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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – October 11, 2005
Riverhead High School Cafeteria

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Lori H. Montefusco; Vice President, Mrs. Nancy Gassert; Mrs. Kathleen Berezny; Mr. Timothy Griffing; Mrs. Christine Prete; and, Mr. W. Brian Stark.

ABSENT: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Paul R. Doyle, Mr. Joseph Singleton, Mr. Joseph Ogeka and Ms. Nancy Carney.

President, Mrs. Montefusco, opened the meeting at 5:45 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to recess to executive session to discuss negotiations (RCFA) and personnel (health insurance).

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:46 p.m.

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

At this point, a reception was held for the newly hired faculty members to welcome them to the Riverhead Central School District and community.

The meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

There were about 70 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recess to
Executive Session

Return to
Open Session

*Reception for
Newly Hired Teachers*

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A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

Regular Meeting – September 27, 2005

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Doyle was proud to announce that our school district was one of only five in all of Section XI that received the "Good Sports" Program Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. This speaks extremely well to the coaches and team members of all our athletic teams and the honor they bring to the Riverhead Central School District.

Mr. Andrew Setzer, Program Administrator of Student Data Services at Eastern Suffolk BOCES, gave a presentation on the significant changes and data collecting requirements in annual testing at every grade level in grades 3-8 under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Students will be issued a statewide unique student identification number and be used to track enrollment, demographics and other educational information. The requirements are universal to all schools in New York State and will require districts to designate a CIO (Chief Information Officer) to ascertain the information and ensure accountability. For more information, contact asetzer @esbooces.org.

Mr. Doyle addressed the residency of students to make sure there are no abuses and that children placed in our district are in fact legitimate. He stated that the number is between 50-0, but probably about 18. Mrs. Montefusco supported the notion as this issue has gone un-addressed for some time. At a cost of approximately \$15,000 to educate a child, questionable residency becomes costly to the district for those who do not contribute tax-wise and adds to the already overcrowded conditions. Mr. Doyle will bring a cost proposal for an investigator to the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

-Sept. 27, 2005

-Approved

Opportunity for
Superintendent
-NYSPHSAA
"Good Sports"
Program Award

-New SED Data
Reporting Plans
-Andrew Setzer
of ESBOCES

-Request for Investigator
for Residency Purposes

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Mr. Singleton clarified a recent newspaper article with regard to Eastport-South Manor setting a tax rate increase of 11% which appeared to be that of Riverhead's. This does not apply to Riverhead – it applies to the portion of the Eastport-South Manor School District in Riverhead – Riverhead's tax rate is at or below what was projected in the May 17, 2005 school vote.

Ms. Carney gave a brief overview of the 18-month Emergency Response System Grant recently secured by the district. She and Don Henderson applied for the grant that will allow the district to update the emergency response teams, procedures, radios, security cameras and other miscellaneous equipment. The district will work in partnership with local fire departments, police departments, ambulance services, etc., as well as, focus on professional development to improve our current system.

Mrs. Prete requested a follow-up to her concern on the district's building usage form with regard to the North Shore Christian Church rental at the Riley Avenue School and if revisions had been made and additional funds received to cover the use of a cafeteria, gym, security, custodial fees and utility costs. Mr. Ogeka stated that the form is currently being revised for approval by the Board of Education. He further stated that

the agreement with the church was signed on August 23, 2005 and that the additional monies are being paid for from the initial \$5,000 deposit. Mrs. Prete requested to see a copy of that document.

Mrs. Berezny commented on the following:

- her attendance to the Open House at the High School on Oct. 6 and pleasure to meet the new teachers
- great job done on the Homecoming held on Saturday and congratulations to the Blue Waves for the game won
- availability of the auditors to speak before the Board (Mr. Singleton stated that the auditors will be at the first Board meeting in November – the delay is due to the effect of the Roslyn scandals and the length of time/involvement they have had to spend at a number of school districts.)

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Mrs. Berezny, also, requested that the district find funds in the budget to supply review books in Social Studies and Math curriculum at a nominal fee for the education of our students and benefit to the parents. Mr. Doyle agreed and proposed to investigate as a potential budget item for next school year in terms of budget considerations and examine past practice.

Mr. Doyle took opportunity to inform the public that the salary advancements on tonight's Board agenda are now being done to meet auditors' compliance and as documentation to substantiate salaries.

Community comments included:

- replacement of discarded instruments on the agenda with instruments owned by the district (Mr. Doyle stated that they have been replaced over the years.)
- concern on civil rights of students relative to violation of students' identification and educational rights in reporting and tracking data under the No Child Left Behind Act
- enrichment services for special education students to help them make the grade (Mr. Doyle stated that the district will do whatever is needed to raise the achievement level and suggested that concerns be vocalized to Commissioner Mills of the New York State Education Department.)
- that massive data reporting will require the hiring of additional people (Mr. Doyle stated that at least one person would be hired and emphasized that this is another mandate from the State without monies being provided).
- payments from the North Shore Christian Church inclusive of fees to cover security guards, etc. (Mr. Ogeka responded in the affirmative.)

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

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:

Community
Comments

Committee on
Special Education
-Accepted
-Supplemental File

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C.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

09-20-2005 208117, 209015, 210123, 210584
09-21-2005 204002, 205389, 205548, 207023*,
207050, 207564, 207816, 208005, 208662,
208767, 209822, 211003, 211380, 212206
09-23-2005 207418
09-27-2005 210200

C.P.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

6/15/2005 218248, 220199, 220202, 218302, 220198,
218218, 220201, 220200, 218236
7/14/2005 219289, 220186, 218212, 220248, 220232,
220236, 220207, 220240
8/18/2005 220186

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully acknowledges the donation of a Recumbent Squat System from Biodex for use in the Athletic Department.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the agreement between United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. and the Riverhead Central School District to provide services for a severely impaired student at Riley Avenue Elementary School for the 2005/06 school year; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

Acceptance of Donation
-Approved

Contract with
United Cerebral Palsy
Association
-Approved

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby accepts the third and final reading of revised policy No. 4352 – *Cultural Arts Programming*.

In a discussion that followed, questions were raised concerning “co-mingling of funds” and corrected second revision. Mrs. Prete suggested that changes/revisions to policies be underlined or highlighted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to table the resolution.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Table Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby accepts the second reading of Board Policy Regulation No. 6600-R – *Cash Management Procedures*.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request of the Riverhead High School Chamber Choir, Varsity Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra for approximately 70 students to participate in “Music in the Parks” in an overnight field trip to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania on May 12 and 13, 2006. Cost per student will be between \$175-200 and cost will be offset via fundraising activities; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Third Reading of
Board Policy #4352
-Cultural Arts Programming
-Tabled

Second Reading of
Board Policy Regulation

6600-R

-Cash Management
Procedures
-Approved

Out of State/Overnight

Trip

-Approved

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District declares as surplus the following unusable and beyond repair instruments:

Conn Tuba Ser. #789121
Conn Tuba Ser. #612827
King Tuba Ser. #11947
Selmer Bundy Trumpet Ser. #542682
Conn Baritone Horn Ser. #701491
Conn Baritone Horn Ser. #530540
Hi Hat cymbal

York Tuba Ser. #113629
Conn Bb French Horn No Ser. #
Ambassador Bb French Horn Ser. #96513
Ambassador Bb French Horn Ser. #96576
Pan American French Horn Ser. #213966
Ambassador Bb French Horn Ser. #96329
Ambassador Bb French Horn No Ser. #
Two (2) Slingerland drums

AND, that the items shall be disposed of in the best financial manner of the school district.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of the following individuals as volunteers in the Athletic Program:

Surplus Equipment
-Approved

Appointment of
Volunteers
-Approved

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Gregory Meyer – Football
Franklin Robinson – Football

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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

Salary Advancements Effective 9/1/2005:

Christina Albani - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Bachelors+30-Step 3.
Cheryl Alexander - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Bachelors+30-Step 3.
Joanne Armstrong - From: Bachelors-Step 6, To: Masters+15-Step 6.
Jennifer Barth - From: Bachelors+30-Step 3, To: Masters+30-Step 3.
Tracee Beroza - From: Masters-Step 3, To: Masters+15-Step 3.
Tara Brondo - From: Masters+45-Step 6, To: Masters+60-Step 6.
Debbie Cantalupo - From: Masters+45-Step 7/8, To: Masters+60-Step 7/8.
Carolyn Colantropo - From: Bachelors-Step 2, To: Masters-Step 2.
Jeffrey Doroski - From: Bachelors-Step 4, To: Masters-Step 4.
Maria Dounelis - From: Masters+15-Step 5, To: Masters+30-Step 5.
Jaimie Draskin - From: Masters+15-Step 4, To: Masters+30-Step 4.
Tinaann Ehrhart - From: Masters-Step 3, To: Masters+15-Step 3.
Kimberly Esteve-Garcia - From: Bachelors-Step 5, To: Masters+15-Step 5.
Steve Failla - From: Masters+45-Step 7, To: Masters+60-Step 7.
Lisa Falco - From: Masters+45-Step 7, To: Masters+60-Step 7.

Cathy Fasanelli - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Bachelors+30-Step 3.
Wendy Finter - From: Masters+45-Step 6/7, To: Masters+75-Step 6/7.
Margaret Gaare - From: Masters+15-Step 22, To: Masters+30-Step 22.
Charles Giannone - From: Bachelors+30-Step 4/5, To: Masters-Step 4/5.
Christopher Gatz - From: Bachelors+30-Step 4, To: Masters-Step 4.
Edward Grassman - From: Masters+30-Step 6, To: Masters+45-Step 6.
Nadine May Greenberg - From: Bachelors+30-Step 3, To: Masters+15-Step 3.
Scott Hackal - From: Masters+60-Step 7, To: Masters+75-Step 7.
Marzena Harris - From: Masters+15-Step 5, To: Masters+30-Step 5.
Chad Haverty - From: Masters-Step 6, To: Masters+15-Step 6.
Michael Himmelfarb - From: Masters+30-Step 6, To: Masters+45-Step 6.
Samantha Hiotakis - From: Bachelors+30-Step 2/3, To: Masters+75-Step 2/3.
Paulette Jones - From: Masters+60-Step 25, To: Masters+75-Step 25.
Michael Kanter - From: Masters+15-Step 6, To: Masters+45-Step 6.
Nicholas Kardaras - From: Masters+15-Step 4, To: Masters+30-Step 4.
Gary Karlson - From: Masters+60-Step 5, To: Masters+75-Step 5.

