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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting – December 12, 2006  
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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

LATE: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Joseph F. Singleton, Ms. Lynn Kobylenski, Ms. Nancy Carney, Mr. Joseph Ogeka, Jr. and Christopher Venator, Esq.

President, Mrs. Gassert, opened the meeting at 5:38 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mr. Stark, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel, negotiations and land acquisition/site selection.

Recess to  
Executive Session

Yes 6 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:39 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:07 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, 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 7:22 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

There were about 55 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to amend the agendas follows:

**Amend:**  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby designates **Osborne Avenue East to Route 25** as a *child safety zone*.

**Amend:**  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement for an after-school program for students between the Riverhead Central School District and Related Apartment Preservation L.L.C. (River Pointe), **at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for the period January 1, 2007-June 30, 2007**; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

**Table:**  
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the second reading of Board Policy #9645 – *Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct*.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

- Regular Meeting – August 22, 2006
- Regular Meeting – September 5, 2006
- Regular Meeting – September 26, 2006
- Special Meeting – October 3, 2006

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Budget Transactions for the month of October 2006.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Amend Agenda  
-Amend: Designation of Child Safety Zone  
-Amend: River Pointe After-School Program  
-Table: Second Reading of Board Policy #9645 *Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct*  
-Approved

Approval of Minutes  
-Approved

Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Budget Transactions  
-October 2006  
-Approved

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Mr. Singleton was honored to introduce students who have accomplished outstanding levels of proficiency in the New York State English as a Second Language Test in a relative short period of time. Certificates of Achievement were presented to each student present and the parents were, also, applauded for supporting their children in this effort. He complimented Sean O'Hara, Director, and students involved in the outstanding production of *Grease* this past weekend. Reminding the community of the mention of MESTRACT mini-grant awards to nine teachers at the Board meeting of November 28<sup>th</sup>, he recognized and thanked the following teachers for their efforts as we look forward to the programs when finished. Ms. Carney handed out Certificates of Appreciation to the following:

Marion Dorman      *Chinese Culture for Children*  
Rita Moloney

Kimberly Benkert      *Lions, Tigers and Gorillas, Oh My!*  
Lauren Farber

Kimberly Benkert      *Ready to Read*

Michelle Stewart      *A Beast of A Story*

Christopher McCrary      *Increasing Technology in the Science Classroom*  
Lawrence Mandresh  
Robert Jester

Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance to the production of *Grease* this past Friday evening and commended Mr. O'Hara and the students for a great performance. She, also, attended the football dinner for Coach Shay and students, accompanied by Mrs. Gassert, Mrs. Prete and the PTO President, Laurie Downs (who filled in for Ms. DeVito) and thanked all for the invitation extended to be part of this great evening.

In this season of celebration, Ms. DeVito extended wishes of health and happiness to students, parents, the community, faculty, teaching and non-teaching staff, administration and colleagues.

Comments heard from the community included:

Opportunity for  
Superintendent

Opportunity for  
Board Members

Community  
Comments

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- clarification of items as mentioned in last Thursday's News Review on the \$10 million capital reserve authorization (Mr. Singleton explained that, basically, the capital reserve fund authorization passed by voter approval in June 2006 allowed for "available funds on hand" as of June 30, 2006...\$4.4 million in surplus funds is moved to the Capital Reserve Fund...in addition, \$1,537,000 in Excel aid put into the \$10 million...almost \$6 million to start Phase I of the projects...the resolution before the Board this evening is to put forth a proposition for taxpayer approval to repair aging systems and structures throughout the district and fund those projects as monies become available over the next five years).
- understanding by the RCFA Union President that the district may be using outside teachers to run the River Pointe program (Mr. Singleton stated that no decision has been made).
- comments expressed by the PTO President that the River Pointe program should provide their own volunteers and opinion that Title I monies should only be used on Title I schools (namely, Roanoke, Phillips and Pulaski)
- concerns that a child from Phillips or the High School, etc., who seeks after-school help will be turned away because he/she does not reside in the River Pointe complex (Mr. Stark stated that 70 children from the public schools have been identified as eligible and the proposal is for grades 2-6...it is envisioned that efforts will be eventually made to provide supplemental services to all children in the complex). Mr. Singleton stated that the program is for grades 2-6...if a High School student needs assistance, then a different approach needs to be considered to meet those needs (*i.e.* names of Middle School or High School students seeking assistance can be taken by the teacher and referred for help at the school that child attends). Mrs. Prete stated that currently there are no programs in place to service higher grade students; and, further explained that the High School is not a Title I school...Title I funds can only be used for children attending Roanoke, Phillips and Pulaski. She expressed her belief that the school district should not use Title I funds for one group while we have three Title I schools with children in need.
- eligibility of parochial students in the River Pointe program (Mr. Singleton stated that they are eligible if they live in the complex).

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- a "thank you" for the hot water heater at Roanoke
- functioning fire alarms at Roanoke (Mr. Singleton stated that, at the present time, Roanoke does not have a fully functional fire alarm system...the system, as is, is not ADA compliant and needs a new system).
- Betty Perry, District Manager, of the River Pointe apartments, thanked both the Riverhead Rotary and the Riverhead Central School District to permit the schools and business community to work in partnership for the benefits of the children and community. She encouraged teachers to see the benefits of the partnership and would address any concerns. (Mrs. Prete inquired as to when the whole concept was thought of and that it would have been appropriate to approach the Board to which Ms. Perry responded that the concept was explored 6-7 months ago in meetings with the former Superintendent and Ms. Carney in the Spring of 2006).
- the President of the RCFA stated that the teachers' list of concerns (*i.e.*, security, etc.) was readily available through Mr. Singleton and expressed the fact that the RCFA was not asked to participate in the planning of the program. Mr. Singleton admitted to some missteps along the way but did state that a majority of the concerns were addressed and was confident that the program could operate successfully and was looking forward to its start in the New Year.
- question on capital reserve fund and approved referendum to set up fund with no more than \$1.5 million (Mrs. Prete stated that the \$1.5 million is the amount allowed to be levied by taxes).
- questions on renovations at the High School and understanding that the facility is handicapped accessible (Mr. Singleton stated while the building has an elevator, a number of areas in the building have not been updated according to ADA standards/regulations that were required about 15 years ago...the bathrooms need to be brought up to code and other areas need improvements).
- definition of "smoke enclosures" ) Mr. Singleton stated that in case of a fire, portions of the building are isolated...the Middle School and Pulaski do not have smoke doors and need to be brought into compliance.
- what percentage of Booster monies versus Coca-Cola funds are used for the Varsity Softball team to attend the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida? (\$4,100 in Coca-Cola funds and \$270 from the General Fund).

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-what is the cost of chaperones? (Mr. Singleton stated that most chaperones are volunteer parents...for staff, the contract amount is \$75).

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Ms. DeVito, 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>
09/19/06	209870
10/11/06	206186, 206833, 207816, 208137, 209686, 209770, 209774, 209861, 217231
10/17/06	206385, 207895, 209080, 209872, 210820
10/18/06	212506, 213065, 213089, 213437, 213679, 214190, 214532, 214561, 219076, 219212
10/19/06	215000, 214570, 215513, 216585, 216602, 216604, 217184, 217516, 218302
10/23/06	205073, 207782, 208777, 209890, 212039
10/24/06	210026, 210099, 210537, 211144, 212016, 212370, 212686
10/25/06	205292, 205750, 206034, 206094, 207067, 207612, 208393, 209659
10/30/06	212722, 215097, 215402, 216178, 218206, 219082
10/31/06	207716
11/01/06	208106, 215063, 216513
11/02/06	207137, 208000, 208005, 209301, 209605, 210804
11/09/06	210107, 217568
11/14/06	208106, 210025, 210123, 211364, 212035, 212065, 212602, 212699, 213067, 213506, 213516, 213660, 213697, 214251, 214357

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11/15/06	206040, 207324, 207455, 208665, 208895, 209007, 209064, 209870, 210089, 210772
11/16/06	214056, 214394, 214432, 215089, 215512, 215626, 216159, 216164, 219183, 204058, 205514, 206094, 207119, 208378, 208567, 208794, 209136, 210008, 219185

C.P.S.E. MEETING	STUDENT NUMBERS
10/26/06	221185, 221189, 221191, 221192, 220288, 220286
11/16/06	220304, 220342, 220343, 220345, 221143, 222000, 221053, 221142, 221158

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and Joseph F. Singleton to serve as Interim Superintendent, effective January 1, 2007; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

In a discussion that followed, Ms. DeVito requested that the resolution reflect an "end date" and informed the public that the Board of Education is actively seeking a new Superintendent.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and Joseph F. Singleton to serve as Interim Superintendent, effective January 1, 2007-**June 30, 2007**; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion to Amend Carried.

Approval of Contract  
-Interim Superintendent  
-Joseph F. Singleton  
-Approved as Amended

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and Joseph F. Singleton to serve as Interim Superintendent, effective January 1, 2007-**June 30, 2007**; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

Yes 6  
Ms. DeVito  
Mrs. Gassert  
Mr. Griffing  
Mrs. Harkin  
Mrs. Prete  
Mr. Stark

No 1  
Mrs. Berezny

Motion Carried as Amended.

Mr. Singleton, also, stated that the rate of pay at \$900/day.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby appoints the firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd. as consultants for the Superintendent Search; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract for such services.

Appointment of Consultant  
For Superintendent Search  
-Hazard, Young, Attea  
and Associates, Ltd.  
-Approved

**Note:** At an estimated cost of \$23,000 plus an estimated \$12,000 for advertising, brochures, travel expenses, etc.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.



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A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mr. Stark, to approve the following resolution as amended:

Approval of Contract  
Agreement/River Pointe  
-Approved as Amended

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement for an after-school program for students between the Riverhead Central School District and Related Apartment Preservation L.L.C. (River Pointe), **at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 for the period January 1, 2007-June 30, 2007**; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

In a discussion that followed, some Board members expressed the following:

Mrs. Berezny opposed and expressed that it would be more equitable and include more children in need if such initiatives were implemented at each of the three Title I schools.

Mr. Griffing was in favor of the measure as the program holds potential to become a model in other areas of the community.

Mrs. Harkin expressed that under closer scrutiny, the program presents many benefits for the children and is a wonderful opportunity for the school district to partner with the town and local organizations.

Mrs. Prete was opposed and expressed that the process was not handled correctly...the Board was not notified until October/November; and, she has concerns that our three Title I schools need extra-help programs, as well.

Mr. Stark expressed that we have a community made up of diverse parts and, as quoted in the district newsletter..."It takes a (global) village...working together...to raise a child". The community has reached out to the school district as educators and he is in 100% support of the project...it is a start and should be applauded – not debated.

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Yes 4  
Mrs. Gassert  
Mr. Griffing  
Mrs. Harkin  
Mr. Stark

No 2  
Mrs. Berezny  
Mrs. Prete

Abstention 1  
Ms. DeVito

Motion Carried as Amended.

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

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Riverhead Central School District to implement renovations and improvements to the following Schools:

Aquebogue Elementary  
Phillips Elementary  
Pulaski Elementary  
Riley Elementary  
Roanoke Elementary  
Riverhead Middle  
Riverhead High

And,

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Environmental Conservation Laws of the State of New York, the Riverhead Board of Education is hereby named as Lead Agency to conduct the required State Environmental Quality Review, and

Notice of Public  
Hearing on  
Environmental  
Impact Determination  
-Approved

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WHEREAS, said review has determined that the proposed renovations and improvements for each building will not impact the environment and are classified under section 617.5 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Regulations as Type II Action, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, as a result of this hearing, the President of the Board and the Acting Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign the necessary forms to be submitted to the State of New York.

Mr. Singleton explained that as required by New York State, the types of projects must be examined. This becomes a Type II action and all these projects will have no impact on the environment.

Mrs. Prete pointed out that a public hearing would be held on January 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School auditorium. In turn, Mr. Singleton stated that the public hearing on the SEQRA process is *right now* and is the procedure used in the past and that is required by the State. The public hearing on January 23<sup>rd</sup> relates to the proposition. Mrs. Prete expressed that public hearing should have been made more clear for the public.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
AND AVAILABILITY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Riverhead Central School District,  
Suffolk County, New York

The Board of Education of Riverhead Central School District, Suffolk County, New York, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held in the Riverhead High School, in Riverhead, New York, in said School District, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007, for the purpose of voting by voting machine upon the proposition hereinafter set forth. Polls for the purpose of voting will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time. The proposition is as follows:

Call for Special  
District Meeting/Proposition  
-February 6, 2007  
-Approved

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BE IT RESOLVED that an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 be expended from funds authorized by New York State Excel aid and funds presently on hand in the established Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of effecting and/or installing (as may be appropriate) Accessibility Renovations at the Aquebogue, Phillips, Riley, Roanoke, Pulaski, Middle and High Schools; Asbestos Removal at the Middle School; Athletic Field Renovations at the Pulaski and Middle Schools; Auditorium Seats at the Pulaski School; Electrical Renovations at the Phillips, Roanoke, Pulaski and High Schools; Fire Alarm Updates at the Aquebogue, Phillips, Riley, Roanoke, Pulaski, Middle and High Schools; Heating and/or Ventilation Renovations at the Aquebogue, Phillips, Riley, Pulaski and High Schools; Kitchen Renovations at the Aquebogue, Phillips, Riley, Roanoke, Pulaski, Middle and High Schools;; Masonry Renovations at the Aquebogue and Roanoke Schools; Security Systems at the Aquebogue, Phillips, Riley, Roanoke, Pulaski and Middle Schools; and Stage Riggings and Curtains at the Phillips, Riley, Roanoke, Pulaski, Middle and High Schools; and that a further amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 to be hereafter raised, in accordance with previous authorization of the voters, be expended upon receipt from the said Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing any of the foregoing projects not able to have been completed within the first mentioned sum above, and for the further purpose of Installing Elevators/Connecting Corridors in the Middle School; Locker Renovations/Replacement at the Pulaski, Middle and High Schools, Oil Tank Replacement at the Aquebogue School; and Smoke Enclosures at the Pulaski and Middle Schools.

**SEQRA STATUS OF PROJECT:** The School District Board of Education is acting as lead agency under the regulations of the State of New York, promulgated under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). The capital improvement projects herein described have been determined to be Type II Actions, pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act. SEQRA information and documentation is available in the office of the School District Clerk for inspection during regular business hours.

*NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN* that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such Special District Meeting, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee voter's ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the School District Clerk not less than five days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) during regular office hours until the date of the aforesaid Special District Meeting. In addition, such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the places of voting during the hours of such Special District Meeting.

A public hearing shall be held on January 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Riverhead High School.

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Mrs. Berezny expressed appreciation to keep the polls open from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. to accommodate the public.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby designates **Osborne Avenue East to Route 25** as a *child safety zone*.

Establishment of  
School Safety Zone  
-Approved as  
Amended

Mr. Singleton clarified that the child safety zone includes everything north of Route 58. Several years ago, the State Education Law was changed to allow school Boards to adopt safety zones which are determined to be hazardous and where the conditions meet certain criteria as established by the Commissioner of Transportation. The determining factors to designate child safety zones are: sidewalks or no sidewalks, number of lanes with/without traffic signals w/pedestrian devices, volume of traffic and speed of traffic. Based on this designation, any transportation will become eligible for state aid.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District establishes April 17, 2007 as the special meeting date to vote on the contract for Library services between the Riverhead Central School District and the Riverhead Free Library and the Baiting Hollow Free Library, and be it further

Riverhead Free Library  
Vote  
-April 17, 2007  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that such meeting shall be held at the Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court Street, Riverhead, New York, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and be it further

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RESOLVED, that voter registration be held on Monday, April 9, 2007, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 700 Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk and the School District Attorney prepare the legal notices and that the cost of such special meeting shall be reimbursed by such libraries.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Out of State/Overnight  
Field Trips  
-Approved

1.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of sixty-seven (67) students of the Riverhead High School Chamber Choir, Varsity Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra to *Music in the Parks* at Busch Gardens, Virginia scheduled for May 18, 19 and 20, 2007. There is no cost to the district; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost of \$400 for substitute teachers.

2.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the Varsity Softball Team at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Florida for Spring Training (March 15-20, 2007). Costs of the players will be offset through the Riverhead Blue Wave Softball Booster Club fundraising efforts and utilization of Coca Cola funding. The only projected costs to be borne by the district would be for transportation which is approximated at \$200; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost of \$270 for substitute teachers; \$4,100 covered by Coca-Cola distribution.

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3.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request of the Music Department for two Riverhead Middle School students (Earnest McMillan and Andrew Plattner) to perform at the New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) Symposium 2007 as members of the Middle School Honor Band. The NYSBDA 2007 Symposium and Festival will be held at the Wyndam Hotel in Syracuse, New York on March 1-3, 2007. Costs to the district will not exceed \$1,000; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district in the amount of \$1,050.

4.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the Riverhead Varsity Cheerleaders (approximately 22 members) in the Universal Cheerleading National Championships in Orlando, Florida on February 8-12, 2007. The total cost to the district of \$200 for roundtrip bus transportation to MacArthur Airport; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district of \$300 covered by Coca-Cola funds,, plus \$270 for substitute teachers and \$200 for transportation.

5.) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the attendance of four (4) Riverhead High School students (two Interact students and two exchange students) to the Rotary District 7260 Conference in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on April 26-29, 2007. The Riverhead Rotary has agreed to pay the cost of \$525 per student to represent our school. There is no cost to the district; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district in the amount of \$300 for chaperones, meals and lodging.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Out of State Trip  
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of eligible eighth grade students (approximately 140 students) in the annual Riverhead Middle School trip to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania on Saturday, June 2, 2007. Costs to the district are limited to the cost for approximately 40 chaperones (6:1 ratio); and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district of \$600 for chaperones.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Overnight Field Trips  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the NJROTC Unit #96871 (approximately 35 cadets; five chaperones) in a trip to the Naval Bases at Newport, Rhode Island and New London, Connecticut on February 15-17, 2007. Costs to the district are for school bus transportation and ferry; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district in the amount of \$700 for transportation.

Yes 6  
Mrs. Berezny  
Mrs. Gassert  
Mr. Griffing  
Mrs. Harkin  
Mrs. Prete  
Mr. Stark

No 1  
Ms. DeVito

Motion Carried.

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

Overnight Field Trip  
-Approved



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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the attendance of the Interact Club (4 students) to the Interact-ing Retreat to Lake George/Lake Placid, New York on February 2-4, 2007 at no cost to the district. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

**Note:** At an additional cost to the district in the amount of \$300 for busing and lodging.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, 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 of desks from the Riverhead Faculty and Community Theatre for use in the Pulaski Street School.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

District-Owned  
Surplus Vehicles and  
Equipment  
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District declares as surplus certain equipment/vehicles from the District Transportation Department and authorizes the disposal of such and approves to discard of same by use of a Surplus Equipment Bid being processed at the Transportation Department. Individual items are outlined in the corresponding request contained in the Supplemental File.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of  
Change Order #1  
-Resun Leasing, Inc.  
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves Change Order #1 – Resun Leasing, Inc. in the *deduction* amount of \$6,811.39 for the project of modular classrooms at the Riverhead High School; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Change Order.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Appointment of  
Volunteer  
-Approved

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

Barry Street – Middle School Boys' Basketball

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mr. Stark, 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:

Appointment

Ann Marie Smith – Substitute Teacher, effective 12/13/06-6/30/07.

Amendments to Appointments of 2005-06 Middle School Ass't.

Department Heads

Cheryl Walsh-Edwards – English (7-9), effective 7/1/05-6/30/06.

Patricia Passanante – Mathematics (7-8), effective 7/1/05-6/30/06.

Jane Tully – Social Studies (7-8), effective 7/1/05-6/30/06.

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Amendments to Appointments of 2006-07 Middle School Ass't.

Department Heads

Cheryl Walsh-Edwards – English (7-8), effective 7/1/06-6/30/07.  
Patricia Passanante – Mathematics (7-8), effective 7/1/06-6/30/07.  
Matthew Moorman – Science (7-8), effective 7/1/06-6/30/07.  
Jane Tully – Social Studies (7-8), effective 8/23/06-6/30/07.

Amendment to Appointment

Matthew Moorman – To: Middle School Ass't. Department Head,  
From: Middle School Department Head, effective 2005-06 school  
year.

Continuation of Leave Replacement Appointment

Cara Gianello – Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, To:  
2/1/07-6/30/07, From: 9/1/06-1/31/07.

Change in Status

Donna Elmore – To: Permanent Substitute Teacher, From: Leave  
Replacement, effective 12/5/06-6/30/07.  
Jeanine Denes-Murphy – To: Leave Replacement, From: Leave  
Replacement, effective 12/4/06-6/30/07.

Salary Advancements

Jessica Cohen – From: Masters+15-Step 3, To: Masters+30-  
Step 3, effective 2/1/07.  
Danielle Gioe – From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Bachelors+15-Step 3,  
effective 2/1/07.  
Jason Rottkamp – From: Bachelors+30-Step 2, To: Masters-  
Step 2, effective 2/1/07.

Amendment to Maternity-Child Care Leave

Jill Zappulla – Special Education Teacher, To: 9/1/06-12/1/06  
Unpaid Child Care Leave, From: 9/1/06-1/17/07 Unpaid Child  
Care Leave.

Request for Extension of Maternity/Child Care Leave

Rebecca Luck – Elementary Teacher, To: 9/1/06-6/30/07 Unpaid  
Child Care Leave.

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Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

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

Civil Service  
Personnel  
Recommendations  
-Approved

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:

Emergency Conditional Appointment Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Antonia Garlington – Substitute Guard, effective 12/13/06-6/30/07.  
Jeffrey McKay – Substitute Guard, effective 12/13/06-6/30/07.

Appointments

Antoinette Vodola – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 12/13/06-6/30/07.  
Christopher Amato – Data Processing Systems Coordinator, Part-time, effective 12/8/06. (SEE MINUTES OF 12/05/06).

Correction to Salary

Robert Fox – To: Food Service Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 12/11/06.

Change in Status

John Rose III – To: Part-time Custodial Worker I, From: Substitute Custodial Worker I, effective 11/29/06.  
June Stevenson – To: Food Service Worker (Aquebogue Elementary School), From: Food Service Worker (Satellite Program), effective 12/13/06.  
Darlene Taylor – To: Assistant Cook, From: Food Service Worker, effective 12/13/06.

Change in Hours

Michael Slovensky – School Bus Driver, To: 8 hours per day, From: 7.5 hours per day, effective 12/18/06.

Vacation Buyout

Donald Henderson – Director of Security, 20 vacation days, effective 12/13/06.

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Unpaid Leave of Absence

Kathy Knight – School Bus Driver, effective 12/5/06-1/17/07  
Unpaid Leave of Absence.

Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

Additional community comments are:

Community  
Comments

-suggestion to send the Varsity Softball Team to Epcot next year rather than Orlando (Mr. Griffing stated that this is an actual competition scheduled with no options).  
-request that the Board upgrade and improve the conditions of the athletic fields as a long term investment (Mr. Griffing commented that some synthetic or Astroturf was discussed at a cost of approximately \$100,000; and, that the crux of the problem is the extra stress placed upon our fields due to constant public use. Mr. Stark stated that during a separate planning process for a new high school, an overall comprehensive strategy for more athletic fields was discussed...the Board will work diligently to forge ahead. Mrs. Gassert was proud to announce that six out of 10 Fall sports teams received academic excellence from Section XI; and, Mrs. Prete stated that the basketball field was improved with donations of time and materials from parents. She suggested that the Board re-visit the property in Aquebogue to utilize as space for athletic fields. Ms. DeVito thought this a good opportunity to reach out to the business community throughout Suffolk County to partnership with our schools and begin dialogue with the public and Athletic Director to discuss short and long-term proposals to accommodate the growing needs of our students...to maintain a physical campus and issues of safety...need to be pro-active and engage the public to work with the Board on this issue. Mrs. Berezny expressed that all kids should be able to play sports that gives them the opportunity for good exercise and builds sportsmanship to become good leaders.)

The Board of Education extended best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Healthy New Year to all!

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

Adjournment

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Yes 7 No 0  
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula  
District Clerk

