

Opportunity for R.C.F.A.

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Comments from the community included:

Community Comments

•Mr. Brad Bender, President of the Flanders, Riverside and Northampton Community Association (FRNCA) read the following letter from the Town of Southampton into the record:

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Ms. Nancy Carney
Superintendent
Riverhead Central School District
700 Osborn Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901

Dear Superintendent Carney and Members of the Board of Education:

We are writing to express our concern about the proposed relocation of the Riverhead Central School District bus barn to the Flanders/Riverside community, specifically, to property on the Phillips Avenue School site. To accomplish this relocation, the school district is contemplating the purchase of a lot located in the Town's Enterprise Zone in order to build a road that will connect the bus barn route through to Flanders Road (SR 24).

This is a proposal that will have a negative effect on the Southampton Town residents living in the area, on the children who attend the Phillips Avenue School, on traffic flow, and on the economic revitalization that is being planned for the area.

The school district plan, if implemented, puts a major traffic burden squarely on the backs of the local residents who live in this mainly residential area, as well as on the all too congested Riverhead traffic circle during peak times of the day. It is my understanding that 100 buses will be housed at the proposed site, along with the bus drivers' vehicles – up to 200 vehicles coming and going throughout the day. It is an impossible burden, not only on the residents and the school children themselves, but on the roadway infrastructure currently in place, which is woefully inadequate to accommodate such an intense increase in use.

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Additionally, the use of the LI 40 zoned property proposed for purchase by the district for a "driveway" is alien to the use that the Town of Southampton has in mind for the light industrial park envisioned for the Enterprise Zone. The Flanders/Riverside community would lose much-needed tax base revenue if the parcel in question is used solely for a "driveway." It would have a negative impact on the Town's marketing efforts for the other parcels in the Enterprise Zone, again, causing undue tax burdens on the Flanders/Riverside residents, and impeding the Town's revitalization vision for the community.

We realize that the Riverhead School District must accommodate its expanding enrollment and provide for the future, but it must not be at the expense of a community that has long struggled with decline, and is now, with the Town's and Suffolk County's help, at the brink of revival and renewal. We urge you to reconsider this flawed proposal. We are at your disposal to discuss this important matter further.

Sincerely,

Anna Throne-Holst
Supervisor
Town of Southampton

Jay Schneiderman
Suffolk County Legislator

•Vince Taldone, member of the Riverside Revitalization Committee, spoke about the plan for taxable uses into the Riverside area that will generate tax revenue and bring in good paying jobs. This is what the community supports and were totally unaware of the School District's proposed facility. While he wholly supports Proposition I to establish a capital reserve, he is opposed to Proposition II. He asked the Board of Education to reconsider and work with the Riverside community and Town of Southampton Planning Department to find something more suitable that won't "break the bank."

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- Carl Iaccone, a Flanders resident and member of the Bay View Pines Civic Association, criticized the District's lack of communication to the community to inform them of the District's intentions that would have a direct impact upon them. He asked the Board to reconsider and find another location for a new bus garage as the community is looking for relief and a facility that generates tax revenue.
- Former Board member, Chrissy Prete, inquired as to where the funding would come from for this new proposed facility? (Ms. Carney stated that the monies will come from the sale of developmental rights of the 27 acres on Tuthills Lane in Jamesport to the County (\$1.3 million) which will allow us to sell the land as farmland only. The purchase of two parcels in Riverside (each about 1.4± acres) would cost about \$480,000.) Ms. Prete stated that this is not good business-sense to spend \$1.5 million on 27 acres and purchase only three acres for \$480,000.
- Rich Naso of the Southampton Town Citizens' Advisory Council, said that numerous meetings were held to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed facility. They now ask the Board to go back to the drawing board and relocate a new bus garage to another area as Riverside is not a viable area considering road congestion, gas fumes, DEC issues, etc.
- Chris Sheldon, a member of FRNCA, stated that the area is huge with a huge population and has carried a tremendous tax burden because 90% of the land is off the tax rolls for preservation. You have working class people living paycheck-to-paycheck. Please look at the whole picture and communicate any and all proposed plans to members of this community to discuss future possibilities and welcome us a part of the community.
- Inquiry as to whether it is still an option to build a new bus garage where it currently exists? (Ms. Carney stated that different options are being looked at....to demolish...to cut in half...to renovate a portion, etc. The electrical work is significant and needs to be updated to meet all the many codes. A newly constructed facility would be estimated to cost in the \$7 million range.)
- A resident stated that she could not vote positively on Proposition II as a traffic study is absolutely necessary and other locations should be explored.

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•A resident pointed out that they do not have cable access to the District's Board meetings in Southampton so as to be kept informed. Laurie Downs, former President of the PTO Executive Council, stated that she voluntarily tapes the Board meetings and then brings the DVD to Riverhead Town Hall to include in their public access broadcasting channel but could not do the same for Southampton.

•Several other residents expressed their frustration in that 78% of their tax bills is for Riverhead Central School District property tax...the proposed location for a new bus garage facility is wrong in all aspects...wrong for the revitalization of downtown Riverhead....wrong for the community...and wrong for the taxpayers.

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse expressed appreciation for the dialogue and explained that Proposition II authorizes the Board of Education the possibility to purchase land....no decision has been made. Ms. Carney also expressed appreciation for the input as this is something we are all dedicated to do for our kids.

A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

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Personnel

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1. Professional Personnel:

Name:

Appointments:

Probationary Teaching Appointment:

Katherine Brown Social Studies Teacher 9/1/13-8/31/15

Leave Replacement:

Katie Redmond French Teacher - High School 5/20/13-6/30/13
(Replacing Keri-Ann Westfall)

HS Principal Summer School:

Justin Cobis Summer School HS Principal 6/24/13-8/16/13

Advisor:

Marguerite Volonts 4th Grade Chorus - Phillips 2/1/13-6/30/13

Adjustments to Advisor Appointment Dates:

Heather Olsen 4th Grade Chorus - Phillips From: 2012-2013 school year
(Replacing Margueritte Volonts) To: 9/1/12-1/31/13

Rebecca Ramsey 8th Grade Advisor From: 9/1/12-6/30/13
To: 9/1/13-3/1/13 &
4/22/13-6/30/13

Rebecca Ramsey Memory Book (Co-Advisor) From: 9/1/12-6/30/13
To: 9/1/13-3/1/13 &
4/22/13-6/30/13

Advisor Appointments:

Alyson Grossman 8th Grade Advisor 3/4/13-4/19/13
Memory Book (Co-Advisor) 3/4/13-4/19/13
(Replacing Rebecca Ramsey)

Curriculum Work:

Caitlin Jablow Computer Graphics 5/8/13-8/31/13

ALC After School Program:

David Cholden Health/Physical Education Teacher 2012-2013 school year

Substitute Teachers:

Laura Grable Substitute Teacher 5/8/13-6/30/13
Vasiliki Kontoveros Substitute Teacher

2. Civil Service Personnel:

Bus Transportation Specialist:

David Baird Bus Transportation Specialist 7/1/13

Senior Clerk Typist:

Giovanna Bettencourt Senior Clerk Typist - 12 months 7/1/13

Change in Status:

Vedat Kaypak From: Substitute Custodial Worker I 5/8/13
To: Custodial Worker I - Part Time
(Replacing Christopher Fischer)

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Driver Education:

Christine Zuhoski Clerical Support 2012-2013 school year

Substitute School Teacher Aide:

Marissa Pfeiffer Substitute School Teacher Aide 4/25/13-6/30/13

Substitute School Bus Driver:

Denise Amato Substitute School Bus Driver 5/8/13-6/30/13

Substitute Guard:

Morse Trent Substitute Guard - District Wide 5/8/13-6/30/13

Extension of WC Leave of Absence:

Joanne Bonne' Special Education Aide From: 2/1/13-4/29/13
To: 2/1/13-6/7/13

George Aleksandrowicz Maintenance III From: 1/8/13-4/19/13
To: 1/8/13-6/5/13

Resignation:

Michael M. Christ School Bus Driver 5/3/13