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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session – November 10, 2009
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

PRESENT: President, Ms. Angela DeVito; Vice President, Mrs. Christine Prete; Mrs. Kathleen V. Berezny; Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse; Mr. Timothy Griffing; Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin; and, Mr. Gregory Meyer.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

President, Ms. DeVito, opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to return to open session.

Return to
Open Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

There were about 30 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Michael Ivanoff and Mrs. Barbara O'Kula.

Mrs. Amelia Lantz led the public worksession with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Dr. Scricca stated that there was a delay in recognizing the Board of Education for School Board Recognition Week (October 19-23, 2009) due to the Board's commitment to attend the New York State School Boards Annual Conference and Convention as well as presentations taking place on the proposed site expansion. Tonight, the community, especially the children, have created posters/banners, and surprises for the Board along with many organizations within our school district.

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They are seeking 15-year abatement, either waiving PILOT payments or paying a minimal PILOT. As an incentive to limit the District's PILOT payment request, enXco offers to install and maintain a 20 kilowatt – 40 kilowatt rooftop solar energy system that can be used for educational purposes and will generate electricity resulting in an estimated savings of \$4,000-\$8,000 per year. Energy would be sold to LIPA. The project would avoid emissions over 20 years – equivalent to 86 tons of sulfur dioxide out of the air, 35 tons of nitrous oxide, 29,000 tons of carbon dioxide, and removing 4,750 cars off the road. The project will create construction jobs over an 8-12 month period, on-call directors for system maintenance and cleaning, and will contract with local electricians. EnXco is committed to a long-term relationship with local county and school districts...to propose long-term outreach programs annually for 15 years (*i.e.*, environmental poster contest and award to elementary schools, a Science project award in the Middle School, and an environmental leadership scholarship to a high school senior – the financial value of outreach projects over 20 years is estimated at \$100-200,000. This project qualifies for NYSERDA (New York Energy Research Development Authority) grants and solar energy tax exemptions. After weighing the information provided them, a poll of the Board resulted in agreement to pursue a 15-year PILOT agreement at 25%...at the start of the 16th year – go back to full property tax.

(A PILOT agreement will be subject to attorney approval.)

The Power Point presentation provided by enXco is made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes.

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

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk