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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – February 27, 2007
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

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 and Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

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

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. Stark, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel (Superintendent Search) and legal matters (land acquisition).

Recess to
Executive Session

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Singleton, Mr. Ogeka, Ms. Kobylenski and Ms. Carney left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Debbie Raizes and Dr. Samuel Mikaelian of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates arrived at 6:22 p.m. to discuss with the Board of Education the results of their *Leadership Profile Report*.

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 7:30 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m.

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There were about 40 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

A public hearing to adopt the increase in income limits in real property tax exemptions for Senior Citizens commenced at 7:45 p.m. Comments from the community included questions as to the qualified age of a senior citizen; that this exemption is on top of STAR and Enhanced STAR and is not mandatory to adopt; the financial impact and number of senior citizens effected (1200-1300 in Riverhead; 9-12 in Brookhaven; and, 200-300 in Southampton). Ms. Kobylenski stated that the measure increases income limits by \$1,000. Mr. Griffing stated that it reduces the burden on those people who cannot afford it. It was requested that the Board of Education consider the financial impact in the future.

Public Hearing
-Senior Citizen Real
Property Tax Exemption

Mrs. Gassert declared the public hearing at an end at 7:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to amend the agenda as follows:

Amend Agenda
-Add: Professional
Personnel
Recommendation
-Approved to Amend

Add:

Professional Personnel Recommendation

Edward J. LaSalle – Leave Replacement, Spanish Teacher,
effective 3/26/07-6/22/07.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

Approval of Minutes
-Approved

Regular Meeting – February 13, 2007

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Singleton announced his pleasure and honor to recognize Marine Corporal Cedric Brown, a 2000 graduate of Riverhead High School, who was injured but survived an explosion of an insurgent’s roadside bomb while patrolling the streets of Fallujah, Iraq. He was given a standing ovation in recognition of his service

*Recognition of Marine
Corporal Cedric Brown*

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to our Country and for being the distinguished recipient of the Purple Heart which was awarded to him on February 21st at the Riverhead Town Hall. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Stark presented Marine Corporal Brown with a certificate of recognition.

Dr. Samuel Mikaelian and Deborah Raizes, consultants of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., gave a brief summary of their Report, the information of which was obtained from reviewing more than 84 completed Leadership Profile Assessment forms and meeting with over 100 people at all levels (administration, teachers, support staff, community and high school students) who participated in the interviews and surveys. They thanked the Board of Education; Interim Superintendent, Joseph Singleton; and, Barbara O’Kula, District Clerk, for their gracious assistance and openness, honesty and candor in this process. The gathered data will assist the Board in determining the primary characteristics it might seek in the next Superintendent of Schools. Concerns, strengths, weaknesses, challenges of the district and characteristics/attributes desired in the new superintendent are identified in the Report that is an open document and available for the public. Recruitment of wonderful candidates took place all day today and another full day of interviewing is scheduled for March 12. A slate of candidates will be brought back to the Board within the designated timeframe. Mrs. Gassert thanked them for their confidence and expertise as the District moves forward in this search process.

Leadership Profile Report
-Hazard, Young & Attea Associates

Mrs. Berezny shared with the Board a summary of her meeting with Shirley Cepero, Sean O’Hara, Lee Hanwick and Jim McCaffrey on the Cultural Arts Program that reviewed field trips to see *Romeo and Juliet* on March 5th; a show on the *Holocaust* in April; and, recently, a group of juniors and seniors who saw *1776*. On March 14 and 15, all English teachers will bring a full building show into the High School related to English and Social Studies curriculum. She requested that any feedback be relayed to Mr. McCaffrey in the hopes that bigger and better programs can be brought into the schools for students. One expensive program (\$15,000) that involves 20 days of 40 contact sessions with a visiting artist, Glen McCord from Upstate New York, and features musical beat drumming was discussed as a TLC program beginning with a small amount of students that could come to

Opportunity for Board Members

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fruition if the budget expands. It would be a growing program and continue for four years.

In this regard, Mrs. Prete commented on the last financial report that showed an expense for some 50 tickets for students to see the *Lion King* at the Lunt-Fontaine Theatre. She questioned how this ties into curriculum. Ms. Carney stated that this is a culminating event through a MESTRACT grant that is brought into the curriculum but will research further and bring forth the details. As a point of clarification, Mr. Singleton stated that field trips out of state and overnight require Board approval per Board policy...the others are generally approved at the district level. Mrs. Prete recommended that all trips should tie into curriculum and as a member of the Audit Committee, she suggested that some type of policy change be implemented to know how these trips are funded (i.e., student fees, etc.)

Comments from the community included:

Community Comments

- suggestion to move the Board meetings back to the auditorium where seating is more comfortable
- request for clarification on "contracts for services" (Mr. Singleton stated that they are contracts for speech services, evaluations and resource room services for handicapped students which the District is legally bound to provide. As he noted, the law mandates for school districts that houses the school to provide services to all students attending those programs...as of February 27, 2007, there is no way we can bill the home district for services (part of the NCLB Act). Legislation is trying to reverse this legislation so that we can bill them.
- do we reap any benefits of state aid on these contracts for services? Mr. Singleton stated that the only state aid received is for textbooks, health services and transportation for services provided for students attending private/parochial schools.
- complimentary remark on integrating curriculum and instruction within our schools via trips to see *Lion King*, *Beauty & the Beast*, etc. that enables teachers to define the scope and skills and evaluate the experience (Mrs. Prete stated that out of the High School, only 53 children went to see *Lion King* whereas the Cultural Arts Program previously allocated \$15/per student. She suggested that the Board expand the program for next year and explore all types of opportunities for our students.)

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A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mr. Griffing, 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>
01/09/2007	211741
01/10/2007	217575
01/17/2007	207518, 208036, 208137, 208794, 208901, 209324, 209774, 209870
01/22/2007	213089, 213664, 213701, 214105, 214251
01/23/2007	211285, 212481, 215619, 216094, 219082
01/25/2007	215470, 216033, 217188, 217506
01/30/2007	210189, 210795, 211098, 211463, 211644, 211729, 212016, 212640
01/31/2007	210025
02/08/2007	217489

<u>C.P.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
01/26/2007	222110, 222111, 221201, 221102, 220428, 220244, 222159, 220309

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Senior Citizen
Real Property Tax
Exemption Increase
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the adoption of new income limits in real property tax exemptions for Senior Citizens pursuant to New York State Real Property Tax Law effective for the 2007-2008 tax rolls as follows:

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<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt from Taxation</u>
Up to \$27,000	50%
\$27,001 up to \$28,000	45%
\$28,001 up to \$29,000	40%
\$29,001 up to \$30,000	35%
\$30,001 up to \$30,900	30%
\$30,901 up to \$31,800	25%
\$31,801 up to \$32,700	20%
\$32,701 up to \$33,600	15%
\$33,601 up to \$34,500	10%
\$34,501 up to \$35,400	5%

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Singleton recommended that the vote/election begin at 7:00 a.m. versus 6:00 a.m. which would not disenfranchise the voting public. Mrs. Prete suggested a reduction in the number of voting machines. As voiced by Mr. Griffing, the machines are needed to provide back-up in case one or more machines break down as has happened in the past. Mrs. Berezny and Mrs. Gassert expressed opinion that the time of 6:00 a.m. remain and that it has worked well. It was agreed to designate 6:00 a.m. as the time for polls to open.

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 15, 2007 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
-May 15, 2007
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that a budget hearing is to be held on May 8, 2007 in the Riverhead High School cafeteria at 7:30 p.m., and, be it further

RESOLVED, that voter registration be held on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 12 o'clock noon to 6:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 for the Annual Budget Vote and Election of School Board members.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Approval of Contracts
for Services
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between the Mattituck-Cutchogue Union Free School District and the Riverhead Central School District to provide speech services for Riverhead students attending Our Lady of Mercy Regional School in Cutchogue, New York for the 2006-07 school year at the rate of \$25 per session (estimated total: \$7,500); and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between Complete Rehabilitation Consultants, Inc. and the Riverhead Central School District to provide speech services to a high school student at home and Resource Room services for a parochial school student for the 2006-07 school year at the rate of \$125 per evaluation (estimated total: \$4,000); and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Agreement between Island Tutoring Center Inc. and the Riverhead Central School District for the purpose of providing Resource Room Services for a Riverhead student who attends Smithtown Christian School, effective February 12-June 30, 2007 at the rate of \$70 per hour (estimated total: \$10,000); and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Overnight Field Trip
-Key Club
-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request of the Riverhead High School Key Club (10 students) to attend the New York District Convention at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, New York on March 16-18, 2007 at no cost to the district. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Ms. DeVito commented on the application submitted by Louise Wilkinson and commended her on its completeness to provide complete background information for the Board of Education. Since it addressed all areas, she proposed that it could serve as a model. Mrs. Prete agreed in that the application was straight and easy.

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:

Jennifer Galimi – Spring Crew

As a point of information, Ms. DeVito inquired as to what a volunteer is and does. Mr. Singleton explained that, generally, a volunteer acts as an assistant coach in various activities and serves as an unofficial, unpaid assistant to the coach. They, also, meet all requirements (Red Cross certification, defibrillator training, CPR, etc.)

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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:

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations
-Approved as Amended

Emergency Conditional Appointments Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Hannah Kolbo – Substitute Teacher, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.
Renee Guerrieri – Health Teacher, effective 4/9/07-4/8/10.

Appointments

Nicole Marz – Substitute Teacher, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.
Amy Gannon – Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher, effective 3/2/07-6/30/07.
Edward J. LaSalle – Leave Replacement, Spanish Teacher, effective 3/26/07-6/22/07.

Change in Status

Margaret Flood – To: Leave Replacement, Music Teacher, From: Substitute Teacher, effective 12/20/06-3/22/07.
Cecilia Jones – To: Substitute Teacher, From: Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective 2/16/07-6/30/07.
Rebecca Winkel – To: Permanent Substitute Teacher, From: Leave Replacement, effective 3/1/07-6/30/07.

Spring 2007 Coaching Appointments

Scott Hackal – Baseball Varsity Head.
Todd Van Scoy – Baseball Varsity Assistant.
Robert Maccone – Baseball JV Head.
Edward Grassman – MS Head Coach.
Antonio Lawrence – Boys' Lacrosse Varsity Head.
Mark Foster – Boys' Lacrosse Varsity Assistant.
Daniel Vallance – Boys' Lacrosse JV Head.
Daniel Hafner – Boys' Lacrosse MS Head.
John Rossetti – Boys' Lacrosse MS Head.
Robert Fox – Softball Varsity Head.
David McKillop – Softball Varsity Assistant.
Kelly Fox – Softball JV Head.
Cheryl Mustacchio – Softball MS Head Coach.

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Danielle Altman – Softball MS Head Coach.
Robert Lum – Boys' Tennis Varsity Head.
Stephen Gevinski – Boys' Track Varsity Head.
Salvatore Loverde – Boys' Track Varsity Assistant.
Harmodio Stephens – Boys' Track Varsity Assistant.
Peter Huszagh – Boys' Track MS Head.
Rebecca Winkel – Girls' Track Varsity Head.
Bernice Brown – Girls' Track MS Head.

Salary Advancements: *Effective 2/1/07*

Jaimie Draskin – From: Masters+45-Step 5,
To: Masters+60-Step 5.
Lauren Hamilton – From: Masters+30-Step 8,
To: Masters+45-Step 8.
Deborah Hermann – From: Masters+15-Step 8,
To: Masters+30-Step 8.
Nicholas Kardaras – From: Masters+60-Step 5,
To: Masters+75-Step 5.
Meghan Montpetit – From: Masters+15-Step 3,
To: Masters+30-Step 3.
Danielle Goncalves – From: Masters+15-Step 2,
To: Masters+30-Step 2.

Continuation of Leave Replacement

Amanda Jester – Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher,
To: 3/9/07-5/4/07, From: 12/4/06-3/8/07.
Kelly Lester – Leave Replacement, Elementary Teacher,
To: 3/1/07-6/30/07, From: 1/17/07-2/28/07.

Request for Extension of Child Care/Maternity Leave

Wendy Finter – Elementary Teacher, To: 3/9/07-4/10/07 Unpaid
FMLA, 4/11/07-5/4/07 Unpaid Child Care Leave; From: 12/8/06-
12/22/06 Using accumulated sick time, 1/2/07-3/8/07 Unpaid
FMLA.
Alicia O'Connor – Elementary Teacher, To: 3/1/07-6/30/07 Unpaid
Child Care Leave; From: 1/17/07-2/28/07.

Request for Child Care/Maternity Leave

Jennifer Barth – Elementary Teacher, 3/19/07-5/4/07 Using
accumulated sick days.
Vanessa Williams – Elementary Teacher, 4/9/07-5/18/07 Using
accumulated sick days.

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

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

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:

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations
-Appointments to
River Pointe After-
School Program
-Approved

Appointments to River Pointe After-School Program

Peggy Morris-Stokes – Elementary Tutor, effective 3/5/07-6/15/07.
Lyubov Tarasov – Elementary Tutor, effective 3/5/07-6/15/07.

A discussion followed in which Ms. DeVito commented on the merits or non-merits of the program; but, did say that it represents an opportunity, for the first time, to work collaboratively in a community-based project for the students. The program will offer information to be shared in the evaluation of the pilot project and improve parent participation thereby making it more home-based. She expressed support of the community based program and looks forward to see how the project progresses. Mrs. Berezny agreed but felt that the process was done incorrectly. Mrs. Prete stated that she will not vote in favor of the appointments as the proper process was not followed in the program's establishment. Both Mrs. Berezny and Mrs. Prete preferred to see after-school homework help provided for all students in all schools and not just one faction of the community. Mrs. Gassert maintains that any way we can serve our children is a plus for our district. Mr. Stark voiced that the Rotary's donation of computers helps serve the community. Mr. Griffing thanked Mr. Stark for his initiative to implement this program with the support and donation of computers from the Rotary.

Yes 5
Ms. DeVito
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mr. Stark

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No 2
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Ms. DeVito, 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 Appointments Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Deborah Harkins – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.

Mercedes McGuire – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.

Donna Mauro – School Monitor, effective 3/1/07.

Ronnie Scott – Substitute Guard, effective 2/28/07.

Appointments

Lillian Ramos – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.

Antonette Ketchum – Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 2/28/07-6/30/07.

Change in Status

Elizabeth DeLuca – To: Transportation Assistant, From: School Bus Driver, effective 3/5/07.

Lance Sciarratta – To: Substitute Custodial Worker I, From: Part-time Custodial Worker I, effective 2/28/07.

Request for Extension Unpaid Leave of Absence

Gwendolyn Keenan – Food Service Worker, To: 1/3/07-6/30/07, From: 9/5/06-1/2/07.

Request for Extension of Catastrophic Leave

Theresa Sutton – School Bus Driver, To: 2/28/07-3/29/07, From: 12/30/06-2/27/07.

Miguelina Mayors – School Bus Driver, To: 3/12/07-4/10/07, From: 1/11/07-3/11/07.

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Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Edna Atkins – School Bus Monitor, effective 2/26/07-Undetermined date.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A brief recess followed at 8:45 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Singleton stated that tonight's budget work session begins the budget process. The total budget is the same as the 2006-2007 budget that was adopted by the residents and Board in May of 2006 with numbers differing in the areas of personnel and adjusted to reflect the five contracts that were open last year and now settled.

*2007-2008 Budget
Review Work Session*
-General Support
-Transportation
-Facilities
-Fringe Benefits
-Debt Service

Mrs. Prete apologized to the community that the process is beginning at such a late date...a late hour...and, that the majority of attendees have left the meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Ms. DeVito, to move the budget work session to a later date to allow more community input. Mrs. Gassert stated that most of the attendees who left were teachers who rotate in attending Board meetings.

Motion to Move
Budget Work
Session to Later
Date
-Motion Fails

Yes 3
Mrs. Berezny
Ms. DeVito
Mrs. Prete

No 3
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mr. Stark

Motion Fails.

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Mr. Singleton extended the invitation to anyone with questions to call either himself or Lynn Kobylenskii. The budget is subject to change and will be put forth on the district's website.

Ms. Kobylenski presented the components of the proposed 2007-2008 budget related to general support, facilities, transportation, fringe benefits and debt service.

General Support – 3.3% increase (includes administration- central and business office salaries and office expenses; additional \$11,415 or 11.7% increase in Auditing attributed to the continuous audits resulting from the enormity of the Roslyn and William Floyd School Districts' problems; and, requirements mandated by the state over which the district has no control. Mr. Singleton pointed out the fact that 20 years ago, the State conducted the audits at no cost...now, the costs has been passed on as a mandate to the taxpayers. An additional \$2,000 is allocated to allow Board members to attend conferences /workshops to advance their training in fiscal oversight as required by the state. A decrease of \$7,000 is anticipated as the district is currently looking into the OLAS system through BOCES. Mr. Singleton recommended entering into this cost effective program as soon as possible since most advertising is done on-line versus the cost of a 2" ad in New York Times at a cost of \$7,000.

Facilities – 3.4% increase in total operation and 7.3% increase in total maintenance. There is no increase in the number of positions; a modest increase in areas of building equipment with the exception of one large ticket item – a battery powered equipment truck. An increase of 2.5% in overtime is dependant on the severity of the weather. Building repairs increases are in response to community concerns on the safety and conditions of our athletic fields a significant concern of the Board of Education. Mr. Singleton noted that \$140,000 is being spent to repair our fields from the \$10 million bond (*i.e.*, baseball fields at Phillips and Riley). It was suggested to reach out to PAL, Little League, proprietors of local sod farms, a swap for sod in place of rental for the property on Tuthill Lane, etc., to pull in monies and/or donations to restore our fields. Recommendation was made by the Board to research the cost to purchase a Bobcat w/blower that would reduce man-hours normally required.

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Transportation – 3.7% increase. Mr. Singleton commented that in 1999, a \$3.5 million bond was passed for long-range planning of bus purchases. The district is now at a point where some buses are approaching 20 years of age. A separate additional meeting will be held on the transportation budget to look at another proposition for long-range planning of the purchase of buses.

Undistributed – 13.0% increase which includes payments/contributions to teachers' retirements and social security; a transfer of funds in the amount of \$800,000 as authorized in the capital projects and \$200,000 going to federal funds; and, the need to conduct a full census (\$9,500 cost).

Fringe Benefits – 12.0% increase that includes payments to health insurance, dental insurance, Medicare reimbursement and voluntary insurance waivers.

Debt Service – 20.7% overall increase which includes 2.7% increase on borrowings on three outstanding bond issues plus 2.7% increase in library debt service.

The handouts outlining line items/codes of the 2007-2008 tentative budget are made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes

Additional comments from the community included:

Community
Comments

- the request for new athletic programs in the upcoming year such as girls' lacrosse
- status of contact with Security Alliance (Mr. Singleton stated intent to call.)
- suggestion to remove Bank of America as depository of district funds in light of their recent proposed policy to issue credit cards to illegal immigrants
- presence of SNAP program within our schools that was removed from the district a few years ago since it became problematic and was never to return (Ms. Campbell stated that the program is currently in the Alternative as referred/approved through the District Office and Theresa Drozd).
- will Rotary pledge to update and maintain the computers they donated to the River Pointe pilot program? (Mr. Stark stated that the program will require evaluation prior to any update).

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-status of FOIL on MSTP program (Ms. Carney stated that a meeting will be set up in April – this is an \$11.5 million grant run by the National Science Foundation in partnership with Stony Brook and Hofstra Universities – the teachers log hours for current work they do which are in-service, in-house credits awarded for each 15 hours of work...every 15 hours of service completed equals one credit – 15 credits advance to a step in salary advancement).
-need for parental component to become educated on curriculum (*i.e.*, parent workshops).

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

Adjournment

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O’Kula
District Clerk

