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MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – January 24, 2012  
High School Auditorium

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse; Mr. Jeffrey Falisi; Mrs. Amelia Lantz; and, Mrs. Kimberly Ligon.

ABSENT: Messrs. William Hsiang (medical); Timothy Griffing (family emergency); and, Gregory Meyer (work commitment).

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

Board President, Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Mrs. Ligon, seconded by Mrs. Lantz, to recess to executive session for discussion involving collective negotiations.

Recess to  
Executive Session

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ligon, seconded by Mr. Falisi, to return to open session.

Return to  
Open Session

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:08 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were about 20 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

A motion was made to amend the Agenda as follows:

Amend Agenda  
-Approved to Amend

Correction to dates: Approval of Out of State/Overnight Field Trip  
*Delete:* April 20 and 21, 2012  
*Replace with:* June 1-2, 2012

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the field trip request of the Riverhead High School Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, and Chamber Choir (81 students) to perform in a *Music in the Parks* competition on June 1-2, 2012 at Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania, at a total cost to the District not to exceed \$465 for substitute teachers.

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

Adoption of  
Published Agenda  
-Approved as Amended

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

There were no comments from the community related to Agenda topics only.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lantz, seconded by Mrs. Ligon, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

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-Financial

**Financial**

Month of November 2011

Fund	Check Numbers	Amount
General Fund	40116-40407	\$2,086,579.57
Federal Funds	10025-10045	798,690.01
Cafeteria	9350-9377	72,906.63
Capital Fund	2245-2246	60,838.75
Extraclassroom	5357-5366	11,352.50

**Committee on Special Education**

-Committee on  
Special Education

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education regarding children with disabilities and whose Individualized Education Plans need to be implemented:

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<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
09/19/11	999990392
10/08/11	215102
10/20/11	224246, 224258
10/21/11	221362
10/25/11	221198
10/26/11	223588, 224238, 223397, 221544, 222169, 222295, 221157, 221226, 223147
11/01/11	220170, 220005, 223329, 221099, 221259
11/02/11	214027
11/03/11	220338, 220354, 224162, 223144
11/10/11	211010, 214036, 212046, 214190
11/15/11	214078, 212010, 214756, 209018, 2101017, 212073, 220309, 222505, 222276, 219665, 222162
11/16/11	218140, 218140, 219014, 218315, 218597
11/21/11	223240, 223263, 222159
11/22/11	217616
11/29/11	216385, 217682, 217371
11/30/11	222093
12/06/11	212018, 213814, 213813, 215344, 213039, 214459, 214631, 213019, 214127, 215601, 216344
12/08/11	211567, 215726, 212509
12/09/11	224195
12/14/11	212035
12/16/11	213805, 212786
12/20/11	212642, 215609, 215459, 212574
12/22/11	213558, 214182, 215307, 214027, 214634, 214232
11/07/11	218556
12/12/11	217149, 221166
<u>C.P.S.E. MEETINGS</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
12/01/11	225273, 225419, 226190, 225077
12/08/11	226237, 226197, 226078, 226184
12/16/11	225183

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**Personnel**

-Personnel  
-All Approved

1.) 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)

2.) 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)

The Board of Education and Central Administration extended their congratulations to Mr. Hugelmeyer who was approved for tenure this evening and to Mrs. Heppner who will retire in June after 38 years of dedicated service to the District.

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the third and final reading of Board Policies 0000-1400.

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Third and Final Reading  
of Board Policies

-Series 0000-1400  
-Approved

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the second reading of Board Policies 1500-3230 (with exception of Board Policy #2210).

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Second Reading of  
Board Policies

-Series 1500-3230  
-Approved

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A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mrs. Ligon, to approve the following resolution as amended:

Out of State/Overnight  
Field Trip  
-Approved

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Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Ms. Carney stated that as part of our commitment in keeping the Board informed about curriculum, current assessments, and new state mandates, the Riverhead High School, Pulaski Street School and Phillips Avenue Elementary School, in response to certain sub groups, did not make AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). As a result, a School Quality Review is required and a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) is being created to address these needs. This is a process that will help us as we move forward. Administrators and teachers who participated in this review are to be commended for their efforts.

Opportunity for  
Superintendent

Mr. David Densieski, Principal of the Pulaski Street School, gave a detailed presentation on the School Quality Review (SQR) that is required for submission to the State Education Department for schools failing to meet the state's annual yearly progress academic benchmarks for two consecutive years. Pulaski Street School did not meet the state's AYP requirement for the subgroup of special education and students with disabilities in the measure of ELA assessments. The Riverhead High School was cited for multiple measures (ELA, Math, Graduation Rate) and identified sub-groups (Students with Disabilities, Hispanic, Economically Disadvantaged). Phillips Avenue School was cited in the identified sub-groups: limited English proficient, African American, and economically disadvantaged in the measures of ELA and Math. No other schools were cited. AYP is a measure that is used to determine how school districts meet compliance with Federal education programs such as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the Race to the Top Program (RTTP), and AYP (Annual Yearly Progress). Mr. Densieski offered that schools fell below the mark in their respective sub-groups due to changes in the state testing

