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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – September 27, 2005
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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

LATE: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

ABSENT: Mr. W. Brian Stark.

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

President, Mrs. Montefusco, opened the meeting at 5:43 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to recess to executive session to discuss Superintendent's evaluation, negotiations (RCFA and Sign Language Interpreter benefits) and personnel (East End Health Plan).

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:44 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:50 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:58 p.m.

There were about 60 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O'Kula.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recess to
Executive Session

Return to
Open Session

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

Regular Meeting – September 13, 2005

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to approve the following resolution which was read by Mrs. Montefusco to commend the Roanoke and Phillips Avenue Elementary Schools for achieving “high performing/gap closing” school status by New York State:

WHEREAS, one of the Riverhead Central School District’s main goals is to raise student instructional performance, and

WHEREAS, the students and their parents, the faculty, staff and community of the Roanoke Avenue Elementary School and the Phillips Avenue Elementary School have committed themselves to excellence, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Education Department has established a program to monitor and recognize schools in the state whose student academic performance, as measured by state tests in English Language Arts and Mathematics at grades 4,

8 and high school between the two-year period of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 school years, have made outstanding progress in closing the gap in performance among their diverse student populations, and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Avenue Elementary School and the Phillips Avenue Elementary School have been recognized by the State Education Department as “high performing/gap closing” schools of the 574 (of the total eligible 2,041 schools)

in New York State, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools hereby commend the students, their parents, the faculty and staff and community for achieving this outstanding accomplishment.

Approval of Minutes

-Approved

*Award of Certificates
To Roanoke and Phillips
Avenue Elementary
Schools for “high
performing/gap closing”
status schools in New*

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Certificates of commendation were presented to Marge Lawrence, who represented the Roanoke Avenue Elementary School and to Tom Payton, Principal, on behalf of the Phillips Avenue Elementary School.

Mr. Doyle introduced Mr. Chuck Fasnacht from Energy Education, Inc. who gave a presentation on a proposed energy management program for the district. They project a net savings of more than \$1,746,000 as a result of implementing a "people-oriented" energy management program in the Riverhead schools designed specifically to manage energy consumption and generate substantial savings. They present a "no risk" program that offers guaranteed results and requires no capital outlay. Energy management program fees come out of the existing energy budget and the reduction in energy costs will more than cover implementation costs.

Mrs. Prete requested that LIPA also conduct an energy audit and give a presentation, as well, for comparison

by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Montefusco announced that Senator LaValle has secured \$150,000 for the district to be used to reduce the tax rate. She publicly thanked the Senator on behalf of the Board of Education and community for his efforts.

Mrs. Berezny commented on her pleasure to meet Assemblyman Marc Alessi in the Village of Greenport last Friday and his willingness to talk/meet with the Board of Education. She, also, complimented the Aquebogue School, parents, students and community for the nice craft fair they held on Saturday; and, encouraged the community to write letters to Senator LaValle and Assemblyman Englebright with regard to support of the *Superstar* Bill.

*Opportunity for
Superintendent*
-Energy Education, Inc.

*Opportunity for
Board Members*

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Mr. Griffing updated the community on the meeting of the Site Selection Committee that took place this morning. There are currently five parcels (within a two mile radius of the existing high school) of interest for a site to build a new high school. They plan to reach out to the sellers and open dialogue. Mr. Singleton apprised the community that an environmental study is required by the State of New York (a responsibility that is now that of the Board of Education). The process takes 6-8 months to do a study of each of the sites and that process will begin shortly.

Comments from the community included:

- criticism that the “potential hiring of a residency investigator” on the Executive Session agenda was an item to be addressed in public (Mrs. Montefusco stated that this was not discussed during Executive Session)
- criticism that the energy audit is one of several new expenses not budgeted for; and, the legality/illegality for the Assistant Superintendent for Business to also act as the Purchasing Agent
- parents commented on a personal issue regarding their son (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Board understood their concerns but could not entertain conversation publicly; they could, however, submit a letter to the Board or schedule a meeting with the Superintendent)
- a parent requested that the Board focus on grades in the sports program and work with the coaches to develop a technique that would utilize sports as leverage for children to get to the next level and receive scholarships – *education first* (Mrs. Gassert stated that the co- curricular policy has been in effect for 15 years and that if a student is failing, that child must go for extra help and every coach must adhere to that policy)
- the High School PTSO President reported that the parents suggest that the word “minimal” be removed in the cultural arts programming policy and request to stay with past practice of a

