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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – April 26, 2011
High School Auditorium

NOT BOARD APPROVED

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

ABSENT: Ms. Angela DeVito and Mr. Timothy Griffing.

LATE: Mr. Jeffrey Falisi.

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

Board President, Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 4 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to Executive Session at 5:36 p.m.

Mr. Falisi arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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

Return to
Open Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:10 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 by Mrs. Lantz, seconded by Mrs. Berezny, to accept the agenda as published.

Adoption of Agenda
-Approved

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Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Community Comments

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Financial

-Financial

Month of February 2011

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Check Numbers</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	37535-37785	\$2,929,182.95
Federal Funds	9737-9765	487,059.07
Capital Fund	2209-2215	84,876.01
Cafeteria	9166-9184	50,859.42
Extraclassroom	5176-5207	42,656.86

Budget Transfer

-Budget Transfer

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

<u>To Code:</u>	<u>From Code:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9010-801-99-1000	9020-802-99-1000	\$35,000

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:

<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
12/14/10	214056
12/14/10	220338
12/17/10	219665
01/18/11	219677
01/11/11	214736

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01/25/11	222201
01/28/11	209016
02/01/11	222512, 223147, 219189, 219268, 219582
02/02/11	213024, 213008, 209023
02/04/11	220696, 219014, 222013, 223431, 223549, 222233, 223150
02/10/11	215601
02/15/11	212658, 214317, 212252
02/16/11	216059, 216224, 216386, 216210, 216015
02/17/11	214082
02/18/11	214053
02/28/11	223097, 223569, 220167, 222386, 221524
03/01/11	214033
03/02/11	215160
03/02/11	217077, 218514, 218278, 217117, 217649, 218198
03/03/11	211538, 213158, 212769, 213029, 214127
03/03/11	222372
03/04/11	218445, 218635, 218142
03/08/11	222077
03/18/11	222220, 222226
03/23/11	216169
03/23/11	220391
03/07/11	213497

C.P.S.E. MEETING

STUDENT NUMBERS

02/09/11	224004, 224033, 224003
03/09/11	226167, 224418, 224457, 225240, 224155, 226143
03/10/11	224161, 225077
03/22/11	224245, 224278
03/24/11	224187, 225241, 225174, 224104
3/28/11	224056

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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)

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

2010 Qualified School
Construction Bonds
And Voter Approval
-Approved

WHEREAS, the Board of Education in the fall of 2010 established a committee of parents, staff and other members of the Riverhead community to study the facilities needs of the District, and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Superintendent of Schools, this committee, named *The Community Partnership for Revitalization (CPR)* has met monthly to review the District's architects' recommendations regarding the health, safety, and infrastructure items of each building, and

WHEREAS, the CPR committee has inspected each of the schools of the District and has recommended items for the upgrading of facilities to meet the current and future needs of the students of the community, and

WHEREAS, the CPR committee will be making their recommendations to the Board of Education in May 2011 regarding the proposed scope of the improvement program, and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that it will be in the best interest of residents of the District to finance such improvements by issuing bonds, and

WHEREAS, the District will be applying by the deadline of May 6, 2011 for financial assistance from the Federal and State governments through the 2010 Qualified School Construction Bonds program, and scheduling the necessary approval of the qualified voters of the District by September 30, 2011, therefore be it

RESOLVED, subject to the advice of School District Legal Counsel, that the District hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take the necessary steps to schedule a vote of the Qualified Voters of the District prior to September 30, 2011, and be it further

RESOLVED, subject to the advice of Bond Counsel, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to take the necessary steps to prepare for the issuance of bonds, subject to the Board of Education adopting the scope and dollar amount of the proposed bond and the approval of the referendum by the Qualified Voters.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Award of Bids
-Approved

WHEREAS, seven bids for Miscellaneous Roofing Repairs Bid #RH11-006 were opened on April 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Andrew Nill, Inc., 12 Hampton Drive, Center Moriches, NY 11934 was the lowest bids received meeting the bid specifications and being in proper form; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by Christine Schnell, CPPB the District's Purchasing Agent and she has recommended the award of the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby awards Bid #RH11-006 for Miscellaneous Roofing Repairs to Andrew Nill, Inc., and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to the said contractor for the purchase of said items in accordance with the District's bid specifications and the bid submission of the contractor.

Primary Vendor:

Andrew Nill, Inc. Foreman - \$69.00/hr Mechanic - \$75.40/hr
Helper - \$20.40/hr

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, nine bids for Printing for Graduation Bid #RH11-005 were opened on April 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the bid of Sav-On Printing, 598 Route 25A, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766 was the lowest bid received meeting the bid specifications and being in proper form; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by Christine Schnell, CPPB the District's Purchasing Agent and she has recommended the award of the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby awards Bid #RH11-005 for Printing for Graduation to Sav-On Printing, and the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue purchase orders to the said contractor for the purchase of said items in accordance with the District's bid specifications and the bid submission of the contractor.

Sav-On Printing. – Total Award
Estimated Annual Volume - \$1,064.00

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of Registration
To Participate in NYSSBA
Seminar
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the registration of Ann Cotten-DeGrasse to participate in the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) webinar entitled, *Conflict Management: Mending Damaged Relations While Building Respect & Trust*, on June 1, 2011. Cost of registration is \$75 each for NYSSBA members.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Overnight Field Trip
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the Riverhead Crew Team (approximately 15-20 students) to the N.Y.S. Scholastic Championships in Saratoga Springs, New York on May 14-15, 2011 at a total cost to the district not to exceed \$650.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Out of State, Overnight
Field Trips
-Approved

1.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of approximately six (6) members of the Riverhead Crew Team to the Stotesbury Cup Regatta in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 20-21, 2011 at a total cost to the district not to exceed \$250.

2.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of approximately six (6) members of the Riverhead Crew Team to the SRAA National Championship Regatta in Camden, New Jersey on May 27-28, 2011 at a total cost to the district not to exceed \$350.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Donation
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation from Home Depot for a "Phillips Avenue Beautification" project. The donation includes shrubs, annuals, perennials, mulch and soil.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Key Club gave a presentation on how they learn leadership skills, contribute many hours of service to the community, and make life-long memories and friends as members of the world's largest high school community service organization. Riverhead Key Club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Riverhead and they participate in numerous local, state, and federal service projects. Seven members of the Key Club recently went to the New York State Leadership Training Conference in Albany accompanied by their Club Advisor, Louise Wilkinson. Over 800 Key Club students competed in various categories. The Riverhead High School Key Club won four (4) awards including:

Key Club Presentation

- 1st Place in the Poster Contest
- 3rd Place in Non-Traditional Scrapbook
- Distinguished Club
- 1st Place in the Bronze Division for a Single Service Project (their *Going Green* presentations to 3rd graders)

Mr. David Wicks, Acting Principal at the Riverhead High School, gave a presentation on some of the many accomplishments taking place. The High School has recognized multiple scholar athletes, the NJROTC continues to excel and give back many hours of community service, the MSG Varsity Crew covers multiple events in Riverhead on an Island-wide level which can be seen on the district's website (*i.e.*, recent food drive challenged kids to create over 200 entire meals), music students perform within the community and beyond, as well as, do the numerous clubs and organizations representing the High School. Goals that have been focused on and which are part of the long-term vision are:

*High School
Presentation*

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- Identify and address specific academic areas and skill sets
- Building-wide focus on student literacy
- Maintain and further develop community relations
- Promote a positive school environment

Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance to the following:

Opportunity for
Board Members

-on April 18, she traveled to Washington and Virginia to participate in the Army Education Tour at no cost to the district. She was the only Board member in a group of 50 people and briefly described the itinerary. She expressed her pleasure to attend and was very impressed with these men and women of the military who willingly defend our country.

-April 14, the Middle School Concert that was superb
-the recent Teaching Assistant and NJROTC fundraisers
-on April 27 she'll be leaving for the Oprah Winfrey Show!

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse announced that Tanger Outlets Center is a big supporter of the Breast Cancer Coalition. They will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, May 12 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. The company has planned a number of events to celebrate their thirty years of success, including the Worlds' Largest Dessert Party with the goal of setting a Guinness World record. Participants will sample local desserts and claim a spot in this special gathering.

The Board of Education gave a round of applause for retirees, Marion Dorman, Paulette Jones, Marilyn Milanaik, and Frank Rotenberg, who have over 175 years of teaching experience among them.

Ms. Barbara Barosa, President of the R.C.F.A., reminded everyone of the 5K Run/Walk for the R.C.F.A. Scholarship Fund on April 30. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Riverhead Middle School. Also, Chris Pendergast, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease a number of years ago, will begin his Ride For Life on May 9th at the Riverhead High School. The ride raises public awareness for ALS and money for research. She extended an invitation to the Board and administration to walk with Mr. Pendergast as he begins his ride from the High School to Riverhead Town Hall. More than \$4 million has been raised over the past 17 years for research since so far, there is no cure.

Opportunity for R.C.F.A.

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Comments from the community include:

Community Comments

-With regard to the adopted proposed 2011-2012 budget, does the \$3.4 million taken from reserve funds lock us into that same amount next year? (Answer: Yes.) Is this because the district chose to? (Ms. Carney stated that it was taken from the estimated 2011-2012 fund balance to reduce the tax levy.)

-The teachers' contract will be up for negotiations soon, does the Board have any plans or ideas of what will happen? (Per Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse: No.)

-Who does negotiations? (Per Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse: Both the district and the R.C.F.A. have their own negotiating teams that includes administration and legal counsel.)

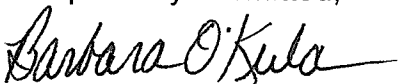
A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Berezny, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

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The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following personnel actions:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title & Area:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
<u>Retirements:</u>		
Dorman, Marion	Elementary Teacher	6/30/2011
Jones, Paulette	Elementary Teacher	6/30/2011
Milanaik, Marilyn	Registered Nurse	6/30/2011
Rotenberg, Frank	Reading Teacher	6/30/2011

Civil Service Personnel

<u>Resignation:</u>	<u>Position</u>	
Keitel, Debra	Substitute Teacher Aide	4/11/2011
Mielnicki, Claire	Teacher Aide	4/12/2011