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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – May 10, 2011
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

NOT BOARD APPROVED

PRESENT: Vice President, Mr. Gregory M. Meyer; Mrs. Kathleen V. Berezny; Ms. Angela DeVito; Mr. Jeffrey Falisi; and, Mrs. Amelia Lantz.

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing.

ABSENT: Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse.

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

Board Vice President, Mr. Meyer, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Call to Order

A motion was made by Mrs. Lantz, seconded by Mr. Falisi, 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 5:46 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, 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 7:08 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:11 p.m.

There were about 30 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Falisi, to adopt the agenda as published.

Adoption of
Published Agenda
-Approved

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A public hearing commenced at 7:12 p.m. on the proposed budget for 2011-2012. Ms. Carney gave a brief overview of the proposed budget in the amount of \$109,594,658 which represents a 1.26% spending increase and carries the lowest budget-to-budget increase in many years. It would raise the tax levy by 4.93% due in large part to an approximate \$2.6 million reduction in state aid. The proposed budget includes \$3,440,000 from next year's estimated unallocated fund balance. If the budget was to be rejected by the voters and the District operated under an adopted contingency budget, the percentage of increase would be virtually the same. In addition to the operating budget proposition, there will be an additional proposition on the ballot to authorize the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$5 million of unallocated District funds, State funds for capital improvements or donations to the 2011 Repair Reserve Fund, for the purpose of funding major repairs to the District's facilities. The vote will take place on May 17, 2011 at the Riverhead High School gymnasium between the hours of 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Public Hearing
Proposed Budget
2011-2012

Mr. Griffing stated that if we were able to pass a bond referendum, the impact on the tax levy would not be as great...there would be no drastic increase as other bonds will expire. It is a good time to bring up a bond proposal as our long-term debt is very low.

There were no comments made by the community.

The hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

The following candidates spoke in the order as their names will appear on the ballot (*Note:* Mrs. Berezny read a statement on behalf of candidate, Ann Cotten-DeGrasse, who is presently out-of-state):

Opportunity for Candidates

Ann Cotten-DeGrasse
Patricia Sapienza-Brown
Gregory M. Meyer
Kimberly E. Ligon

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

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

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the following:

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

-Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting – March 29, 2011
Special District Meeting – April 5, 2011
Special Meeting – April 5, 2011
Regular Meeting – April 12, 2011

Personnel

-Personnel
-All Approved

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 Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Falisi, to approve the following resolution:

Abolishment of
Positions (Professional)
-Approved

WHEREAS, the present economic conditions, including a substantial reduction in state aid, has created significant challenges to the taxpayers of our District; and

WHEREAS, the administration has reviewed staffing in all areas, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following positions be abolished as of June 30, 2011:

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Abolished Administrative Positions

Assistant Director of Special Education
Assistant Principal
Director of Science
Director of ELA

Abolished Teacher Positions

(1) Art
(5) Elementary
(1) Guidance Counselor
(1) Health
(2) Math
(2) Reading
(1) Special Education
(1) Technology

Abolished Teaching Assistant Positions

(5) Teaching Assistants

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the least senior person(s) in such position(s) shall be excessed effective June 30, 2011 to the extent necessary to effectuate the abolishments as set forth above, and such persons shall be placed on the preferred eligibility list in accordance with Section 2510 of the New York State Education Law.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the administration has conducted an analysis of positions which must be eliminated as a cost savings to the District; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following positions be abolished as of June 30, 2011:

Abolished Non-Teaching Positions

(1) Computer Lab Assistant
(5) Teacher Aides
(1) Neighborhood Aide
(5) Security Guards

Abolishment of
Positions (Non-
Instructional)
-Approved

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- (2) Senior Clerk Typists
- (1) Clerk Typist
- (1) Maintenance Mechanic II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the least senior person(s) in such non-instructional position(s) shall be excessed, subject to bumping rights under New York State Civil Service Law, effective June 30, 2011 and placed on a preferred eligibility list in accordance with law and/or contract.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the following resolution:

Professional Personnel
Excess List
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby authorizes the following excess list of the Professional Personnel for the positions identified above which are being abolished as of June 30, 2011.

<u>Staff to be Excessed</u>	<u>Abolished Position</u>
<u>Administrators</u>	
Hewitt, Paul	Assistant Director of Special Education
Hulme, Suzanne	Director of Science

<u>Teachers</u>	
McCafferty, Shannon	Art
Elmore, Donna	Elementary
Koenig, Cara	Elementary
Lester, Kelly	Elementary
Morris, Christine	Guidance
Winkel, Rebecca	Health
Amitrano, Frank	Math
Hollett, Maureen	Reading

<u>Teaching Assistants</u>	
Behr, Alissa	Teaching Assistant
Bendick, Amanda	Teaching Assistant
Sauter, Laura	Teaching Assistant

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Civil Service
Personnel Excess List
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby authorizes the following excess list of the Civil Service Personnel for the positions identified above which are being abolished as of June 30, 2011.

<u>Staff to be Excessed</u>	<u>Abolished Position</u>
Gilles, Denise	Teacher Aide
Miller, Kerri	Teacher Aide
Nelson, Jerecua	Teacher Aide
Schulz, Susan	Teacher Aide
Timpone, Kathleen	Teacher Aide
Olowu, Hassan	Neighborhood Aide
Austin, Willie	Security Guard
Bazemore, Corey	Security Guard
Crump, Timothy	Security Guard
Ross, Marilyn	Security Guard
Turner, Antonia	Security Guard

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of Termination
-Educ. Law §3031
-Approved

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the probationary appointment of the professional staff member, referenced in the April 1, 2011 Education Law §3031 letter on file in the District Administration Office, is terminated effective June 24, 2011.

Yes 5
Mrs. Berezny
Mr. Falisi
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Lantz
Mr. Meyer

Abstention 1
Ms. DeVito

Motion Carried.

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

Appointment of Vote
Workers for Special
District Meeting
-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 17, 2011:

Chairperson: Edward Doherty
Co-Chairperson: Barbara O’Kula

Inspectors of Election

Adele Abrahamsen
Mary Allen
Jean Belgrave
Evelyn Buhner
Holly Chew
Rosemary Colavito
Deborah Goroleski
Barbara Lennon
Diane Mendelsohn
Patricia Raynor
Carole Sinda
Maryann Soika
Gail Yeager (Chief Inspector).

Poll Clerks

Dorothy Bascomb
Amanda Jane Brown
Veronica Douglass
Ann Engelhardt
Dorothy Exum
Muriel Groneman
Walter Harris, Jr.
Dorothy Haupt
Irene Kneski
Kathy Konkell
Irene Lachick
Frances Mapes
Sarah Mayo
Theodora Midgette
Linda Urig
Patricia Womack-Bright

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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 Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Falisi, to approve the following resolution:

Declaration of Surplus Equipment
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District declares as surplus the following vehicles and equipment as obsolete; and, authorizes the disposal of same in the best financial manner of the school district:

<u>Vehicle Body #</u>	<u>Year/Manufacturer</u>	<u>VIN#</u>
T-2	1995 Chevrolet Caprice	G1BL82P6SR179676
T-1	1987 Chevrolet Suburban	GNEV16K5HF155102
B-44	1990 Ford Van	1FDJE34M7LHA89149
B-57	1992 Chevrolet 3500 Dump	GBHK34K1NE299358
52	1992 International	HVBBNPN7NH419578
53	1992 International	HVBBNPN9NH419579
56	1993 International	HVBBPHN3PH487101

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ingersoll Rand Two Stage Air Compressor	300346	B&G Shop
Famco Band Saw	20080245	B&G Shop
55 Gallon Drum Rack (2)	N/A	B&G Shop
Microphone & Amp Rack	N/A	B&G Shop
Life Fitness Treadmill	9100HR	B&G Shop
Scifit Treadmill	N/A	B&G Shop
Agrifab Lawn Sweeper	20081895	B&G Shop
EZGO Cart	N/A	B&G Shop
Steel Storage Container 8'X20'X8'	N/A	B&G Shop
Irrigation Piping	N/A	Transportation
24" Roller	N/A	Transportation
21" Toro Mower	22025	B&G Shop
21" Toro Mower	N/A	B&G Shop
Cafeteria Tables (5)	N/A	Aquebogue
Meyers Snow Plow	N/A	Transportation

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Galion 15U Dump Body and Cradle	N/A	B&G Shop
Dayton Speed Air Compressor Model 2N979	N/A	Transportation

Mrs. Berezny inquired as to how these items would be discarded? Will it be via advertisement? (Mr. Singleton stated that an ad for formal bids will be placed in the paper(s). Failing that, if we get no bids, the items will be sold for scrap...all income from the sale would come back to the district.)

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Ms. Carney made the following announcements:

Opportunity for
Superintendent

- On April 16th, several students from the High School and Middle School competed in the Science and Technology Entry Partnership (STEP) Science Fair held at Suffolk County Community College (Ammerman Campus). Braulio Castillo received Honorable mention, Fabiola Castillo won 2nd place, Perla Leon received Honorable Mention, Nylejah Green won 3rd place, Jessica Juarez took 2nd place, and Malyk Leonard won 2nd place in his division.
- On April 17th, sixty-two students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations and thank you to the students for all the hard work they put into their studies and academics!
- On April 29th, the Phillips Avenue Elementary School joined forces with Team Depot on a "School Beautification" project. Home Depot and its vendors donated all the items needed for this amazing project. It was a proud moment for our community and she thanked all volunteers who participated.
- On April 29th, *Riptide* Advisor, Martin Faint, and members of the Newspaper Club attended a "Young Journalists" forum hosted by Assemblyman Dan Losquardo at the Riverhead County Center.
- On April 29th, kindergarten students at Aquebogue Elementary School helped plant a Kwamzan cherry tree which was donated to the school by Half Hollow Hills Nursery in Laurel. This is just another example on how the community gives to our schools.
- On April 3th, the Varsity Crew competed in the annual Big Duck Regatta in Flanders. It was a great opportunity for our kids to shine.
- On April 30th, over 200 people registered for the first annual 5K Run/Walk hosted by the R.C.F.A. It was a truly successful scholarship fundraiser.

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-On May 6th, Stacey Meyer from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County helped set up discovery tanks in first grade classrooms at the Roanoke Avenue School. Her presentation gave the students a hands-on introduction to plant life, fish, snails, etc. in both an entertaining and educational manner.

-On April 29th, Catherine Kent's first graders invited their parents to *Character Day* at Riley Avenue School. The students wrote and acted out a play about their favorite fictional character.

-On May 6th, second graders in Debbie Spinelli's classroom at Roanoke Avenue School hosted their annual *Poetry Jam*. The students were very impressive as they recited and performed to their original poems.

-On May 6th, the annual Art-In-Action exhibit was held at the High School. It was, as always, an amazing display of the artistic talent of our students.

-May is *National Fitness Month* and the physical education instructors have held a series of special events in their PE classes throughout the months of April and May.

-On May 9th, students from Riverhead High School and Mercy High School joined Chris Pendergast, who has been battling ALS (a/k/a Lou Gehrig's disease) for over two decades in the annual "Ride for Life". Mr. Pendergast and other victims of ALS travel by wheelchair to raise money to research this disease that, so far, has no cure. Mr. Pendergast and victims of ALS have had to overcome many obstacles and it was apparent that the event touched the lives of many students and all those who participated.

-On May 11th, new Council for Unity members will be inducted into the Council. The ceremony will be held at the Atlantis Marine World Aquarium in downtown Riverhead and will also feature a dinner and dance.

-The Riverhead SADD group is presenting a mock DWI car crash on May 13th from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Riverhead High School on School Street.

-The district will host the first annual Athletics for the Challenged Track and Field Meet on May 19th at 3:00 p.m. on the High School track. This Section XI sanctioned event will highlight students with special needs and their participation in sports.

-The East End Arts Center has announced the *Teeny Award* nominations. Riverhead High School has earned eight nominations: Jennifer Bliss, Chelsea Chizever, Justin Harris, Shauna Huizing, Amanda Kozakiewicz, Amanda Gallo, Stephen Peppaceno, and Jonathan Troiano. The awards ceremony will take place on June 5th at Westhampton Beach High School.

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Ms. Carney extended an invitation to the public to attend the May 24th Board of Education meeting at which time the CPR (Community Partnership for Revitatzation) Team will present their culmination of work that has taken place all year. She welcomes input to that process.

Mr. Meyer informed the audience that Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse is out-of-state visiting family, thus, her absence at the meeting. He further commented on his attendance at a recent civic association meeting where the question arose as to why Southampton public TV doesn't get the tapes of the Board meetings. (Mrs. Downs, who voluntarily videotapes the meetings, stated that originally it was because of the quality of the tapes, but now it is a matter that has been assigned to Mr. Ogeka to coordinate this effort.)

Opportunity for
Board Members

Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance to the Interact Club's annual Senior Citizen Prom at the High School on May 4th where students actually interact with the senior citizens and everyone has a wonderful time. She also went to Art-In-Action on May 6th where the artwork of our students in grades K-12 is showcased. The talent our students is amazing and they always do a phenomenal job!

Mr. Falisi expressed his thanks for the invitation to the opening ceremony of the Riverhead Little League on May 2nd.

Mr. Meyer reported that the Booster Club Fundraising Committee is moving along and plans to meet again soon. He will have more to report after that meeting. He had the pleasure to attend Art-In-Action where the artistic talent of our students is celebrated every year. He was also recently part of an area patrol for the Science Fair hosted by Brookhaven National Lab. The kindergarten projects were amazing for children at such an early age and he was pleased that the school district was part of it. One of our sixth-graders received Honorable Mention which is quite prestigious at that level.

Ms. Barosa, President of the R.C.F.A., announced that 215 runners participated in the 5K Run/Walk. It was a very successful scholarship fundraiser and they hope for even more participants next year.

Opportunity for R.C.F.A.

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Comments from the community include:

Community Comments

- Many mandated expenditures in the budget are tied to contracts. Who negotiates them? (Per Ms. Carney: Negotiations involve two negotiation teams plus legal counsel who meet with the different units for as long as it needs to come to agreement.)
- Employee benefits are snowballing and is unsustainable with retirees often collecting benefits for a longer span of retirement than what they contributed to the workforce.
- While applauding the Board for the hard work they put into developing this budget, it is troublesome in that while many good things are being cut, the increase in retirement costs are significant...at these rates, the taxpayer will not be able to assume this burden. Increases in retirement and health benefits must be analyzed and some kind of reform acted upon by the legislature. (Ms. Carney stated that the district is hopeful for mandate relief from the state level so that it gives more flexibility in increased contributions. The Board and administration are cognizant of the difficult times we are in and are most aware of their responsibility to the taxpayers.)
- Suggestion to keep the community informed and put a biography of each candidate running for the Board of Education on the district's website.

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

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

PERSONNEL

Professional Personnel Recommendations:

Abolished Positions

<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
Assistant Director of Special Education	6/30/2011
Assistant Principal	6/30/2011
Director of ELA	6/30/2011
Director of Science	6/30/2011

Teacher

1 - Art	6/30/2011
5 - Elementary	6/30/2011
1- Guidance Counselor	6/30/2011
1- Health Teacher	6/30/2011
2 - Math Teacher	6/30/2011
2- Reading	6/30/2011
1- Special Education	6/30/2011
1- Technology	6/30/2011

Teaching Assistant

5- Teaching Assistants	6/30/2011
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Excessed Staff

Administrators :

Hewitt, Paul	6/30/2011
Hulme, Suzanne	6/30/2011

Teachers :

Amitrano, Frank	6/30/2011
Elmore, Donna	6/30/2011
Hollett, Maureen	6/30/2011
Koenig, Cara	6/30/2011
Lester, Kelly	6/30/2011
McCafferty, Shannon	6/30/2011
Morris, Christine	6/30/2011
Winkel, Rebecca	6/30/2011

Excessed Staff:

Teaching Assistants

Behr, Alissa	6/30/2011
Bendick, Amanda	6/30/2011
Sauter, Laura	6/30/2011

Appointments

Davies, Robert	Substitute Teacher	5/3/2011-6/30/2011
Falango, Peter	Substitute Teacher	4/16/2011-6/24/2011
Popow, Susan	Family/Parent Counseling-Pulaski	12/2/2010-6/30-2011
Raynor, Michelle	HW Help and Enrichment Program-Phillips	4/11/2011-6/30/2011

10-11 Title IIA Grant

Adla, Jacqueline	Co-Science Coordinator	Spring 2011
Friscia, Janine	Co-Science Coordinator	Spring 2011

Leave Replacement:

Fifield, Lucas	Elementary Teacher - Pulaski (Rep. Karen Ivins)	4/26/2011-6/13/2011
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Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence:

Faint, Martin	ESL Teacher - High School	5/4/2011 -5/20/2011
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Civil Service Personnel

Abolished Positions:

- 1- Clerk Typist
- 2- Senior Clerk Typist
- 1- Computer Lab Assistant
- 1- Neighborhood Aide
- 5- Security Guard
- 5 -Teacher Aide
- 1- Maintenance Mechanic II

Staff Excessed:

<u>Staff Excessed:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
Austin, Willie	6/30/2011
Bazemore, Corey	6/30/2011
Crump, Timothy	6/30/2011
Gillies, Denise	6/30/2011
Miller, Kerri	6/30/2011
Nelson, Jerecua	6/30/2011
Olowu, Hassan	6/30/2011
Ross, Marilyn	6/30/2011
Schulz, Susan	6/30/2011
Timpone, Kathleen	6/30/2011
Turner, Antonia	6/30/2011

Substitute Appointments:

Dilorio, Suzanne	Substitute Teacher Aide	5/11/2011-6/24/2011
Drayton, Eddie	Substitute Bus Driver	5/11/2011-6/24/2011
Goodale, Harold	Substitute Bus Driver	5/11/2011-6/24/2011
Lewandowski, Joseph	Substitute Bus Driver	5/11/2011-6/24/2011
Brunskill, Latarsha	Substitute Bus Monitor	5/11/2011-6/24/2011

Termination of Employment:

Grichenko, Denis	P/T Custodial Worker I	4/20/2011
Tirado, Yvette	School Bus Driver	4/27/2011

Inspectors of Election:

- Abrahamsen, Adele
- Allen, Mary
- Chew, Holly
- Goroleski, Deborah
- Raynor, Patricia
- Soika, Maryann
- Yeager, Gail (Chief Inspector)