60% cap; and, parents suggest that the High School conduct events in a group setting (*i.e.*, an auditorium/assembly program)

-request that the district retain the Guidance Director (Joseph Connolly) for the transitional period once a permanent person is hired

*Community
Comments*

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-the President of the RCFA questioned how the position of "literacy coaches" will unfold as there remains no job description and that members of the unit would like to be kept informed (Ms. Carney stated that the job (w/description) was posted in June, applications were submitted and a stipend is provided through federal funds)

-criticism of deviation from district policy in adopting new/revised policies and waiver of three required readings

-provisions in the ratification of the memorandum of agreement with the CSEA (the 4-year contract calls for a 3.25% base salary increase per year and a 2% step increase for entitled members; it, also, calls for an attendance incentive that can be applied toward health insurance payments and retirement)

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mrs. Gassert, to amend the first sentence of the Cultural Arts policy as follows:

"It is the intention of the Riverhead Central School District to provide standard **equitable** cultural arts programming...."

Yes 6 No 0

Motion to Amend Carried.

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

Remove:

Rita Maloney from Appointments of *Literary Coaches* and

Insert: Katy Pettit

Remove:

Joanne Johnson from Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Amend Cultural Arts
Policy

-Approved

Amend Agenda

-Personnel

-Health Insurance

Resolution

-Approval of

Superintendent to

Sign Purchase Orders

-Transportation

Contract

-Approved

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Add:

WHEREAS, the School District and its employees have been experiencing difficulty with the East End's Health Plan's third party administrator Vytra System, and

WHEREAS, the EEHP has not been able to provide information regarding the financial stability of the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Administration has requested such information since March of 2005, and have met with the Operations Administrator, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on two occasions with the Plan's financial consultant on one occasion, to review why the financial information is incomplete, and

WHEREAS, the information that has been provided shows a trend that would result in significant higher premium cost to the Riverhead Schools under the East End Health Plan vs. the Empire Plan, and

WHEREAS, all indicators show that it is in the best long range coverage and financial interest of the enrollees and the School District to participate in larger group plan, and

WHEREAS, the cost to Medicare retirees will be significantly lower under the Empire Plan, and

WHEREAS, District Counsel has provided a Legal Opinion that the labor contracts will all employees groups have provisions allowing the District to switch to the Empire Plan, therefore be it

RESOLVED, as per the conditions of the Riverhead Central School District's contract with the East End Health Plan, the Plan be notified in writing of the Districts withdrawal from the Plan effective 11:59 PM on December 31, 2005, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Central School District will review any Audited Reports from the East End Health Plan showing financial stability and competitive projected rates prior to October 24, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, unless further action is adopted by the Board of Education, the Riverhead Central School District, effective November 1, 2005, shall take all necessary steps to enroll all eligible and participating staff and retirees in the Empire Plan, effective January 1, 2006 and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the Superintendent of School are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents to implement the transfer to the Empire Plan.

Yes 6 No 0

Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign purchase orders during the absence of the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the Transportation Cross Contract with Three Village Central School District to transport three (3) students to North Country Center at a cost of \$28,000.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, 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:

Committee on
Special Education
-Approved
-Supplemental File

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C.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

8/9/05 210020
8/31/05 210008

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby accepts and ratifies a certain Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009 between the Riverhead Central School District and the Civil Service Employees' Association.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the *revised* 2005-06 salary schedule for Non-Contracted Employees (see attached).

In a discussion that followed, it was clarified that the revision is due to a change in description relative to *Home Instructors*.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the increase in the mileage reimbursement rate from 40.5¢ to 48.5¢ (caused by the rapid escalation in fuel prices), effective September 1, 2005 and in accordance with IRS guidelines.