*School Quality Review  
Presentation*  
-David Densieski,  
Principal  
-Pulaski Street School

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and grading policy. Last year, the state raised the “cut scores” in addition to increased rigor and changes in the way state tests are administered and scored. Mr. Densieski also indicted that there were only two schools in Suffolk County who failed to meet AYP...this year, 26 schools have been cited. Mr. Densieski credits the School Quality Review for the opportunity to look closely at school policies, programs, instruction, as well as, create a culture of on-going review. Curriculum changes will be made next year to bring the school back into compliance. A lot of information from the SQR will go into the CEP (a 2-year plan) starting next school year. A specialist was brought in from ESBOCES to help develop this plan and the building has received a lot of feedback in an advisory role from BOCES. AYP is based on a school year and, if in the second year, the school does not make AYP, it enters the next phase which is the Corrective Action Plan. This is more specific and comes from the state in concert with self assessment. The positive end of this is that we have intricately looked into what we are doing and as to whether it is effective or not. As stated by Mr. Densieski, the process has been lengthy and cumbersome but it has also been healthy for himself and the building to go through. Mr. Falisi inquired, “Are we getting further away from educating to → test-specific for state approvals?” Mr. Densieski responded in that, on the surface, it may look that way, but his belief is that the State Education Department is trying hard and our philosophy is that these measures in grades 3-12 are making appropriate progress to provide our children with the opportunities, skills, and knowledge for our children to be college-ready.

The presentation is made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes.

Ms. Carney made the following comments:

- the High School Council for Unity recently sponsored a bowling fundraiser to help raise funds for Christopher Timpone, a student at Aquebogue Elementary School. On January 24, Christopher and his mother, Kathy Timpone (a teacher's aide) will be presented with an \$1,800 check to help in their medical expenses.
- to mark the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, community member, Cynthia Richardson, spoke with 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Roanoke Avenue Elementary School about her family's relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and her experiences growing up in Alabama during the civil rights era.

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- the Riverhead Middle School held their College Knowledge Week that was organized by the Guidance Department and culminated with a Pep Rally on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The week's events are designed to answer questions about college, write college essays and college applications, research colleges, and encourage our students to plan for their education.
- our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Pulaski Street School, Claire Belmonte and Dee Martin, have taken Newsday's "Kidsday" program as a motivational writing tool for a number of years now; and, in Newsday's February 3rd edition, students' articles will appear and everyone is encouraged to follow their informative writing.
- Congratulations to our Varsity Cheerleaders who won first place in competition in Scarsdale, New York on January 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be attending their final competition on January 28<sup>th</sup> at Eastchester and we wish them much luck.
- six Blue Waves teams (Boys' Varsity Cross Country, Girls' Varsity Cross Country, Girls' Varsity Tennis, Girls' Varsity Volleyball, Girls' Field Hockey, and Girls' Varsity Soccer) and the Varsity cheerleaders received the prestigious NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. The teams are required to maintain a G.P.A. of 90 or above.
- Congratulations to the Girls' Varsity Basketball Team who are 10-1 and placed ninth in Newsday's Top Ten Teams List.
- AP Studio Art students will participate in Southampton's Parrish Art Museum's High School Exhibition that begins on January 28 and will remain through February 26.
- Riverhead Middle Masques will present their repeat performance of "Grease" this coming weekend (January 27-28) in the Middle School cafeteria.
- the Riverhead Central Faculty Association (R.C.F.A.) will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Scholarship Variety Show on February 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Riverhead High School auditorium. It features the talents of many faculty members and students and all are encouraged to attend this evening of laughter and camaraderie.

The following reports were given:

Opportunity for  
Board Members

**Health and Safety Committee**

As reported by Mr. Falisi:

- ▶ the Safe Routes to Schools project was not accepted by the state...adjustments will be made and the paperwork resubmitted,

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- ▶ the windows at Roanoke are in the process of getting a makeover (two per classroom) and will be operating by spring/summer,
- ▶ looking to replace contractor for ADA door hardware upgrades,
- ▶ the Middle School elevator is on schedule and work is anticipated to start this spring...bids were opened on January 23,
- ▶ a presentation was given by reps from BBS Architects and Triton construction on the site and safety of the bond construction project,
- ▶ the inspection by AHERA went well, and
- ▶ our building emergency response plans are being reviewed and revised.

Mr. Falisi also commented on his attendance to the performance of "Grease" that is a labor of love, and further commended Pat Skura and Ed Tholl for their efforts to coordinate this event. Additionally, Kathy Berezny, former Board member and member of the Riverhead Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, requested that the community be informed of their Annual Old-fashioned Breakfast to be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Riverhead Fire Department facility on Roanoke Avenue.