Professional

Personnel

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Catherine Kent - From: Masters+60-Step 22/23, To: Masters+75-Step 22/23.
Robert Klipstein - From: Masters-Step 5, To: Masters+15-Step 5.
Marisa Lapaz (D'Ambrosio) - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Masters-Step 3.
Cyndi Leden - From: Masters+30-Step 5, To: Masters+45-Step 5.
Rebecca Luck - From: Masters+45-Step 5, To: Masters+60-Step 5.
James MacLeod - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Masters-Step 3.
Marisa Lapaz (D'Ambrosio) - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Masters-Step 3.
Cyndi Leden - From: Masters+30-Step 5, To: Masters+45-Step 5.
Rebecca Luck - From: Masters+45-Step 5, To: Masters+60-Step 5.
James MacLeod - From: Bachelors-Step 3, To: Masters-Step 3.
Keith Maguire - From: Bachelors-Step 5/6, To: Masters-Step 5/6.
Barbara Marsicano - From: Bachelors-Step 2, To: Bachelors+30-Step 2.
Chris Martin - From: Masters-Step 2, To: Masters+15-Step 2.
Suzanne Maurino - From: Masters+15-Step 2/3, To: Masters+30-Step 2/3.
Alyson McLeod - From: Bachelors-Step 1, To: Masters+15-Step 1.
Steven Mercorella - From: Masters+15-Step 3, To: Masters+30-Step 3.
Lance Mion - From: Masters+30-Step 7, To: Masters+45-Step 7.
Matthew Moorman - From: Masters+15-Step 11, To: Masters+30-Step 11.
Cheryl Mustacchio - From: Masters+30-Step 4, To: Masters+60-Step 4.
Rae Pembroke - From: Masters+45-Step 13, To: Masters+60-Step 13.
Victoria Perrone - From: Masters+60-Step 5/6, To: Masters+75-Step 5/6.
Candice Perry - From: Masters+30-Step 2, To: Masters+45-Step 2.
Ann Priapi - From: Masters+45-Step 8, To: Masters+60-Step 8.
James Richardson - From: Masters-Step 6, To: Masters+15-Step 6.
Melissa Richardson - From: Bachelors+45-Step 6, To: Masters-Step 6.
Melissa Ries - From: Bachelors+30-Step 5, To: Masters+15-Step 5.
John Rossetti - From: Masters+45-Step 8/9, To: Masters+60-Step 8/9.
Dawn Schneider - From: Masters+60-Step 17, To: Masters+75-Step 17.
Mandy Schulz - From: Masters+30-Step 5, To: Masters+60-Step 5.
Jennifer Simoes - From: Bachelors+30-Step 4, To: Masters+15-Step 4.
Brenda Simonetta - From: Masters-Step 5, To: Masters+15-Step 5.
Cory Swenk - From: Masters+30-Step 6, To: Masters+45-Step 6.

Allen Taylor - From: Masters+15-Step 4, To: Masters+30-Step 4.
Maria Toth - From: Masters+45-Step 9, To: Masters+60-Step 9.
Jane Tully - From: Masters+60-Step 14, To: Masters+75-Step 14.
Janet VanBrunt - From: Masters+15-Step 4, To: Masters+30-Step 4.
Christy VanHoesen - From: Masters+60-Step 4, To: Masters+75-Step 4.
Gregory Wallace - From: Masters+60-Step 5, To: Masters+75-Step 5.
Linda Wallace - From: Masters+15-Step 7, To: Masters+30-Step 7.
Xiomara White - From: Masters+15-Step 5, To: Masters+30-Step 5.
Claire Yannacone - From: Bachelors+30-Step 3, To: Masters+15-Step 3.
Megan Zureck - From: Masters+30-Step 2/3, To: Masters+45-Step 2/3.

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Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Jane Candela
Linda Esposito

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Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Jillian Davey
Claudette Garley
Danielle Goncalves
Julie Hirschey
Cara Koenig
Kelly Lester
Genia Merkel
Nancy Poserina
Jason Rottkamp

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Amy Hovind – Substitute Teacher, effective 10/12/05-6/30/06.
Tara Malanga – Substitute Teacher, effective 10/12/05-6/30/06.

Appointment

Donna Elmore – Substitute Teacher, effective 10/12/05-6/30/06.

High School Advisor Appointments: Effective 2005/06 School Year

Sharon DiGiuseppe – Cultural Studies Club.
Jim Laffey – Class of 2007.
Michael Himelfarb – Science Club.
Renee Pastor – Riptide.

Middle School Advisor Appointments: Effective 2005/06 School Year

Nadine Greenberg – Keyboard Club.
Crystal Crespo – Keyboard Club.

Coaching Appointments: Effective 2005/06 School Year
Richard Gebhardt – Intramural Golf.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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

Appointment of Adult Community/Continuing Education Director
Collene Richardson – Adult Education, effective 2005/06 school year.

Yes 5
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Montefusco
Mr. Stark

No 1
Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

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

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

Reappointment of Substitute
Matthew Aug – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/29/05-6/30/06.