Ratification of
Memorandum of
Agreement
-CSEA Unit
-Approved

Revised Salary
Schedule for
Non-Contracted
Employees
-Approved

Mileage Rate

-Approved

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In a discussion that followed, Mr. Singleton confirmed Mrs. Prete's inquiry that the Board has the option to authorize a change in rate should rates come down.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the following resolution (that includes the amended change in language from *minimal* to **equitable**):

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

In a discussion that followed, Mr. Doyle stated that extensive discussion was held on the cultural arts programming – that no official authorization existed to have a cultural arts program with BOCES – that no authorization existed that permitted PTO's to make donations to generate BOCES aid – and, that this new policy provides opportunities for outside financial support above and beyond. The only person authorized to collect funds is the District Treasurer and this policy gives formal recognition to a process for children to receive exposure to cultural arts. District funds will not be commingled with private funds; the district will generate about 60%; and, additional funds will come from the general fund.

In this regard, Ms. Carney informed the public that a "Kick Off" event is being held in Woodbury this Friday and the information learned will be shared with teachers and PTO's to enrich programs and provide choices of activities to be held during the year.

Mrs. Berezny requested clarification from the State Education Department on *Cultural Arts*.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Second Reading
Of Board Policy
#4352-Cultural Arts
-Approved as
Amended

Adoption of Revised
Policy #4741
-Class Rankings
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby adopts *revised* Policy No. 4741 – *Class Rankings*.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete made a motion that would make policies available to the public; that additions/revisions to Board policies be underlined/highlighted; and, that the Board should be consistent in readings and suggested at least two readings of all Board policies.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Berezny.

Yes 2
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Prete

No 4
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mrs. Montefusco

Motion Failed.
Resolution Passes.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the review and hereby adopts the following policies:

Policy No. 6240 – Investments
Policy No. 6240-R – Investments Regulation

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

Review and Adoption
Of Policies

-#6240, Investments

-#6240-R, Investments

Regulation

-Approved

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No 1
Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District accepts the first reading of Board Policy Regulation No. 6600-R, *Cash Management Procedures*. (TO FOLLOW)

Yes 5

Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mrs. Montefusco

No 1

Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District opened the competitive bids on September 21, 2005 for the borrowing of Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$1,267,000 and Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$24,000,000 and

WHEREAS, the following firms submitted bids:

Bank of N.Y. Capital Markets
First Albany
North Fork Bank
Wachovia Securities
Roosevelt & Cross
Commerce Capital Markets

Approval of
Regulation Involving
Cash Management

Procedures

-#6600-R

-Approved

Award of Bond and

Tax Anticipation Notes

-\$1,267,000 BAN

-\$24,000,000 TAN

-Approved

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WHEREAS, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, District Bond Counsel, has prepared all materials for the necessary sale of the above notes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following bid for the Bond Anticipation Notes, for the period of September 30, 2005 to September 29, 2006, is awarded to:

North Fork Bank 2.9315%

AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the following bid for the Tax Anticipation Notes, for the period of September 30, 2005 to

June 30, 2006, is awarded to:

Bank of N.Y. Capital Markets \$ 5,000,000 2.9200%

First Albany \$19,000,000 2.9373%

AND BE IT FURTHER,

RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign all the necessary documents.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the voters approved a contract for library services between the Riverhead Central School District and The Riverhead Free Library, be it

RESOLVED, that the tax levy for the 2005/06 school year for the Riverhead Free Library contract services be set at \$2,240,967.

WHEREAS, the voters approved a contract for library services between the Riverhead Central School District and the Baiting Hollow Free Library, be it

Tax Levy for
Library Operating
Budgets
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the tax levy for the 2005/06 school year be set at \$11,500 for the Baiting Hollow Free Library.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District has determined the amount of state aid and other estimated local revenues to be applied toward the 2005/06 budget and has determined that the amount of total tax levy including Library debt for the 2005/06 school year to be \$68,302,404, and

WHEREAS, for the 2005/06 school year, the STAR program will pay for portions of that levy that normally would be borne by the property tax, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves such total levy for determination of the levy between the STAR Program and local levy on the Townships of Riverhead, Southampton and Brookhaven.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes that the computer equipment on the attached list shall be disposed of in the best financial manner of the school district.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the disposal of outdated equipment at the Aquebogue Elementary School – a 2-door gas convection oven (inventory #3794) and that it shall be disposed of in the best financial manner of the school district.

Tax Levy for
School Purposes,
Including Library Debt
-Approved

Surplus Equipment
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the disposal of certain equipment in the Riverhead High School Science Department prep rooms identified as broken, unable to be repaired or outdated and as contained in the list made part of the Supplemental File; 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. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Gassert, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully acknowledges the donation to the Riverhead Middle School on behalf of Target and the "Take Charge of Education" school fundraising program in the amount of \$61.02.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the addition of Impartial Hearing Officer, Paul Bumbalo, to the rotational selection list of Impartial Hearing Officers, pursuant to Section 200.2(e) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, effective immediately.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Donation

-Target

-Approved

Change to Impartial

Hearing Officer

Rotational List

-Paul Bumbalo

-Approved

All County

Interpreting Services

For the Deaf Contract

-Approved

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby approves the Sign Language Interpreting Services Agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and All County Interpreting Services for the Deaf, Ltd. For the 2005-06 school year; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Agreement.

Yes 6 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 approves the contract with Council for Unity, Inc. for programs at the Riverhead High School, Middle School and Pulaski Street School in the amount of \$22,000 for the 2005-06 school year; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract. Substantially, all costs will be provided by District Attorney, Thomas Spota, through a Safe Project Grant.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the contract for Kathy Galan, Teacher Registry (substitute teachers) for the 2005-06 school year in the amount of \$15,425.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the contract for Integra (e-rate services) for the 2005/06 school year in the amount of \$5,500.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Council for Unity
Contract
-Approved

Approval of
Contracts
-Kathy Galan
Teacher Registry
-Integra
-Approved

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves appointments to the following positions for the 2005-06 school year to be funded through Title IIA funds (stipend \$2,000, as per grant allocations):

Literacy Coaches
Linda Borenstein
Jackie Case

Beatrice Marcucci
Tammi Michaelson
Gerard Poole
Jeanne Marie Schmitt
Catherine Kent
Katy Pettit

Science Curriculum Liaison Teachers

Bob Klipstein
Joanne Armstrong

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the contracts for the 2005-06 school year with the following consultants to be paid through Title funds:

Title IA	Alex Camp, Timothy Hill Children's Ranch	\$37,772	
Title IA	Cornell Cooperative Ext., Marine Program	\$5,000	
Title I, II A	Columbia University Teachers College, Prof Dev.	\$35,000	
Title III	Elizabeth Claire, Prof. Development Consultant	\$2,000	
Title IV	Council for Unity	\$5,000	
Title IV	Family service League	\$ 865	
Title IV	Hugs	\$ 500	
Title IV	BABES Program	\$ 900	
Title IV	CAP	\$11,000	
611	Donna Vestal, Urban League	\$30,396	
611	Eden/Genesis, PBS Consulting & Psychological	\$100,000	resources for autistic students

Approval of Appointments

-Literacy Coaches
-Science Curriculum
Liaison Teachers
-Approved as Amended

Consultant Contracts

-Approved

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21 st Century	Nia Solutions, Evaluators	\$2,000	
21 st Century	Big Brothers and Sisters, Mentoring		\$5,000
21 st Century	Riverhead Free Library, Storytelling		\$ 500
21 st Century	Town of Southampton, Anger Management	\$4,000	

Yes 6 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 supports Bills S2404-B and A4641-B, otherwise known as *Superstar*, an Act to amend the real property tax law in relation to establishing a capped real property school tax rate for persons seventy (70) years of age or older who meet the eligibility requirements for the enhanced STAR exemption; and, with the understanding that the state will assume the taxpayer cost of this relief, if passed, and provided that the local community will not assumed the taxpayer liability for these individuals age 70 and over.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harkin, seconded by Mrs. Gassert, 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:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Michelle Stewart
Catherine Seuling
Carrie Weber

Extension of Emergency 20-Day Conditional Appointments

Julie Clark
Danielle Goncalves
Jason Rottkamp
Cara Koenig

Support of *Superstar*

-Approved

Professional

Personnel
Recommendations
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Claudette Garley
Jane Candela
Linda Esposito
Genia Merkel
Jillian Davey

Emergency 20-Day Conditional Appointments

Julie Hirschey – Reading Teacher, effective 9/12/05-9/11/08.
Kelly Lester – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/12/05-6/30/06.
Nancy Poserina – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/28/05-6/30/06.

Change in Status

Peter Huszagh – From: Substitute Teacher, To: Math Teacher, effective 9/1/05-8/31/08.
Anthony Gentile – From: 3/5 Math Teacher, To: 4/5 Math Teacher,
effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.

Continuation of Leave Replacement

Christopher Dorr – Elementary Teacher, effective 10/3/05-1/30/06.

Appointments

Jerome Duvall – Substitute Teacher, effective 9/28/05-6/30/06.
Sherry Hansen – Leave Replacement, Social Worker, effective 9/1/05-1/31/06.

Revised High School Advisor Appointments: Effective 2005-06 School Year

Janine Denes-Murphy – SADD.
Anthony Gentile – SADD.

High School Advisor Appointments: Effective 2005/06 School Year

Selena Pagliarulo – Photography Club.

John Dunleavy – LEO Club.

Mark Twomey – Art Club.

Michele Pita – Spanish Club.

Leonor P. Boerum – Spanish Club.

Edward Tholl – Leaders Club.

Kristy Pisello – Leaders Club.

Jeff Greenberger – Mentathletes Club.

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Middle School Advisor Appointments: Effective 2005/06 School Year

Garrett Moore – Social Studies Club.
Jennifer Bay – Student Government.
Kevin Hewkin – Student Government.
Jennifer Bay – 7th Grade Advisor.
Kevin Hewkin – 7th Grade Advisor.
Jennifer Bay – National Jr. Honor Society.
Kevin Hewkin – National Jr. Honor Society.
Mindy Benze – Journalism Club.
Alyson McLeod – Library Club.
Richard Gebhardt – Audio Visual Club.
Mindy Benze – Memory Book Club.
Theresa Hubbard – Memory Book Club.
Betsy Fabricatore – French Club.
Richard Gebhardt – Chess Club.
David Leone – Chess Club.

Pulaski Street Advisor Appointment: Effective 2005/06 School Year

Jason Rottkamp – 6th Grade Band.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to table 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:

Coaching Appointments for 2005-06

Gerald Weismann – Varsity Head-Boys' Basketball.
John Rossetti – JV Head-Boys' Basketball.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Table Carried.

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

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations
-Coaching Appointments
for 2005/06
-Tabled

Professional
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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:

Request for Leave Without Pay

Karen Gassert – Elementary Teacher, unpaid leave of absence 12/21-23/05.

Revised Resignation Date

Christine Burst – Speech Therapist – To: 9/1/05, From: 9/14/05.

Yes 6 No 0

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, 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:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Irene Irwin
Christine Peters
Pamela Lillie
Marianne Lynn

Extension of Emergency 20-Day Conditional Appointments

Janet Cinelli
Jane Jay
June Stevenson
Carlas Clairborne
Sandra Kelly
Sarah Futerko

Emergency 20-Day Conditional Appointments

Denise Boden – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 9/28/05-6/30/06.
Marianne Lynn – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 9/28/05-6/30/06.
James Smith – Special Education Aide, effective 9/22/05.
Leah Gregg – Special Education Aide, effective 9/26/05.

-Approved

Civil Service
Personnel
Recommendations

-Approved as
Amended

Appointment

Pamela Lillie – Sign Language Interpreter, effective 9/19/05-6/30/06.

Change in Status

Thomas Walters – To: Substitute School Bus Driver, From: 12-month SchoolBus Driver, effective 9/28/05.

Gundula Deuperthal – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 10/2/05.

Camille Shouder – To: Guard, From: Part-time Guard, effective 9/7/05.

Arthur Wellhausen – To: Part-time Guard, From: Guard, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Change in Hours

Deanna Davis – School Bus Driver, To: 8 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/12/05.

Jeanne Reynolds – School Bus Driver, To: 6 hours per day, From: 8 hours per day, effective 9/12/05.

Christine Kendrick – School Bus Driver, To: 7 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/12/05.

Eric Shaw – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/12/05.

Irene Ehlers – School Bus Matron, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 7 hours per day, effective 9/12/05.

Louis Meyer – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Terrell Brown – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Wendy Turbush – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Jenny Corbin – Teacher Aide, To: 7 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/1/05-6/30/06.

Deborah Gagnon – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

Change in Hours

Joanne Bonne – 1:1 Special Education Aide, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 9/7/05-6/30/06.

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Appointment
Judith Coacci – Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 9/28/05-
6/30/06.

Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Wendy Turbush – 1:1 Special Education Aide, effective 9/6/05-9/30/05.

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

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

WHEREAS, the School District and its employees have been experiencing difficulty with the East End's Health Plan's third party administrator Vytra System, and

WHEREAS, the EEHP has not been able to provide information regarding the financial stability of the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Administration has requested such information since March of 2005, and have met with the Operations Administrator, the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on two occasions with the Plan's financial consultant on one occasion, to review why the financial information is incomplete, and

WHEREAS, the information that has been provided shows a trend that would result in significant higher premium cost to the Riverhead Schools under the East End Health Plan vs. the Empire Plan, and

WHEREAS, all indicators show that it is in the best long range coverage and financial interest of the enrollees and the School District to participate in larger group plan, and

WHEREAS, the cost to Medicare retirees will be significantly lower under the Empire Plan, and

WHEREAS, District Counsel has provided a Legal Opinion that the labor contracts will all employees groups have provisions allowing the District to switch to the Empire Plan, therefore be it

Health Insurance

Resolution

-EEHP

-Approved

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RESOLVED, as per the conditions of the Riverhead Central School District's contract with the East End Health Plan, the Plan be notified in writing of the Districts withdrawal from the Plan effective 11:59 PM on December 31, 2005, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Central School District will review any Audited Reports from the East End Health Plan showing financial stability and competitive projected rates prior to October 24, 2005, and be it further

RESOLVED, unless further action is adopted by the Board of Education, the Riverhead Central School District, effective November 1, 2005, shall take all necessary steps to enroll all eligible and participating staff and retirees in the Empire Plan, effective January 1, 2006 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board and the Superintendent of School are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents to implement the transfer to the Empire Plan.

Yes 6 No 0

Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign purchase orders during the absence of the Interim Assistant Superintendent of Business.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Authorization for
Superintendent of
Schools to Sign
Purchase Orders

-Approved

Transportation

Cross Contract

-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the Transportation Cross Contract with Three Village Central School District to transport three (3) students to North Country Center at a cost of \$28,000.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Additional comments from the community included:

-the pastor of the North Shore Christian Church took opportunity to introduce himself to the community

-compliment to the Middle School for a great job done in presenting "Meet the Teachers Night"

-comment on cost of SEQRA process of approximately \$30,000 per site and entertainment of sites at Grumman (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Site Committee is looking at sites more centrally located and is not looking at EPCAL property to house a new school)

-questionable fluency of a substitute teacher in Foreign Language for two weeks at the Middle School

-concern in cost of security, maintenance and utilities in rental of the Riley Avenue School to the North Shore Christian Church (Mr. Doyle stated that the Plant Facilities Director is reviewing the schedule to make sure that all those costs will be reflected in the fees)

-request to replace interims with permanent people

-recommendation that the Board research the availability of 47 acres on Middle Road, west of Harrison Avenue

-allocation/spending of cultural arts monies and mitigation of the 16% fee (Mr. Doyle stated that it is a cost the district has to bear along with the \$100,000 budgeted funds)

-several members of the audience expressed concern of security and safety issues in the use of the Riley Avenue Elementary School by the North Shore Christian Church
-attendance to the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association meetings and NYSSBA conferences as worthwhile for Board member participation

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- reference to a recent article in New York Times where the City demands that house developers help pay for additional schools that are necessary to educate the children in the homes they build (The Board has had discussion with the Town Board on this issue to enact an allocation of tax/fees to the schools and has the potential to be placed on a referendum/ballot)
- the Co-President of the Riley Avenue Parents Association (and parent) observed the church services at Riley and assured the community that security was in place
- cost to renovate St. John's and status of Roanoke Avenue Elementary School (Mr. Singleton will analyze the cost and, also, stated that the building plan for Roanoke calls for it to remain open for at least five years)
- use of classroom space at the Riley Avenue School as advertised by the North Shore Christian Church (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the church is utilizing the cafeteria, gym and vestibule area only – no classrooms are being used) In this regard, Mrs. Prete expressed her concern on fiscal accountability and costs for use of each space, custodial fees, utilities, etc. and requested that future applications of this nature be forwarded to the Board.

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 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

Adjournment