**Inter-Governmental Committee**

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse reported that they are working on the last section of the policy manual and will meet again this coming Friday, January 27. She also commented that the Educational Foundation Committee met on January 19. Sixteen people came out in support and they are getting ready to break into sub-committees.

Ms. Barbara Barosa, President of the R.C.F.A., again extended an invitation and reminded everyone of the R.C.F.A.'s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scholarship Variety Show on February 3. In addition to scholarships for seniors, some of the monies will be given to some of our students who have been ill throughout the year. Hope to see you there!

Opportunity for  
R.C.F.A.

Comments from the community include:

Community Comments

- Riverhead SEPTA's meeting on food allergies scheduled for tomorrow has been postponed and will be rescheduled



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●a member of the High School Crew Team asked that the Board not make any cuts to their team when considering the 2012-2013 budget. The team is a diverse group of young men and women who are dedicated to the sport.

●request that the Board maintain a 9-period day, inasmuch as, Riverhead offers so many good classes and a change to eight periods would limit the students that don't have that extra period. (Per Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse: The Board is still deliberating on this issue and will take her comments under consideration.)

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

Adjournment

Yes 4 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula  
District Clerk

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## Personnel

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following personnel actions:

### Professional Personnel Recommendations:

Name:	Title	Date
<b><u>Appointments:</u></b>		
<b><u>Tenure:</u></b>		
Michael Hugelmeyer	Assistant Principal	2/24/12
<b><u>Appointments:</u></b>		
Jennifer Galimi	Crew Varsity Head <i>(replacing Al Borghard)</i>	2011-2012 School Year
Kelly Dillon	Substitute Teacher	1/25/12-6/30/12
Christine Santini	Substitute Teacher	1/25/12-6/30/12
Colleen Gallagher	Substitute Teacher Assistant	11/28/11-6/30/12
Christina Gehring	Substitute Teacher Assistant	11/30/12-6/30/12
Barbara Seppala	Substitute Teacher Assistant	1/25/12-6/30/12
<b><u>Leave Replacements:</u></b>		
Pamela Cook	Leave Replacement/ Library MS <i>Replacing: Alyson Grossman</i>	2/1/12-3/31/12
Jutta Mariotti	Special Ed Elementary Teacher/RI <i>Replacing: Maria Toth</i>	1/16/12-6/30/12
Shannon Silverman	Leave Replacement/Art <i>Replacing Art: Melissa Haupt/Riley/Roanoke</i>	1/30/12-6/30/12
<b><u>Using RCFA Sick Bank Time:</u></b>		
Melissa Haupt	Art Teacher/Riley/Roanoke	3/1/12-5/31/12
<b><u>Un-paid FMLA:</u></b>		
Melissa Haupt	Art Teacher/Riley/Roanoke	6/1/12-6/30/12
<b><u>Adjustment to Coaching Salary:</u></b>		
Gerald Wiesmann	Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach	2011-2012 School Year <i>(Medical Leave)</i>
<b><u>Extension of Leave of Absence:</u></b>		
Linda Wallace	Teacher/Pulaski	From: 1/9/12-1/31/12 To: 2/1/12-6/30/12

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## Personnel

The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following personnel actions:

### Professional Personnel Recommendations:

#### AM Supervision, PM Detention, 1-4 Suspension, Teacher Chaperone, Art in Action:

The following individuals may cover any or all of the above positions:

Maureen Ahern	Jame MacLeod	9/1/11-1/31/12
Linda Borenstein	Margaret McKinney	2/1/12-6/30/12
Stacey Butterfield	Shelly Walker	
Margaret Eilers	Xiomara White	

#### Salary Advancements:

Anselma Jimenez	To: BA +15 Step 2 From: BA Step 1	2/1/12
Jennifer Howlett	To: BA +30 Step 4 From: BA +15 Step 3	2/1/12
Alison Laino	To: MA +30 Step 4 From: MA +15 Step 3	2/1/12
Beatriz Marcucci	To: MA +60 Step 24 From: MA +45 Step 23	2/1/12

### Civil Service Personnel Recommendations:

#### Name:

#### Title

#### Date

#### Appointments:

Diane Tucci	School Lunch Monitor-Non-Contract	1/11/12-6/30/12
Latasha Johnson	School Teacher Aide Substitute	1/11/12-6/30/12
Brian Densieski	School Bus Driver Substitute	1/25/12-6/30/12

#### Retirement:

Joan Heppner	Clerk Typist, 10 Month/MS	6/30/12
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#### Paid Workers' Compensation Leave:

Joanne Bonne'	Special Education Aide	12/12/11-12/16/11
Valerie Brown	School Bus Driver	12/19/11-2/2/12
Patrice Stokley	School Bus Driver	11/8/11-1/11/12

#### Unpaid Workers' Compensation Leave:

Patrice Stokley	School Bus Driver	1/12/12-2/23/12
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