21st Century Grant – After School Program: Effective 10/17/05-6/23/05
Roy Buccola – Teacher.
Debbie Cantalupo – Teacher.
Jackie Dias – Teacher.

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Janis Ellis-Smith – Teacher.
Lauren Farber – Teacher.
Gary Karlson – Teacher.
Barbara Kobus – Teacher.
Janice Mackey – Teacher.
Gerard Poole – Teacher.
Lana Randall – Teacher.
Janet Vanbrunt – Teacher.
Robin Yates – Teacher.
Erin Gould – Teacher Aide.
Toni Gallo – Teacher Aide.

Resignations

Nathaniel Hubbard – Substitute Teacher, effective 10/5/05.
Debra Martin – Teacher for Family and Consumer Sciences, effective 9/17/05.
Julia Clark – Foreign Language Teacher-Spanish, effective 9/14/05.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to amend the following resolution:

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

Remove:

Appointments

Candice Henderson – Substitute School Monitor, effective 10/4/05.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

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

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Denise Boden
Janet Cinelli
Carlas Clairborne
Sarah Futerko
Leah Gregg
Jane Jay
Sandra Kelly
Marianne Lynn
James Smith
June Stevenson

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Maureen Andrychawski – School Teacher Aide, effective 10/12/05.
Andrea Woods – School Teacher Aide, effective 10/12/05.

Appointments

Brenda Coppedge – Substitute School Monitor, effective 10/4/05.
Tiffany Goff – Substitute School Monitor, effective 10/4/05.
Dawn Harris – School Teacher Aide, effective 10/12/05.
Paul Lecann – Substitute Guard, effective 10/12/05-6/30/06.

Change in Status

Patricia Nash – To: Substitute School Bus Driver, From: 10-month School Bus Driver, effective 10/10/05.
Joshua Rowland – To: Custodial Worker I, From: Night Lead Man, effective 10/5/05.
Eugene Lucci – To: Night Lead Man, From: Custodial Worker I, effective 10/5/05.

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Cynthia Simco 0 To: School Teacher Aide, From: Substitute Teacher Aide, effective 10/12/05.
Chris Hilbert – To: Substitute Custodial Worker I, From: Part-time Custodial Worker I, effective 9/23/05.
Rene Garcia – To: Custodial Worker I, From: Part-time Custodial Worker I, effective 10/17/05.

Change in Hours

Colleen Scura – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day,

From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.
Timothy McElroy – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.
Kathryn Cooper – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.
Amanda Bendick – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.
Frederica Miles – Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Continuation of Unpaid Leave of Absence

Kathy Karabiberoglu –Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 9/14/05-2/14/06.

Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Wendy Mildner – School Bus Driver, effective 10/27-28/05.
Gundula Dueperthal – School Bus Driver, effective 12/15/05, 12/16/05, 12/19-23/05, 1/3/06.
Elizabeth Bartos – School Monitor, effective 9/27/05.

Retirements

Robert Latour – Custodial Worker I, effective 4/30/06.
Linda Gatz – School Bus Driver, effective 1/6/06.

Resignation

Darrell Harney – Guard, effective 10/14/05.

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Termination

Lisa McCoy – Food Service Worker, effective 9/29/05.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

Additional community comments are:

- status of Site Planning Committee search of property for a potential building project/new school (Mr. Doyle stated that they are currently looking at one site – not at EPCAL – and plan a SEQRA I process.)
- FOILED request for documentation of district's deposit and copy of check from the North Shore Christian Church (Mr. Ogeka will research – he indicates a verbal agreement of two months' deposit in advance plus one month security = \$5,005)
- potential forensic audit of the district (Mrs. Montefusco indicated

that the Board will first hear the results of the internal auditors before any decision is made.)
-request to have the District Treasurer present at Board meetings
to relate the Treasurer's Report when it appears on the agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to adjourn the meeting.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk