

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Worksession – March 16, 2010
Aquebogue Elementary School Cafetorium

PRESENT: President, Ms. Angela DeVito; Vice President, Mrs. Christine Prete; Mrs. Kathleen Berezny; Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse; and, Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ABSENT: Messrs. Timothy Griffing and Gregory Meyer.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

President, Ms. DeVito, opened the meeting at 7:18 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, 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 7:19 p.m.

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

Return to
Open Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:13 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:19 p.m.

There were about 14 other people in attendance.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to approve the following resolution:

Adoption of Audit
Committee Charter
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District adopts the Riverhead Central School District Audit Committee Charter.

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Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cotton-DeGrasse, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to amend the resolution to include **revised Policy #6710, Purchasing Authority.**

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to approve the following resolution as amended:

First Reading of Board Policies
-Approved as Amended

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the first reading of the following Board Policies:

- #6690 - Audit Committee
- #6700 - Purchasing
- #6700R - Purchasing Regulation
- #6700 E.1 - Purchasing Exhibit
- #6700 E.2 - Purchasing Exhibit
- #6710 - Purchasing Authority
- #6720 - Bidding Requirements
- #6720R - Competitive Bidding Regulations
- #6730 - Cooperative Purchasing
- #6731 - State Contracts
- #6740 - Purchasing Procedures

(Note: Policies #6730, 6731 and 6740 will be eliminated upon final adoption and incorporated into Policy #6700 – Purchasing)

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to approve the following resolution:

R.C.F.A. Early Retirement Incentive Benefit Program
-Approved

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District (hereinafter "District") was desirous of instituting an early retirement incentive benefit program in the 2009-2010 school year, and

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WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Diane B. Scricca, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") dated March 3, 2010 with the Riverhead Central Faculty Association, which Agreement is attached hereto; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education herewith ratifies the Agreement hereinabove referenced and authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to implement said Agreement.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

In continuation of the proposed 2010-2011 budget, Mr. Ivanoff presented the total proposed budgets for Special Education, ESL, and Pupil Personnel Services. Mr. Ivanoff prefaced the presentation by stating that there is no change in Albany regarding the State budget...it is status quo and at a stalemate.

*Proposed 2010-11
Budget*
-Special Education
-ESL
-Pupil Personnel
Services

ESL - - \$ 871,980
(550 pupils)

Special Education - \$12,039,920
(585 pupils served,
51 of which participate
in the BOCES program)

Pupil Personnel Services - \$ 2,929,168

A poll of the Board of Education was taken to consider a proposal to contemplate putting on a referendum to the budget vote on May 18, 2010 that would consider roofing and installation of an elevator at Roanoke. Preparations will be made to consult with bond counsel to have it as an Item for Action at the regular Board meeting of March 23, 2010.

Mrs. Berezny - Yes
Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse - Yes
Ms. DeVito - Yes
Mrs. Harkin - Yes
Mrs. Prete - Yes

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Dr. Scricca stated that a proposed referendum will have no impact on the budget. It will extend the list of projects initially approved in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Ms. DeVito commented on the One Island – One Voice letter writing campaign for equity on state aid. Letters will be dropped off in bulk to state representatives (Senator LaValle, Assemblymen March Alessi and Fred Thiele) and a news conference is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th.

Ms. DeVito further commented on the importance to complete the U.S. Census now in progress. The cumulative statistics effect dollars for school districts and funding for regions in New York State. The actual form is embargoed for 72 years and it is statistical data. There is no legal consequence for filling out the form and it cannot identify those who are not here legally. Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse suggested that it be put onto our website and included in our district newsletter in both Spanish and Polish. She encouraged families to participate.

Dr. Scricca congratulated the Odyssey of the Mind Team and coaches, Maureen Ahern and Linda Borenstein, at Aquebogue. The team won 2nd place (out of 9 teams) in competition on March 6th.

Mrs. Prete reminded the Board that a Wire Transfer Policy needs to be drafted for required readings and final adoption.


A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk