

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session – March 9, 2010
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

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

LATE: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

President, Ms. DeVito, opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel.

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 6:04 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, 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 7:58 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

There were about 12 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Nancy Carney, Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr., Mr. Michael Ivanoff, and Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

Mr. Michael Ivanoff, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations gave a presentation of the 2010-2011 Proposed Budget with a review of General Support, Facilities, and Transportation. His opening comments related to Governor Patterson’s proposed \$1.4 reduction of State Aid in 2010-2011 which amounts to roughly \$18 million to the Riverhead Central School District.

*Proposed 2010-11
Budget
-General Support,
Facilities,
Transportation*

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The legislature must pass a state budget for 2010-2011 by April 1, 2010. The Executive Proposal includes the following items:

- Foundation Aid** – frozen at 2008-09 level for 2010-11
- High Tax Aid and UPK Grant** – frozen at 2008-09 level
- Gap Elimination Adjustment and Federal Restoration** – will reduce State Aid and be partially restored by federal stabilization funds
- Public High Cost Special Education Aid** – revised formula will reduce aid from \$400,000 to \$225,000
- Charter School Payments** – tuition payments to Charter Schools would be frozen at 2008-09 tuition levels

The proposed totals following for the following budget components are:

General Support	-	\$3,700,355
Facilities	-	7,195,274
Student Transportation	-	6,030,554

Discussions included the following:

What items would be considered for reduction or elimination in the event the district must go to a contingent budget (Mr. Ivanoff stated that they would be identified as we go through the process and a line-by-line analysis would be done.)

Request for a list of all contingent items as well as a list of all unfunded mandates.

What are the ramifications if the district decided not to fund unfunded mandates? (Dr. Scricca stated that the State would withhold state aid due us.)

Give consideration to putting our Board policies on-line and creating a database in computer/electronic format for access to minutes of meetings of the Board of Education with ability to search key words to bring up past resolutions, etc. This would be more prudent and easier for the district and public.

Consideration should be made to the district's membership/association dues to NYSSBA, N-SSBA, REFIT, SCOPE to best utilize monies and bring things up to the 21st Century. A request for a breakdown of the \$23,000 being proposed was made.

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The district has very serious infrastructure issues. All capital projects need to be looked at (*i.e.*, a new roof is needed at Roanoke (\$340,000) as well as an elevator (\$765,000) to provide accessibility for persons with disabilities and become ADA compliant and keep the building on-line as an educational institution.) A separate proposition on the ballot for May 18, 2010 will be discussed.

A shared service with the Town of Riverhead for gasoline is being reviewed as expectations are that gasoline prices will go up exponentially.

A very old-fashioned system at the High School accounts for \$455,000 in electric costs. Some things are being done from the Energy Performance Contract (*i.e.*, revamping lighting fixtures, replacing the original boiler, installing temperature controls and solar panels.)

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

Adjournment

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk