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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – December 7, 2005
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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.

LATE: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

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

President, Mrs. Montefusco, opened the meeting at 5:55 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mr. Stark, to recess to executive session to discuss negotiations (RCFA and Confidentials' contracts), Booster Club/DASubpoena, personnel, status of site selection process and Auditors' Report (Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski).

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:56 p.m.

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

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:42 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

There were about 35 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O'Kula.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recess to
Executive Session

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

Remove:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves Change Order #1 – KND Electrical Contracting for the purpose of:

■ **install fire pull boxes, alarms and PA systems to the existing portables at Riverhead High School in**

the amount of \$ (to follow).

Add:

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

William Porras – To: Hourly Food Service Worker, From:
Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 12/8/05.

Request for Leave Without Pay

Maryann Soika – Computer Lab Assistant, effective 12/12/05-
4/1/06.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

Regular Meeting – November 15, 2005

Regular Meeting – November 22, 2005

Yes 7 No 0

Motion Carried.

Amend Agenda

-Approved

Approval of Minutes

-Approved

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A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget Transactions for the month of October 2005.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Montefusco apologized to the audience for the unavailability of the auditor, Jill Fichter, to present the Audit Report/Coughlin, Foundotos, Cullen & Danowski. The report will be presented at the January 10, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Donald Nelson, Jr. was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his involvement over the years in the security and athletic departments and good wishes as he moves to the position of neighborhood aide in the High School. He was commended for being a "class-act" for students and adults.

A date will be established after the first of the New Year (to be announced) when the Board of Education and public will be invited (an Open House) to tour the new Alternative School facility which has moved to the former St. John's school.

Mrs. Prete commented on her attendance to the Institute for Student Achievement, an organization founded by Bill and Linda Gates, that looks at small school communities and offered that one of the principals would be happy to come before the Board of Education to give a presentation. She, also, commented on her

attendance to the Safe Routes for Schools Workshop (traffic flow for busses and parents) that she would like to follow-up with administration on what she gleaned from this interesting and informative workshop.

Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance on November 29th to the 10th grade curriculum update and graduation requirements for sophomores which she found to be very informative for parents, as well as, her attendance at the wonderful Holiday Fair at the High School on December 3rd sponsored by the Class of 2007.

Treasurer's Report
And Budget Transactions

-October 2005

-Approved

Opportunity for
Superintendent

Opportunity for
Board Members

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Comments from the community included:

- request that the Guidance Department be directed to “flag” cusp students so that parents can get the proper notices/invitations
- attention to a recent article in The New York Times to keep 7th and 8th grade students in an elementary school setting
- request that “walkers” are given bus privileges during inclement weather on Griffing Avenue, as well as, for students who need to cross the dangerous intersection on Route 58 where the Palace Laundromat is built (per Mrs. Prete, this is being addressed by both the Town and School)
- request to delete the grading formula
- functionality of the observatory (currently not functioning, per Mrs. Montefusco, but will research prices to get it operational)
- progress of building project (per Mrs. Montefusco, the Site Planning Committee plans to meet by the end of the and an update on the status of the multiple sites being looked at will be made to the public)
- witness to doors being open, children on the roof and lack of security at the Riley Avenue Elementary School during the session held by the North Shore Christian Church (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Board was not permitted to make any comment due to the pending litigation; however, any issues of security will be reviewed and addressed with administration)
- opposition to any deal for a proposed building site should the “Wilpon” deal make a comeback (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the information brought forward to the public a number of months ago remains the same)
- clarification of annual requirements of District-wide Building Condition Reports (per Mr. Singleton, this is an unfunded mandate by the State and the professional services are not subject to the bidding process)
- clarification of Stipulation of Agreement with Brentwood Union Free School District (Mr. Singleton stated that this is a matter of Tuition payments owed to Riverhead from Brentwood and Riverhead owed to Brentwood for a period of 4-5 years up through

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and ending June 2004. A Stipulation of Agreement was developed whereas we owed them \$75,000 and they owed us \$30,000 – Riverhead would pay them \$45,000 to resolve claims at both ends)

-clarification of Flexible Benefits Program (per Mr. Singleton, this is a process of legitimate deduction of pre-tax dollars under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Service Code which allows employees to use pre-tax dollars for certain health care expenses and has been in existence in the District for 8-10 years)

-request that the audit report be a public matter (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Audit Report has been on file in the public library since the last Board meeting - that the Audit Committee has met with the auditor and the Board will hear the report simultaneously with the public when it is presented in January 2006) At this point, Mrs. Prete announced intent to request another meeting with the auditor, whereas, by law, the auditor reports directly to the Board of Education without the presence of administration. She, also, stated her intent to vote “no” on the resolution to approve Burton, Behrendt Smith, Architects to prepare the District-wide Building Condition Reports. etc. as an issue of this magnitude should have gone through the RFP and bidding process. Mr. Singleton explained that the school Board hired the architectural firm last year to look at the facilities in terms of enrollment and additional expansion....to bring another architect in at this point would be unproductive and could have impact on any modifications; and, that an architect cannot use another architect’s seal. Under General Municipal Law, this does not require an RFP/bid.

-question of installation of strobe lights (a requirement of the state and federal governments under Section 504 – handicapped conditions (i.e., deaf students) to hear fire alarms – the District has been in violation of this long overdue compliance)

-presence of cameras in the bathrooms and locker rooms? (Mr. Doyle responded there are no cameras in these locations)

-question as to who monitors the 200 cameras and explanation as to how an individual could gain entrance to the High School during school hours without permission/identification/authorization. (Mr. Doyle stated that the District does not have a cadre of people watching every camera at every minute and that the police were called to remove the individual from school premises)

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In this regard, Mrs. Prete welcomed opinions on the idea of uniforms, badges, etc. or some way to be all-knowing as to who belongs in our schools and who doesn't.

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:

C.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

9/14/05 214561

9/27/05 208866

9/30/05 204319, 206423, 207137, 207178,
207735

10/3/05 205180*, 206385*, 209141*

10/5/05 213667, 214025, 214182, 214630,
215001, 216459, 217279

10/11/05 209002, 209609, 209651, 209837,
209852, 210041, 210070, 210094,
210733, 211107, 211673

10/12/05 203204, 206302, 206335, 208014,
208417, 208465, 209006

10/19/05 210790, 212059, 212064, 212112

10/25/05 214000, 210022, 211544, 217538

10/26/05 215497, 217310, 218183

11/02/05 214532

11/07/05 209301

11/16/05 208867

Committee on
Special Education

-Approved

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C.P.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

10/6/05 219228, 220170, 219263, 220258
10/18/05 221125, 219034, 219218, 219063,
220130
11/3/05 219068, 220260, 220265, 220093,
219152
11/17/05 221127, 220267, 220270, 220242,
220272

Yes 7 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 Burton, Behrendt Smith, Architects, to prepare the District-wide Building Condition Reports including Expanded Structural Reports for all school facilities as required by Commissioner's Regulations 1255.1 and Education Law 409-D and 4908-E in the amount of \$29,495.

Mrs. Montefusco reiterated Mr. Singleton's previous comments. The Board of Education reviewed a number of architectural firms and, under careful scrutiny, it makes sense to have Burton, Behrendt Smith do the

project. Mrs. Prete expressed that she is not opposed to the firm itself but rather the process absent of RFP's and bids.

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

No 2
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Prete

District-wide
Building Condition
Reports
-Approved

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Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves Change Order #1 – KND Electrical Contracting for the purpose of:

■ install strobe lights in High School restrooms and related wiring to the new fire alarm panel in the High School in the amount of \$9,000

and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such Change Order.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion Carried as Amended.

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 third and final reading of Board Policy #5280 – *Interscholastic Athletics*.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete asked what was specifically revised in the policy. Mr. Doyle stated that the policy is a total/complete revision reworked from a model policy that comes directly from the state. Mrs. Prete opted to see an academic code for participation and incorporation of differentiation of sports, etc. in the document.

Yes 6

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

Change Order #1

- KND Electrical Contracting
- Approved as Amended

Third Reading of
Revised Board Policy

- Policy #5280
- Interscholastic Athletics
- Approved

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Mrs. Prete

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 second reading of Board Policy #5251 – *Student Fundraising Activities*.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District establishes Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as the special meeting date to vote on the contract for library services between the Riverhead Central School District and the Riverhead Free Library and the Baiting Hollow Free Library, and be it further

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

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

Mrs. Montefusco commented on the presence of voting booths for kids at the vote in previous years and asked that the library consider incorporating the experience for the children again.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion Carried.

Second Reading of
Board Policy #5251
-Student Fundraising
Activities
-Approved

Riverhead Free Library

Vote

-April 18, 2006

-Approved

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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 ratifies a Stipulation of Agreement, dated July 7, 2005, between the Riverhead Central School District and the Brentwood Union Free School District which settles all claims for foster tuition initiated by Brentwood against Riverhead for the period of July 1997 through and including June 30, 2004; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Stipulation of Agreement, Joseph F. Singleton, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, is authorized to execute Stipulations of Discontinuance in the matters, Brentwood Union Free School District v. Riverhead Union Free School District, Index Nos. 99-12558, 00-15099, 01-14751 and 02-20746, and that the school attorney is authorized to file the Stipulations of Discontinuance with the Court.

Yes 7 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 appointment of the following volunteer in the athletic program:

- Barry Street – Middle School Boys' Basketball

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Stipulation of
Agreement

- Brentwood Union
Free School District
-Approved

Appointment of
Volunteer

- Approved

NJROTC Orientation

Trip

-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the field trip request of the NJROTC Unit to the Naval Bases at Newport, Rhode Island and New London, Connecticut from February 16-18, 2006 (approximately 35 cadets accompanied by five chaperones). The purpose of the trip is to meet the military orientation requirements outlined in the Naval Science curriculum. Cost to the district is for school bus transportation and the cost of the ferry; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 7 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 certain out of print and outdated Science textbooks at the Middle School as contained in the list made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes; and, authorizes the appropriate disposal of same.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District adopts the attached Riverhead Central School District's Flexible Benefit Program, §125 of the IRS Regulations, effective January 1, 2006.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Discarded Textbooks
-Approved

Approval of the
District's Flexible
Benefit Program

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations

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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:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Amy Hovind
Kelly Lester

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Jillian Davey
Claudette Garley
Danielle Goncalves
Julie Hirschey
Cara Koenig
Tara Malanga
Genia Merkel
Deborah Mitchell
Nancy Poserina
Elizabeth Scimeca

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Colleen Gallagher – Substitute Teacher, effective 12/1/05-6/30/06.

Coaching Appointments for 2005/06

Joanne Armstrong – Varsity Head/Winter Cheerleading.
Joy Perez – MS Head Coach/Winter Cheerleading.
Edward Grassman – MS Head Coach/Baseball.
Jeffrey Doroski – MS Head Coach/Baseball.
Antonio Lawrence – Varsity Head/Boys' Lacrosse.
Anthony Gentile – Varsity Assistant/Boys' Lacrosse.
David Spinella – JV Head Coach/Boys' Lacrosse.
Peter Huszagh – MS Head Coach/Boys' Spring Track.

Team Leaders/Middle School

Kathryn Graves - 7-1 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Christopher Butterfield - 7-1 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Marisa Lapaz - 7-1 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.
Debra Knaub - 7-1 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.

-Approved

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John Rossetti - 7-2 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Kristen Hazard - 7-2 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Kevin Hewkin - 7-2 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.
Darren Dunn - 7-2 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.
Edward Kneski - 7-3 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Michelle Reed - 7-3 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Mindy Benze - 7-3 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.
David Leone - 7-3 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.
Jennifer Frankel - 8-1 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Steve Mercorella - 8-1 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Ann Priapi - 8-1 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.
Frederick Zamorski - 8-1 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.
Cheryl Alexander - 8-2 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Chad Haverty, , 8-2 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Claire Yannacone - 8-2 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.

Emily Sills - 8-2 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.
Lawrence Horowitz - 8-3 Team Leader, First Quarter 2005.
Cheryl Walsh - 8-3 Team Leader, Second Quarter 2005.
Lawrence Horowitz - 8-3 Team Leader, Third Quarter 2005.
Cheryl Walsh - 8-3 Team Leader, Fourth Quarter 2005.

Continuation of Leave Replacement

Sherry Hansen – Social Worker, effective 2/1/06-6/30/06.

Amendment to Change of Status

Cara Gianello – To: Leave Replacement, Phillips Avenue Elementary School, From: Substitute Teacher, To: 9/12/05-11/10/05, From: 9/12/05-11/4/05.

Change in Status

Jillian Davey – From: Substitute Teacher, To: Leave Replacement, Roanoke Avenue Elementary School, effective 12/14/05-3/22/06.

Judy Johnson – From: Substitute Teacher, To: Leave Replacement, Roanoke Avenue Elementary School, effective 12/14/05-12/23/05.

Extension of Temporary Appointment

Georgette Keller – Teacher for Family and Consumer Sciences, effective 12/6/05-1/11/06.

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Salary Advancement

Mary Ellen Carr – From: Bachelors-Step 6, To: Masters-Step 6, effective 9/1/05.

Tenure Recommendations

Michelle Strobel – English 7-12, effective 2/11/06.

Frances Marsicovetere – English to Speakers of Other Languages, effective 1/5/06.

Jennifer Frankel – English 7-12, effective 1/14/06.

Claire Yannaconne – Earth Science & General Science 7-12, effective 2/28/06.

Revised Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Betsy Fabricatore – Foreign Language Teacher/French, To: Approximate dates – 3/1/06-4/13/06 (using accumulated sick days), 4/14/06-6/30/06 (FMLA), From: Approximate dates – 2/15/06-4/6/06 (using accumulated sick days), 4/7/06-6/30/06 (FMLA).

Request for Extension of Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence

Jennifer Olsen – Social Worker, To: 1/31/06-6/30/06, From: 9/1/05-1/30/06.

Request for Paid Leave of Absence

James Richardson – Elementary Teacher, effective 11/28/05-

12/23/05 (using accumulated sick time).

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Personnel

Recommendations

-Approved as
Amended

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Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Denise Boden

Leah Gregg

James Smith

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Christopher Smellie – Substitute Guard, effective 12/8/05.

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Maureen Andrychawski

Carlas Clairborne

Marianne Lynn

Change in Hours

Valerie Brown – School Bus Driver, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Vincent Ciolino – School Bus Driver, To: 6 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Wayne Ehlers – School Bus Driver, To: 8 hours per day, From: 7.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Noel Ehlers - School Bus Driver, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Theodore Olsen – School Bus Driver, To: 8 hours per day, From: 7.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Jean Reynolds – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Kenneth Schuhmann – School Bus Driver, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Dorothea Widmann – School Bus Matron, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 6 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Kristen Bongiovi – School Bus Matron, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Gail Green – School Bus Matron, To: 6 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Lynn Ligon – School Bus Matron, To: 6 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Irene Ehlers – School Bus Matron, To: 7 hours per day, From: 7.5

hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Christine Kendrick – School Bus Driver, To: 6 hours per day, From: 7 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Deanna Davis – School Bus Driver, To: 6 hours per day, From: 8 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Eric Shaw – School Bus Driver, To: 6.5 hours per day, From: 7.5 hours per day, effective 12/5/05.

Request for Leave Without Pay

Maureen Madigan – School Bus Driver, effective 1/3/06-1/2/07.

Jacqueline Andrejack – School Teacher Aide, effective 12/26/05-12/30/06.

Maryann Soika – Computer Lab Assistant, effective 12/12/05-4/1/06.

Change in Status

William Porras – To: Hourly Food Service Worker, From: Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 12/8/05.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion Carried as Amended.

Additional community comments are:

-are the cost of strobe lights part of the \$700,000 approved by the voters (Answer: yes)

-request for more interaction and discussion by the Board in public (Mrs. Montefusco thought this an unfair statement as the Board does a lot of homework perusing the Board packets of information and items for action on their own personal time)

-request that the school board meetings be held on appointed dates and time (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the dates are rarely changed.)

-request for follow-ups at Board meetings of the music instruction plan, ConnectEd, vendors, etc. (Mrs. Montefusco agreed as it obviates suspicion on part of the community to have them).

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In this regard, Mr. Doyle stated that notices and letters went out as to the Connect Ed communication process. Corrections to the database are being made and parents need to contact the buildings as to any changes in telephone numbers and/or addresses. As to the music program, he stated that good progress is being made to increase participation.

Ms. Carney commented on the transitional program and that meetings are being held on a regular basis (*i.e.*, part of the Community Advisory Council meetings) to continue revisions that prove positive effects. Communication between the High School and Middle School is ongoing to meet the needs of the students

(i.e., working with students in school clubs to provide them with necessary support). The Small Learning Schools was a small research grant that has ended and a decision needs to be made as to its continued application.

-suggestion to install relays and short-timers on the doors (i.e., 60-90 seconds that would set alarms) Mr. Doyle responded that sensors are possible and warrants looking into but student movement between the Middle School and High School would be problematic.

-request for presentation to the public as to 2004/05 budget vs. actual

-announcement by the President of the High School PTSO Executive Council that they will no longer be providing the service to do student ID's

-request to see debate on issues amongst the Board (Mrs. Montefusco stated that Board meetings are not the forum for debate as they are conducted as business meetings)

-request to see variation in schools comparable to the educational system in China and that the young population of students should not be advanced to inclusion with the older groups of students

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

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Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

