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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSESSION – September 14, 2010
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

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PRESENT: President, Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse; Vice President, Mr. Gregory Meyer; Mrs. Kathleen V. Berezny; Mr. Jeffrey Falisi; and, Mrs. Amelia Lantz.

ABSENT: Ms. Angela DeVito.

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Nancy Carney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Mr. Falisi, seconded by Mrs. Lantz, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel.

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

Return to
Open Session

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:06 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:11 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

There were about 10 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Lois Etzel, Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr., Mr. Michael Ivanoff, and Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to accept the agenda as published.

Adoption of Published
Agenda
-Approved

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Ms. Angelica Diaz, Director of Mathematics, gave a power point presentation on the Math curriculum and the statewide drop in passing rates as a result of the dramatic cut scoring changes for 2009-2010 made by the State Education Department. The school district did not receive notification of the cut scoring system until the second week in June...after the state exams were administered. In collaboration with the Math teachers, the structuring of the Math curriculum increased over the summer to look at where we are and implement some changes for the upcoming school year.

Math Presentation
-Angelica Diaz, Director
of Mathematics

Comparisons of passing rates from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010 in High School Mathematics are:

Algebra Geometry
From 68% to 85% from 63% to 73%

Passing rates for Grades 3-8:

	<u>Actual cut</u> <u>Cut Scores</u>	<u>Expected</u> <u>Cut Scores (Using previous scale score ranges)</u>
2010	66%	92%
2009	89%	89%
2008	84%	84%

A major change at the high school level is the choice to opt out of Precalculus and choose Algebra 2/Trigonometry, split into two courses – an “A” and a “B”, geared for students who would have taken a math elective to fulfill the third year math requirement. The option of an A or B course gives the students an opportunity to participate in higher level math classes for the four high school years as well as the extended course offering to allow students to pass a third math regents needed for a Regents Advanced diploma.

In addition to the mathematics specialists, elementary teachers are involved in curriculum development. We are using enVision online mathematics resources to enhance our 5-6 mathematics instruction and we are assessing the effectiveness of FASTT math in order to make an informed decision on increasing the use of the software.

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In summary, the district is in a good place despite a setback due to changes in cut scores as we plan for further success. Her presentation is made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the following resolutions:

Approval of Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Intermunicipal Agreement for Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Procedures and Provisions between the Town of Riverhead and the Riverhead Central School District to utilize school district property during periods of evacuation due to impending and/or forecasted disasters and declared State of Emergencies to temporarily shelter Town residents forced to leave their homes due to issues caused or created by an emergency or disaster (the Town will reimburse the district for all expenses); and, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign such Agreement.

Approval of Contract
-Intermunicipal Agreement for Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation Procedures and Provisions with the Town of Riverhead
-Approved

Approval of Attendance to NYSSBA Workshop

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the attendance of Angela DeVito to the New York State School Boards Association interactive workshop, *Essential Policy Elements of School Safety*, on September 30, 2010 at the Melville Marriott, 1350 Old Walt Whitman Road, Melville, New York. Cost of registration is \$130.

Approval of Attendance to NYSSBA Workshop
-Angela DeVito
-Approved

CSEA Memorandum of Agreement

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby approves and ratifies a Memorandum of Agreement with the Riverhead Central School District Non-Instructional Unit, (CSEA), dated August 31, 2010 establishing a successor collective bargaining agreement.

Approval of CSEA Memorandum of Agreement
-Approved

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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Ms. Barbara Barosa, President of the R.C.F.A., expressed the need for AIS services (Academic Intervention Services) and that state funds should be utilized to provide remediation in Reading and Math. (Ms. Carney stated that the district is being very cautious on spending any monies until we have verification of state aid.) (Mr. Ivanoff further stated that the state did not approve the final budget until August which is much later than the April 1st deadline. We have been promised less state aid than what we thought with many "strings attached".)

Comments

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse took opportunity to put to rest the rumor that the Board of Education is considering privatizing transportation. She emphatically stated that the district is NOT considering the privatization of transportation.

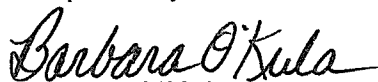
A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk