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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting/Work Session – April 14, 2009
Riley Avenue Elementary School Cafetorium

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

ABSENT: Mr. Gregory Meyer.

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Diane B. Scricca.

Board President, Mrs. Berezny, opened the meeting at 6:25 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, 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 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mrs. Cotten-DeGrasse, to return to open session.

Return to
Open Session

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m.

There were about 20 people in attendance.

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

Dr. Scricca opened the meeting with the announcement that Julia Morrow, a player on the Riverhead Varsity Softball team, pitched a perfect game on March 31st which is first this year in Suffolk and a first in Riverhead Softball history!

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Mr. Ivanoff gave a recap of the proposed 2009-10 budget presentation on March 31st. The proposed budget of \$105,953,599 calls for a 3.35% budget-to-budget increase in spending with a tax levy amount of \$80,644,797 or a 3.98% tax levy increase. Should the budget be defeated by the voters, the Board would make a decision to put up a 3.35% proposed budget again or opt for a contingent budget to a maximum of 4.0% in accordance with the state's formula but not necessarily at the higher rate. A second vote is by choice of the Board of Education. Mr. Ivanoff reviewed all codes which are mandated by the state.

*Overall Budget
Presentation*

The presentation is made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes.

Mrs. Prete stated that it may be worthwhile for the state budget to coincide (same fiscal date) with that of the state and county to save monies. Dr. Scricca stated that there is currently some discussion by the legislators on this issue. Mrs. Prete also inquired as to whether any concessions have been made by other bargaining units besides the Riverhead Administrators Association. (Answer: No). Dr. Scricca stated that the district will save the equivalent of one administrator's salary due to the givebacks on part of the Riverhead Administrators Association. She further stated that the district converted positions of teachers who were not on full-time assignments with levels of low responsibility to director positions at identical cost; and, that the elimination of the alternative school allowed the district to convert to another position; as well as, streamlining other areas.

Dr. Scricca thanked Mr. Ivanoff and staff who have worked very hard over these past months in making extremely hard decisions for the greater good.

Mrs. Berezny announced that Mr. Meyer's absence was due to work obligations but that he was very supportive of the budget.

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

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Central School District Board of Education resolves that the Annual Budget Vote and Election of School Board Members be held on May 19, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Riverhead High School gymnasium, 700 Harrison Avenue, Riverhead, New York, and be it

School Budget Vote
And Election of Board
Members
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that a budget hearing is to be held on May 12, 2009 in the Riverhead High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that voter registration be held on Monday, May 11, 2009 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 700 Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, New York.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Adoption of Proposed
Budget for 2009-2010
-\$105,953,599
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District adopts the proposed budget as presented for the 2009-2010 school year in the total amount of \$105,953,599 to be presented to the public at a budget hearing on May 12, 2009 and subject to approval of the voters on May 19, 2009; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Property Tax Report Card for the 2009-2010 school year be approved.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk