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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – February 3, 2009
District Administration Office

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Kathleen V. Berezny; Vice President, Mrs. Christine Prete; Ms. Angela DeVito; and, Mr. Gregory Meyer.

LATE: Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse, Mr. Timothy Griffing, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

Board President, Mrs. Berezny, opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Letter of Engagement
-Sheehan & Company
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Engagement Letter for Internal Audit Services by Sheehan & Company, for the fiscal year 2008-2009 at a maximum cost of \$42,016; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Engagement Letter.

In a discussion that followed, Mr. Meyer made reference to the letter of engagement that is dated September 4, 2008 reflecting the increased amount of \$42,016 and requested that the letter of engagement be approved subject to submission of a new letter of engagement from Sheehan & Company reflecting the date of January 27, 2009. All Board members present were in agreement.

Yes 4 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse arrived at 5:05 p.m.

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

Professional Personnel
Recommendation
-Resignation/STAR
Academy After-School
Program
-Approved

RESOLVED, that on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Professional Personnel recommendation be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and is subject to Board Policy #9310:

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STAR Academy After-School Program Resignation
David McKillop – Participation in Government, effective 1/29/09.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Member of the Board of Education welcome Mr. Robert Hines, Technology Coordinator, who provided an update on the progress and goals of the Technology Department. His report included the following items:

Technology Department
Update
-Mr. Robert Hines
Technology Coordinator

- Automation of the libraries and automation of the Food Services program that allows all students to use a card to purchase lunch
- Automation of the Transportation Department
- Replacement of all 14 computer labs and purchase and implementation of new servers
- Increased Internet bandwidth for application such a E-School, IEP Direct, My Learning Plan and many others used to run the business of the school
- The crucial component of the Fiber Wide Area network to move forward with the technology plan (anticipated completion in Spring 2009)
- The technology plan (2007-2010) is available for review from the Intranet
- Availability of EBoard system, School Island, etc. for students and teachers

Mr. Hines thanked the Board and Administration for their support of the technology department and the programs it strives to support.

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to recess to executive session for the purpose to participate in a professional development workshop.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Recess to
Executive Session
(Professional
Development Workshop)

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The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:20 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Sam Mickaelian and Ms. Deborah Raizes of HYA (Hazard Young Attea & Associates).

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to return to open session.

Return to
Open Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 9:14 p.m.

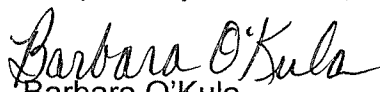
A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session – February 10, 2009
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

President, Mrs. Berezny, opened the meeting at 5:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. DeVito, 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 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:00 p.m.

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

Return to
Open Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m.

There were about 6 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Nancy Carney, Mr. Michael Ivanoff, Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr., Mr. Mark Finnerty, Messrs. Larry Salvesen and Roger Smith of BBS Architects, and Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

Mrs. Harkin left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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In an opening comment, Dr. Scricca that with the federal stimulus package being proposed and with contract rollover, as it exists right now, the tax levy increase would be 10.2% ...this does not include the Governor's \$1.5 million decrease in state aid...does not include picking up pre-school special education costs...does not include loss of PILOT payments, and does not include all grants that are collapsing (i.e., MTP grant). The fiscal forecast is not good and some very hard decisions will need to be made to keep taxes stable.

*Site Expansion
Work Session*

Messrs. Larry Salvesen and Roger Smith of BBS Architects reviewed different scenarios of site expansion, reconfiguration of grade levels, and projects in each of the schools to accommodate the priority of space issues and meet projected increases in student population. The initial cost for district-wide expansion was projected to be more than \$200 million. At the last work session, the Board of Education worked to reduce that amount to \$140 million ± and then agreed to further bring costs down to a projected range of \$125± million. As stated by the architects, it would be very difficult to unveil a \$141 million project in the next several months due to the deteriorating economy and carry out fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers. They proposed that everyone benefits by focusing site expansion projects on the High School (about \$31 million) and Middle School (about \$28 million) at this time...these are two buildings that are prepared and ready to go and be space ready by 2012. It was mentioned that if the \$1.5 million stimulus comes through, the Board of Education would consider putting those monies aside in the Capital Reserve Fund for technology or science rooms.

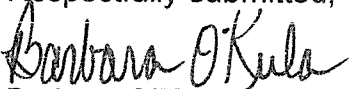
A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – February 17, 2009
District Administration Office

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Kathleen V. Berezny; Vice President, Mrs. Christine Prete; Ms. Angela DeVito; Mr. Timothy Griffing; and, Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin. .

ABSENT: Mrs. Ann Cotten-DeGrasse and Mr. Gregory Meyer.

Board President, Mrs. Berezny, opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mrs. Prete, 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 6:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, 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 7:33 p.m.

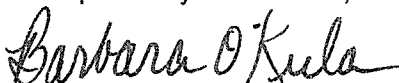
A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk