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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – September 26, 2006
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing; Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul R. Doyle, Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr., Ms. Lynn Kobylenski, Ms. Nancy Carney and Christopher Venator, Esq.

President, Mrs. Gassert, opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel (CSEA grievances), District Couriers, Varsity Coaching position); negotiations (RCFA and RTAA); and, land acquisition/site selection (new high school).

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:41 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, 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 7:40 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:53 p.m.

There were about 350 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

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The meeting commenced with the announcement of Jeffrey Osarczuk, a High School musician selected to perform at NYSMA All-State Festival. The Board of Education, also, recognized NYSMA All-County and NYSCAME All-State students' Achievements and the Middle School Blue Softball Team – Winners of Section XI Team Sportsmanship Award for Spring 2006 Season.

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

WHEREAS, Riverhead High School students (named below) have performed in the NYSSMA All-State Festival and NYSCAME/SCMEA All County concerts:

NYSSMA All-State Festival Band
Jeffrey Osarczuk

Suffolk NYSCAME/SCMEA All-County Orchestra
Justin Camp

Suffolk NYSCAME/SCMEA All-County Women's Chorus
Alice Falcone
Lauren Rowland

Suffolk NYSCAME/SCMEA All-County Band
Jeffrey Osarczuk

Suffolk NYSCAME/SCMEA All-County Mixed Chorus
Ryan Abrahamsen
Thomas Kozakiewicz

NYSSMA – New York State School Music Assn.
SCMEA – Suffolk County Music Educators Assn.
NYSCAME – New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools extends congratulations to the students and our music teachers, Lee Hanwick and Sean O'Hara, for their outstanding music abilities and for the credit they bring to themselves, their parents and the Riverhead Central School District.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Recognition of:
-Jeffrey Osarczuk,
H.S. Musician
Selected to NYSMA
All-State Festival
-NYSMA All-County
and NYSCAME All-State
students' achievements
-Middle School Blue
Softball Team -
Winners of Section XI
Team Sportsmanship
Award for Spring 2006
Season
-Approved

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

WHEREAS, the ***Riverhead Middle School Blue Softball Team*** has been selected for the Section XI Sportsmanship Award for the 2005-06 Spring season which best exemplifies standards of sportsmanship as assessed by opposing teams within each scheduling device (league, division, etc.) and aspires to ensure that participation in interscholastic athletics results in positive educational experiences for our student athletes, and

WHEREAS, special recognition should be given to the coaches whose leadership has been essential in the achievement of these honors and the students have brought credit to themselves, their parents and the Riverhead Central School District, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools extend congratulations to the students and their coach, Cheryl Mustacchio, on having achieved such outstanding sportsmanship honors.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to amend the agenda to include the following resolutions:

1.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District declares as surplus one (1) General Electric Oven, Model #JBF260W2FA, Serial #GO285792G, in a condition beyond repair and authorizes to discard/remove same in the best financial manner of the school district.

2.) WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District opened the competitive bids on September 25, 2006 for the borrowing of Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$915,000 and Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$15,600,000, and

WHEREAS, the following firms submitted bids:

Amend Agenda
-Add: Surplus
Equipment
-Add: Borrowing
of BAN's & TAN's
-Approved

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Sovereign Securities
First Albany
North Fork Bank
Roosevelt & Cross
Commerce Capital Markets
Commerce Bank
Parker Hunter

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bid for the Bond Anticipation Notes for the period September 29, 2006 to September 28, 2007 is awarded to:

Commerce Bank	\$915,000	3.4900%
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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following bid for the Tax Anticipation Notes for the period of September 29, 2006 to June 29, 2007 is awarded to:

Commerce Bank	\$ 2,000,000	3.5133%
Commerce Capital Markets	13,600,000	3.5227%

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign all the necessary documents.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

Mr. Doyle discussed the summary of the ELA Report from the State Education Department. The 2005-2006 school year marked the first time ELA tests were administered to students in grades 3-8. Statewide math tests previously administered in grades 4-8 have, also, been extended to grades 3-8. With the additional grades now being tested, results indicate that a decline begins after the fifth grade (according to SED). ELA tests are scored on a scale of 1-4 with 4 being the highest (students must score at level 3 or four to pass). He stated that the most dramatic change was at Riley in comparison to previous years showing a decline in levels 1 and 2. More students at Phillips scored at levels 3 than in previous years and Aquebogue remains stable in terms of results. He said that the school district is entering a population with delays in

ELA Assessment
Results for 2005-06

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literacy...a trend that has occurred statewide. Ms. Carney added that a meeting was just held with all building principals to expound the groundwork and focus on literacy and that this is the second year that the district continues its affiliation with Columbia University's *Teacher College* whose instructors work with our teachers. The district plans to intervene at an early age for students who are experiencing difficulties by making assessments twice a year with the expectation that literacy will improve significantly. Additional data will identify students (i.e., newcomers, handicapped, students, etc.) to assist in this regard. Inasmuch as the report from the state is a summary, another presentation with full data showing individual scores and analysis will be presented at a future Board meeting when received.

Mrs. Prete inquired as to when the Board would receive the educational part of the Little Flower study and commented on her attendance at the Universal Pre-K Open House at Phillips Avenue Elementary School. She thanked building principal, Tom Payton, for his patience and leadership, as well as, to Phil Kent, Principal, who hosted the UPK Open House at Aquebogue on the same day. As a member of the Audit Committee, she requested that the Committee be notified when the internal auditor's are in-house; and, commented on the importance to include more lockers in the list of proposed capital projects to meet the demand/need of both the Middle School and High School students.

Opportunity for
Board Members

Mrs. Berezny inquired as to the timeline when the Board would be provided a listing of proposed capital projects in order to address issues and concerns (i.e, bathrooms at Phillips, etc.) Ms. Kobylenski informed her that the list is in the process of being sorted (mandated versus non-mandated, health and safety issues, bathrooms need handicapped accessibility in most schools). Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance to the Anti-Bias Task Force meeting last night at the Riverhead Free Library with guest speaker, Bob Zellner. The next meeting on November 27th at the Riverhead Free Library will include our Council of Unity. She further commented on her participation on the Wellness Committee and their meeting of last week to discuss the state requirements and invited the public to participate in a survey being conducted. Special thanks were extended to the teachers for the informative Open Houses held this year.

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Comments from the community included:
-problems encountered with school bus getting their child to school on time (Mr. Doyle stated that the Transportation Department has made arrangements to re-route).
-"thank you" for recognition of music students that is a culmination of all music teachers in the department
-request for clarification on *emergency conditional appointments pending fingerprint clearance* (Mr. Doyle stated that all employees are required to be fingerprinted for submission to the State Education Department for clearance).
-clarification to the district's emergency to declare an emergency appointment of a guard (Mr. Doyle stated that a guard had resigned and there was need to fill the position).
-question as to how someone can work in a public school before being certified as fingerprint cleared (Mr. Doyle stated that the individual met the criteria to be employed in the district).
-suggestion to put items declared as surplus on *ebay*, district website, etc.
-request for explanation of *peer mediator* (Mr. Doyle stated that all new teachers are required to have a mentor and that the district received a grant from the state for teacher-mentor support).
-the President of the RCFA commented that the Universal Pre-K program is a separate program within our schools run by SCOPE under sub-par conditions...no benefits...no sick days, etc. (Mr. Doyle stated that the district is required to provide the program within the confines of the grant received from the state).

Community
Comments

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

Committee on
Special Education
-Approved
-Supplemental File

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:

<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
6/20/06	206385, 207716
7/24/06	211089, 212030
8/10/06	219212
8/31/06	206686, 210008, 219393
9/15/06	208710
9/19/06	206276

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<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
6/14/06	221053, 221167
6/21/06	220322, 221042, 219082
7/11/06	221152, 220276, 229326, 220309, 221039
8/8/06	220210, 221164, 221168, 220311, 221176, 221145, 220279

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District casts its vote for Fred Langstaff to be a member of the NYSSBA Board of Directors; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the official ballot of this action.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the agreement for specialized instructional services for the 2006-07 school year between Little Flower Union Free School District and the Riverhead Central School District. Monthly tuition bills for the 2006-07 school year will be submitted by Little Flower UFSD to the Riverhead Central School District for payment at the tuition rate established by the New York State Education Department.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. ("UCP") to provide instruction and facilities during the 2006-07 Fall school term for disabled children where the Board is unable to provide for the education of disabled children in special classes as authorized under Education Law Section 4402-B.

NYSSBA Board of
Directors' Election

-Fred Langstaff
-Approved

Approval of
Service Agreements

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the attendance of Jeffrey Osarczuk, a Riverhead High School student who was selected to perform at the New York State Music Association All-State Festival, accompanied by a chaperone, to the Rochester Convention Center, Rochester, New York from November 30 through December 3, 2006. Costs for student and chaperone will be borne by the district in an amount not to exceed \$1,590 (registration, room and board, transportation). Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation of a check in the amount of \$35.65 to the Phillips Avenue Elementary School from *Target* in accordance with the *Take Charge of Education* program.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation of the following from Richard Gebhardt to the Riverhead Middle School:

- (1) 15-gallon fish tank
- (1) hood light
- (1) new water pump
- (1) hand-crafted bench

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation of one (1) large floor fan from Robert Ries to the Riverhead Central School District.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Overnight Trip
-NYSMA All-State
Festival
-Approved

Acceptance of
Donations
-Approved

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

Appointment of
Volunteers
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of the following *volunteers*:

Thomas Riccio – Football
Gregory M. Meyer – Football
Nicole Marz – Girls' Soccer
Ellen Pisano – Cheerleading

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Griffing, 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:

Emergency Conditional Appointment Pending Fingerprint
Clearance

Melissa J. Edwards – Field Hockey Varsity Assistant, effective Fall 2006.

Robert Lum – Girl's Tennis JV Head, effective Fall 2006.

Stacy Kantor – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.

Appointments

Anita Pellegrino – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.

Arthur Kretschmer – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.

James Korte – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.

Lucas Fifield – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07.

Kelly Lester – Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, effective 9/5/06-11/10/06.

Amendment to Appointment

Anthony Gentile – 4/5 Health Teacher, effective 9/1/06-6/30/07,
To: B-Step 2, From: B-Step 1.

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Change of Status

Elizabeth Folz – To: Special Education Teacher on Special Assignment, Learning Evaluator, From: Educational Evaluator, effective 7/1/06.

Jacqueline Dias – Elementary Teacher, To: Probationary Appointment 9/1/04-6/30/07, From: Contract 9/1/04-6/30/07.

Amendment to Change of Status

Laura Grable – To: District Mentor, From: Classroom Teacher, To: 9/1/06-6/30/07, From: 9/1/06-6/30/06.

Permanent Substitute Appointments

Effective: 9/1/06-6/30/07

Stephanie Cordeiro
James Korte
Hope Obermeier
Lucas Fifield
Michael Jehle
Marisa Medina
Judy Johnson

Revised Middle School Advisor Appointments

Christina Albani – Chamber Orchestra, effective 2006-07 year.
Nadine Greenberg – Show Choir, effective 2006-07 year.
Crystal Crespo – JV Stage Band, effective 2006-07 year.

Middle School Advisor Appointments

Frank Yolango – 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra, effective 2006-07 year.
Jennifer Berzolla – Co-Chair, Council for Unity, effective 2006-07 year.
Tracy Peymann – Co-Chair, Council for Unity, effective 2006-07 year.

Revised High School Advisor Appointments

Effective: 2006-07 year

Mary Lee Olsen – To: Co-Chair, Class of 2008, From: Class of 2008.
Anastasia Mouyiaris – Class of 2007.
Sean P. O'Hara – RHS Chamber Choir.
Cornelia Gevinski – Interact Club.
Lee Hanwick – Senior Band.

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Sean O'Hara – Show Choir.
Lee Hanwick – Varsity Stage Band.
Jenifer Bertolone – DECA Club.
Frank Yolango – Chamber Orchestra.

High School Advisor Appointments

Effective: 2006-07 year

Francesca Chery – Co-Chair, Class of 2008.
Mary Twomey – Art Club.
Francesca Chery – French Club.
Renee Pastor – Literary Magazine.
John Dunleavy – LEO's Club.
Renee Pastor – Riptide Newspaper.
Lisa Donato – Peer Mediation.
Sharon DiGiuseppe – Council for Unity.
Mary Lee Olsen – Yearbook Advisor.
Deborah Kulka-MacLellan – Leaders' Club.
Danielle Pennacchio – Photography Club.

Reappointment of Substitutes

Bonnie Eannone-Maiello – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.
Christine Skidmore – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.

Fall 2006 Coaching Appointment

Gregory Sanders – Boys' Soccer Varsity Assistant.

Amendment to New Teaching Assistant Positions

To: 9/1/06-8/31/09, From: 9/1/06-8/31/08

Alisa Behr
Amanda Bendick
Carol Ann Cordone
Darlene Folkes
Diana Graziano
Carol Kannwischer
Sarah Lessard
Linda Mikelinich
Eileen Quinn
Lori Riley
Laura Sauter
Colleen Scura

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Cynthia Simco
Jennifer Sullivan
Diane Tuthill
Carolyn Vanston

Request for Extension of Child Care/Maternity Leave

Alicia O'Connor – Elementary Teacher, To: 10/11/06-11/10/06
Unpaid FMLA, From: 9/5/06-10/10/06 Using Accumulated Sick
Time.

Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Colleen O'Leary – Elementary Teacher, effective 10/11,12,14/06.

Workers' Compensation Leave of Absence

Karen Meekins – Teaching Assistant, effective 9/9/06-
Undetermined Date.

Resignations

Jane Candela – Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective 9/11/06.
Linda Montalto – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/6/06.
Susan O'Brien – Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective 9/22/06.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to table
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
-Change in Hours
-Tabled

Change in Hours

Deanna Davis – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 6
hours per day, effective 9/7/06-6/30/07.
Michael Slovensky – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day,
From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/06-6/30/07.
Julie Snow – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 6
hours per day, effective 9/7/06-6/30/07.
Karen Turbush – School Bus Driver, To: 5.5 hours per day, From:
6 hours per day, effective 9/18/06-6/30/07.

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Nicholas DiPierro – School Bus Driver, To: 6 hours per day, From:
7.5 hours per day, effective 9/18/06-6/30/07.
Claudette Tuttle – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From:
6 hours per day, effective 9/7/06-6/30/07.
Tara Thompson – School Bus Driver, To: 8 hours per day, From: 6
Hours per day, effective 9/7/06-6/30/07.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Table Carried.

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

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Civil Service
Personnel
Recommendations
-Approved

Emergency Conditional Appointments Pending Fingerprint
Clearance

Maureen Grauer – Guard, effective 9/6/06.
Diane Harlow – Library Aide, effective 9/11/06.
Melissa Senatore – Substitute Aide, effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.
Kelly Conway – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.

Appointments

Tanya Wigley – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective
9/11/06-6/30/07.
Patricia Fitzgerald – Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective
10/4/06-6/30/07.
Hanna Yaremchuck – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker,
effective 9/27/06-6/30/07.

Change in Status

Marilyn Ross – To: Part time Guard, From: Substitute Guard,
effective 9/5/06-6/30/07.
Coleen Mowdy – To: Substitute School Bus Monitor, From: School
Bus Monitor, effective 9/5/06.

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Change in Hours

Jenny Corbin – Teacher Aide, To: 7 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/5/06-6/30/07.

Louis Meyer – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/5/06-6/30/06..

Wendy Turbush – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/5/06-6/30/07.

Reappointment of Substitutes

Effective: 9/27/06-6/30/07

Diane Hackett – Substitute Clerk Typist.

Violet Austin – Substitute Aide.

Diane Hackett – Substitute Aide.

Kathleen Vlacci – Substitute Aide.

Celeste Gelburd – Substitute Guard.

Joyce Holley – Substitute Guard.

Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Alice Jasinski – School Bus Driver, effective 10/19,20/06.

Thomas Jasinski – Guard, effective 10/19,20/06.

Carmine Lombardi – Guard, effective 11/1/06-12/29/06.

Request for Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence

Lisa Carter – School Bus Monitor, To: 9/30/06-10/20/06 FMLA,
From: 9/7/06-9/29/06 FMLA.

Request for Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Jennifer Crosby – 1:1 Special Education Aide, 9/5/06-10/5/06

Using Accumulated Sick Days, 10/6/06-11/1/06 Unpaid FMLA.

Resignation

Daniel Polizzi – Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 9/7/06.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Surplus Equipment
-Approved

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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BAN's and TAN's
-BANS, \$ 915,000
-TAN's, \$15,600,000
-Approved

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign all the necessary documents.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Community
Comments

Additional comments from the community included:

- many teachers arose to the podium to request that the Board exercise a fair and equitable contract on par with that of other teachers on Long Island and Suffolk County irregardless of the fact-finder's report
- request that teachers be consulted when administrative changes are made (*i.e.*, the replacement of department heads)
- expressed need for working machines/copiers in our schools to provide efficiently run classrooms (Mrs. Gassert requested that lists of basic equipment and other needs be submitted to the Board for consideration in the 2006-07 budget discussions so deficiencies can be corrected).
- concern expressed at last High School PTO meeting on the lack of buses for children who get out of school around 3 p.m. and have to wait for a bus that comes around 5 p.m. (Mr. Ogeka stated that there is a bus at 4 p.m. and another at 5:15 p.m.)
- need for security presence on our soccer fields as large groups of adults/families are showing up while our student athletes are still using the fields (Mr. Doyle stated that Mr. Ogeka has expanded the security for athletic events on a daily basis (5:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m., seven days a week) so that activities will not be attended by adults without permission.) Inasmuch as our athletic fields are being used extensively by other communities...security should make a difference. Mrs. Gassert suggested the formation of a committee to deal with security issues/needs and requested that the district be notified of any violations. Any incidents of derogatory remarks made to our staff and students and the presence/use of alcohol by unauthorized adults will be addressed. Mrs. Prete suggested that the security staff work in shifts vs. overtime.

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Mrs. Gassert assured the teachers that they are, indeed, appreciated and that they are “worth their weight in gold”; however, the district, also, needs a budget that is affordable for the taxpayers since people are leaving the area because they can no longer afford to stay here. Mr. Stark reiterated her comments and implored the community to read the fact-finder’s report that is a fair and objective viewpoint from a party that is mutually acceptable and whose decision is that this district cannot afford the medical and retirement benefits as requested by the RCFA.

A motion was made by Mrs. Berezny, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to recess to executive session. No action will be taken upon return to open session.

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 9:50 p.m.

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

Return to
Open Session

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 10:28 p.m.

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 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O’Kula
District Clerk

