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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting - August 28, 2007  
Riverhead High School Auditorium

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Nancy G. Gassert; Vice President, Mrs. Kathleen Berezny; Ms. Angela DeVito; Mrs. Christine Prete; and, Mr. W. Brian Stark.

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing.

ABSENT: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Diane B. Scricca.

President, Mrs. Gassert, opened the meeting at 5:47 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 and legal matters.

Recess to  
Executive Session

Yes 5 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:48 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:28 p.m.

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

Return to  
Open Session

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:24 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:41 p.m.

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

There were about 25 other people in attendance.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to amend the agenda to include the following:

Amend Agenda  
-Add: Liaison to  
Town of Riverhead  
Energy Committee

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Add to: Designation of Board Members on Committees  
Liaison to Town of Riverhead Energy Committee

-Approved to Amend

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

Ms. Scricca gave an updated on the progress being made on her Entry Plan. She has met with staff and held two “Bagels and Conversation” events...97 people were present at one and 82 at the other. These gatherings are intended to promote an exchange of ideas, share concerns, and promote the strengths of the district. The last two days have been spent in intense meetings with administration from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with virtually no break. The meetings focused on two district goals: 1.) to improve student achievement, and 2.) to improve the image of the district and its schools. Administration will work with staff to develop strategies and initiatives and many more of the same productive meetings are being looked forward to.

Opportunity for  
Superintendent

High School student, Kayla Lewis, has requested a postponement to speak about her experience abroad at the Global Young Leaders Conference.

Ms. Berezny reported on her attendance on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the “Twilight Book Swap”, directed by Keri Stromski, under the Polish Town Tent with students and families of the Roanoke Avenue School.

Opportunity for  
Board Members

Comments from the community are:

-inquiry as to when the district will dispose of use of district transportation services for Camp Good Grief (Mrs. Gassert stated that the Board has discussed the matter and this will be the final year of the district’s participation.)

-“kudos” to the Board to expand and include all members of the Board and the Superintendent on the Faculty Expansion Board Initiative Committee

Community Comments

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

Committee on  
Special Education  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education regarding children with disabilities and whose Individualized Education Plans need to be implemented:

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<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
2/06/07	218140
4/24/07	208378, 209007, 209019, 209111, 210724, 211616
4/26/07	207067, 208834, 208891, 209009, 209020, 209022, 209126, 209437, 210089
4/27/07	206845, 208042, 208053, 209421, 209643, 209856, 210009, 210094, 210348, 210606
4/30/07	208057, 208906, 210809
5/17/07	210020, 217220
5/23/07	209597, 212722, 213589, 217563
5/24/07	216327
5/30/07	207340, 208714, 209651, 209898, 209901
5/31/07	210705
6/04/07	214105
6/05/07	206486
6/06/07	208476, 209409, 215631, 220207, 220211, 220230, 220242, 220260, 220414, 220416
6/07/07	211058
6/11/07	214218, 214364, 215157, 215564, 216487, 216541, 219216
6/12/07	214001, 214027, 214666, 215160, 215630, 216118, 217506
6/12/07	208505, 214083, 214436, 215523, 216150, 216331, 216610
6/13/07	207888, 209084, 209090, 209870, 211746, 213065
6/18/07	210582, 212481, 214038, 215119, 217336, 217575, 218218
6/19/07	211480, 212370
6/20/07	207895, 211711, 215633, 219218
7/30/07	211758, 215159, 215638, 216604
7/31/07	220200, 220201, 220232, 220304, 220342, 220343, 220345, 220415
8/06/07	213089

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Designation of Board  
Members on Committees  
-Approved as Amended

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of the following designees for the 2007-2008 school year:

Finance and Audit Committee

Board Representatives – Kathleen Berezny, Christine Prete, Angela DeVito.

Inter-Governmental Committee

Board Representatives – Nancy Gassert, Timothy Griffing.

Facility Expansion Board Initiative

Board Representatives – All Board Members and Superintendent of Schools.

Liaison to Town of Riverhead Energy Committee – Angela DeVito.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried as Amended.

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

Appointment of  
Board Members  
“Adopt A School”  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of the following Board members to each “adoptive” school for the 2007-2008 school years:

High School/Alternative High School - Timothy Griffing  
Middle School - Christine Prete  
Pulaski Street School - W. Brian Stark  
Riley Avenue Elementary School - Mary Ellen Harkin  
Aquebogue Elementary School - Nancy Gassert  
Phillips Avenue Elementary School - Kathleen Berezny  
Roanoke Avenue Elementary School - Angela DeVito

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Transportation Services  
for Camp Good Grief  
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the use of one school bus and driver to transport 121 student Campers (25 students and an additional 10 volunteers from the Riverhead Central School District area) to and from Camp Good Grief on July 23-26, 2007 at St. Gabriel's Spiritual Center for Youth on Shelter Island. The cost to provide transportation totals \$1,650.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of Contracts  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the following contracts for the 2007-2008 school year:

(Funded through Title IIA Professional Development)

Debbie Silver Ed.D. Educational Consultant	\$ 2,750
Appelbaum Training Institute	10,500

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Adoption of Textbooks  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District adopts the following textbooks:

Math at Hand: Student Reference Book, Houghton Mifflin (650 copies) (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Chemistry, Matter and Change, Glencoe (320 copies)  
Forensic Science for High School, Kendall/Hunt (25 copies)  
Earth Science, McDougal Littell (350 copies)  
NYS Math Integrated Algebra, Textbook and Workbook, Amsco (430 copies)  
The Craft of Research 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Wayne C. Booth (25 copies)

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Ms. DeVito stated that she had the opportunity to see the various textbooks that were chosen and commended each member of those committees who worked so hard on this undertaking.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of  
Consulting Services  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of Carole Noren, as an Instruction Support Staff Consultant for the 2007-2008 school year to be funded by a \$40,000 IDEA Focused Review Implementation Discretionary Sub. Grant. This is for up to 40 days at the rate of \$400 per day.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between Margaret A. Flood, SLP CCC DBA, and the Riverhead Central School District for the service Speech and Language Therapy/Home Service for the 2007-2008 school year at the rate of pay of \$50/30-minute session at an estimated costs of \$3,000, services to be provided in coordination with the IEP of one special education student; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of  
Instructional Services  
Agreement  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Instructional Services Agreement between Little Flower UFSD and the Riverhead Central School District for the provision of certain specialized instructional services to Riverhead Central School District student(s) for the 2007-2008 school year. Little Flower UFSD will bill and Riverhead Central School District shall pay the rates established by the New York State Education Department.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Acceptance of Donation  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation from Kathleen V. Berezny of the book, An Angel's Kiss, authored by Buffy Krajewski, for use at the Riverhead High School Library.

Mrs. Berezny recommended the reading of this book that is authored by a 1994 graduate of Riverhead High School. It is a true personal story about the trials and tribulations of a mother's fight to save her son who was born with cancer.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Professional  
Personnel  
Recommendations  
-Approved

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

Appointments

Natalie Lee – ESL Teacher, effective 9/1/07-8/31/2010.  
Marisa Medina – Elementary Teacher, effective 9/1/07-8/31/2010.  
Joyeel Friedman – Leave Replacement, Reading Teacher, effective 9/1/07-1/31/08.  
Susan Spivak – French Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Cara Giannillo – Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher, effective 9/1/07-1/31/08.  
Stephanie Cordeiro – 2/5 English Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Jenelle Spatarella – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Valerie Brescia – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Steven Sanders – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Linda Gordon – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

High School Advisor Appointments - Effective: 2007-2008 Year

Robert Brandi – Outdoors Club Co-Advisor.  
Lawrence Mandresh – Outdoors Club Co-Advisor.

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Appointments to 2007 Summer Special Education Program

Effective: 7/2/07-8/10/07

Jacqueline Case – Classroom Teacher.  
Kevin Kenter – Classroom Teacher.

Winter 2007 Coaching Appointments

Thomas Riccio – Wrestling Varsity Head.  
Matthew Donnelly – Wrestling JV Head.  
Robert Fox – Softball Varsity Head.

Mentor Teacher Appointments - Effective: 9/1/07-6/30/08

Annette Brewer  
Tara Brondo  
Kelly Evers  
Lisa Falco  
Gina Florentino-James  
Heather Howell  
Jennifer Hughes  
Patricia Jordan-Cowley  
Craig Korobow  
Beatrice Marcucci  
Alice McKillop  
Tammy Michaelson  
Sean O'Hara  
Laural Olsen  
Mary Olsen  
Lydia Perret  
Kimberly Skinner  
Matthew Yakaboski  
Cheryl Zampiva

Title IIA Grant Appointments

Deborah Kulka-MacLellan – Curriculum Work.  
Amy Brennan – Curriculum Work.  
Eileen Gorman – Curriculum Work.  
Christopher McCrary – Summer Work/Superintendent's  
Conference.

Title III Grant Appointment

Elizabeth Scaduto – N.Y.S. Reports.

MTIP (Mentor Teacher Internship Program) Grant Appointment

Laura Grable – New Teacher Institute.



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Appointment of Adult Community/Continuing Education Director

Effective: 2007-2008 Year

Collene Richardson – Adult Education

Reappointment of Substitutes

Susan Cox – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Greg Sanders – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Hannah Kolbo – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Jerome Duvall – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Extension of Leave Replacements

Deborah Nigrel – Leave Replacement, Guidance Counselor,  
effective 9/1/07-12/4/07.

Carisa Rabb – Leave Replacement, Guidance Counselor, effective  
9/1/07-12/4/07.

Melanie Davis – Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher,  
effective 9/1/07-11/2/07.

Change in Status

Lucas Fifield – To: Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher,  
From: Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/07-1/31/08.

Jutta Mariotti – To: Elementary Teacher, From: Substitute Teacher,  
effective 9/1/07-8/31/2010.

Change in Responsibilities/Location

Elva Beyer – To: H.S./Alternative School & BOCES, From: Pulaski  
Street School, effective 9/1/07.

Tenure Appointments

Danielle Davin – Physical Education Teacher, effective 9/28/07.

Jeffrey Doroski – Physical Education Teacher, effective 10/3/07.

Salary Advancements

Steven Failla - From: Masters+60-Step 9, To: Masters+75-Step 9,  
effective 9/1/07.

Gina Kudrzycki - From: Masters+30-Step 10, To: Masters+45-Step  
10, effective 9/1/07.

Danielle Goncalves - From: Masters+30-Step 3, To: Masters+45-  
Step 3, effective 9/1/07.

Selena Pagliarulo - From: Bachelors+15-Step 3, To:  
Bachelors+30-Step 3, effective 9/1/07.

Emily Sills - From: Masters+30-Step 3, To: Masters+45-Step 3,  
effective 9/1/07.

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Amendment to Maternity/Child Care Leave

Lisa Olsen – Reading Teacher, To: 9/4/07-12/4/07 Unpaid FMLA, 12/5/07-1/31/08 Unpaid Child Care Leave; From: 9/1/07-1/31/08 Unpaid FMLA.

Request for Unpaid/FMLA Child Care Leave

Jennifer Olsen – School Social Worker, effective 9/1/07-1/31/08 Unpaid Child Care Leave.  
Meghan Montpetit – Elementary Teacher, effective 11/19/07-2/1/08 Unpaid FMLA Leave.

Extension of Sick Bank

Pretoria Falkner – Elementary Teacher, effective 9/4/07-11/2/07.

Denial of Requests for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Francesca Chery – French Teacher, effective 8/14/07.  
Renee Guerreri – Health Teacher, effective 8/14/07.

Resignations

Michelle Ehrhardt – Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective 8/14/07.  
Jennifer Sullivan – Teaching Assistant, effective 8/23/07.  
Francesca Chery – French Teacher, effective 8/14/07.  
Renee Guerreri – Health Teacher, effective 8/14/07.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

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

Civil Service  
Personnel  
Recommendations  
-Approved

Appointments

Robert Cialone – Purchasing Agent, effective TBD.  
Marilyn Stahl – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.  
Barbara Grathwohl – Substitute School Teacher Aide, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

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Reappointment of Substitutes

Joanne Dunn – Substitute School Teacher Aide, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Robert Singleton – Substitute Guard, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Change in Status

Barry Street – To: Substitute School Bus Driver, From: School Bus Driver, effective 9/6/07-6/30/08.

Yvette Tirado – To: Substitute School Bus Driver, From: School Bus Monitor, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08.

Unpaid Leave of Absence

Laura Jacques – Clerk Typist, effective 8/6/07-8/10/07.

Denial of Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Barbara Grathwohl – 1:1 Special Education Aide, effective 8/23/07.

Resignation

Joshua Rowland – Custodial Worker I, effective 9/4/07.

Barbara Grathwohl – 1:1 Special Education Aide, effective 8/23/07.

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Additional community comments included:

Community Comments

-request of the Board on their opinion to replace the football field with artificial turf, the possibility to float a bond for a multi-use field (at an estimated cost of \$800,000-\$1 million), and any existing cost analysis as to the benefits (Mr. Stark stated that he would like to see such an installation comparable to that in the Southampton school district and is eager to meet and discuss reconfiguration of the fields. Mrs. Prete offered that monies are included in the \$10 million capital reserve fund for improvement of the athletic fields. The district is waiting for state approval and the Board will revisit the football field location and its economical aspects. Questions on the cleanliness and safety of artificial turf must be answered...right now, "everything is on the table". Mrs. Gassert stated that all options will be part of the district's facility plan and further stated that a lot of refurbishment to the fields was done in the past via the efforts of fundraising. Ms. DeVito suggested the creation of an educational foundation to speed the process as the state hinders the approval process for all of New York State and tends to be frustrating to the Board and community.

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Mrs. Berezny stated that several Board members attending the NYSSBA convention in October would have the opportunity to glean information from the trade show included at the event.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to adjourn the meeting.

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O’Kula  
District Clerk