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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – January 10, 2006
Riverhead High School Auditorium

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Lori H. Montefusco; Mrs. Kathleen Berezny; Mrs. Christine Prete; and, Mr. W. Brian Stark.

LATE: Mrs. Nancy Gassert, Mr. Timothy Griffing and Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

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

President, Mrs. Montefusco, opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to recess to executive session to discuss negotiations (RCFA and RAA) and personnel (recommendation for Associate Principal and consideration of Leave of Absence).

Yes 4 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:41 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Mrs. Gassert arrived at 5:52 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 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

There were about 45 other people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

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ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O'Kula.

The Superintendent and Board of Education acknowledged the birthday of the Board President, Mrs. Lori Montefusco and extended best wishes to her.

Mrs. Montefusco announced that the first opportunity for comments by members of the community would be timed at 5 minutes per speaker and relate to agenda items only. After thirty minutes, the Board of Education will move on to *Items for Action*. The second opportunity will be open to other topics and be limited to 5 minutes per speaker, as well.

Mrs. Montefusco read the following statement regarding ongoing negotiations with Little Flower UFSD:

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The Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District is pleased to announce that the Board of Education and administration have entered into discussions with representatives from Little Flower U.F.S.D., based in Wading River, for the purpose of evaluating the **mutual benefits** of program cooperation and possible annexation by Riverhead C.S.D.

Little Flower U.F.S.D. is a "special act" school district, which means that it was created through a special act of the New York State Legislature, and it is geographically contiguous with the Riverhead Central School District. After serving as a small parochial school since its inception in 1930, the Little Flower U.F.S.D. residential special act district – the only one on Long Island – was created in 1972. It serves approximately 100 students from a variety of school districts that pay state-reimbursable tuition to attend the school. Little Flower provides education services to approximately 100 children, most of which reside on the campus of Little Flower.

Many operational questions are being examined, and a full cost/benefit analysis is being conducted as part of the ongoing discussions between the two parties. If a mutual decision is reached to move forward with expanded program cooperation up to and including annexation, separate public votes would have to be held in each of the two communities and voters must provide approval in both communities for annexation to occur. Any annexation would be limited to the Little Flower School and would not involve the residential or other services of Little Flower. The approval of the New York State Legislature and the Commissioner of Education is also required.

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The driving force of annexation discussions is the potential financial benefits offered to each of the two school districts. Little Flower U.F.S.D. is confronting the possible dissolution of its district due to the limited number of children being educated on the campus and the cost related to a small program. If the Little Flower School were to close, the students, as residents of Riverhead Central School District, would become our responsibility to educate. Riverhead's Board of Education has the responsibility to seek the financial benefits offered by the State that are provided by annexation. In theory, annexation would provide for preservation of the services that Little Flower U.F.S.D. currently provides (under the Riverhead C.S.D. name) while giving our district a significant financial benefit.

"Annexation" is a term used to describe the process by which one school district is entirely absorbed by another school district, subsequent to the approval of voters in each of the two communities. It differs from the process of *consolidation* of two districts, in which each community agrees to share one newly formed district (e.g., Eastport-South Manor). However, the financial benefits of both processes are potentially significant.

The Board of Education is intrigued by this possibility since we believe our district receives a disproportionately low amount of state operating aid and state building aid. **Annexation could result in significant increases in building aid and operating aid and make the reconstruction of existing facilities and/or the construction of a new**

high school much easier to bear for taxpayers.

Riverhead C.S.D. residents can look forward to periodic updates on this matter in the coming weeks and months.

Mr. Singleton then gave a brief explanation of the type of increase in state aid as a result of an approved annexation by the taxpayers, the State Legislature and the Commissioner of Education. Such an annexation/merger would provide an increase of 40 basis points in operating aid for a period of 14 years. The first four years would be at the highest level and then decrease by 4 basis points each year thereafter.

Building aid (currently at 29%) would increase by 30%

(*i.e.*, 59% of \$100,000,000 would result in \$59.6 million dollars to the district). Since the district has been discussing the construction of a new high school, we are talking “millions of dollars” in aid.

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

Regular Meeting – December 7, 200.
Special Meeting – December 22, 2005

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Doyle reported on his attendance to *The Celebration of Technology in Education* recognition ceremony at Stony Brook University presented by Eastern Suffolk BOCES Model Schools Program. Students from Riverhead High School under the tutelage of Art teacher, Vincent Nasta, were honored to display their exhibit of creations using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Imageready. As a result of their efforts, the district received two Certificates of Commendations – one from Assemblyman Marc Alessi and the other from Assemblyman Fred Thiele. A Certificate of Merit was, also, awarded from Riverhead Town Supervisor, Phil Cardinale. With regard to negotiations for the possible annexation by the district with Little Flower UFSD, Mrs. Prete stated her concern on the process of annexation and reported that she spoke with representatives of the state and was informed that an annexation of a "special act" school can only be dissolved by another act of the legislature to approve such annexation since they created it. Although state law provides conflicting information, it is her understanding that the only way the public would have any voice in the matter would be via a petition filed with the Commissioner of Education within 60 days of a legislative act to remove the title of "special act" school to request a public referendum. Mr. Singleton stated that a careful study with students of both districts will be brought before the community and many questions on procedures, state law, etc. will be discussed and clarified when he and the Superintendent go to Albany next week to meet with state officials and suggested that the Board submit questions to him that will be presented for clarification.

Approval of Minutes

-Approved

Approval of Treasurer's
Report and Budget

Transactions

-November 2005

-Approved

Opportunity for
Superintendent

Opportunity for
Board Members

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Mr. Stark stated that an annexation is a potential solution and path to get more building/operating aid for the district. It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Board to the people to explore and examine this viable solution.

Mrs. Berezny's concern is that the state can give us up to 95% vs. a token of 30% and a guarantee from Senator LaValle of dollars in the long run to educate the children of Little Flower vs. no acquisition of land and/or building. She further stated her understanding that if Little Flower were to go financially under or defunct, the state will pay for the education of those students that might come to Riverhead Central School District. Additional concerns are that the district returns to its former position of 29% building aid at the end of 14 years and that Riverhead would be taking in the administration, teachers, teacher aides, etc. of Little Flower. Mr. Singleton informed her that the staff of any school which has been annexed is placed on a recall list and hired in seniority order. Their Superintendent has contractual rights that must be honored, as well as, that of the building Principal.

Mrs. Harkin clarified to the public that the purpose of the resolution is to conduct a thorough investigation and to gather as much information as possible to make an informed decision.

Mrs. Prete expressed her concern on how the consultant, Dr. Norman Doctor, was selected as she received no information. Mr. Singleton stated that in order to have someone study "special act" districts, someone familiar with the regulations, etc. was needed. Dr. Doctor was Regional Supervisor of SED for Long Island and New York City and recently retired as Director of Special Education in Western BOCES. The combination of knowing special education and state regulations in analyzing a report on the quality of the program makes him most qualified. The study includes special education, financial enrollment projections, demographic and facilities studies and overall impact on the district.

Mr. Griffing offered that Little Flower currently has 92 students (three from Riverhead) and that expenses incurred for those students not part of the Riverhead Central School District would be recovered from their home school district.

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Mrs. Berezny commented on her pleasure to attend the Winter Concerts at Pulaski Street School and Riverhead High School in December 2005 and stated that the music programs were “really special”. She, also, reported on her attendance at Supervisor Cardinale’s inaugural ceremony at the High School where teacher Katherine Kent’s students performed a beautiful song.

Mrs. Prete, also, attended both Winter Concerts and thanked David Loddengaard and his staff for their efforts to accomplish these kind of great performances. In this regard, she requested the Superintendent to explore having them filmed//televised on the educational/government channels in all towns to promote our district.

Mrs. Prete commented on the success of the subsidized music program in 6th grade upward and supported

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its continuance for next year and recommendation that it start at the 5 grade level.

Mrs. Montefusco announced that Friday, January 13 is a half-day of school for elementary grade students. She encouraged student entry in the contest for students in Grades 5-12 and who are Riverhead Free Library card-holding students, to create a "logo" from a slogan – "Riverhead Free Library...An Electrifying Experience!" The contest begins January 3 and submissions shall be accepted until May 1, 2006.

Mrs. Harkin applauded the Middle School Winter Concert and praised the 7th and 8th grade bands, chorus and orchestra.

Mrs. Berezny inquired as to when representatives from LIPA and the Auditor's Report would give presentations to the Board. Mr. Singleton responded that the auditors will give their presentation at the next Board of Education meeting.

Comments from the community included:

- caution to move toward annexation of Little Flower
- clarification of restrictions for school members and volunteers relative to fundraising activities and handling of funds (Mr. Singleton stated that there are no restrictions on programs or fundraising through Booster Clubs – there are, however, restrictions for staff members collecting and disbursing cash that does not go through the formal activity accounts of the district –

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any staff member or student involved in handling the monies must be accountable. Employees can remain voluntary but cannot handle funds without any records for the Booster Club). Mr. Doyle further stated that the *Student Fundraising Activities* policy in its third and final reading tonight addresses the issue that an employee of the district should not collect monies and/or write checks without following through with the district's extra-curricular funds accounts to be legitimate.

-support of review for potential annexation of Little Flower UFSD
-concern of financial impact upon the district and its taxpayers of annexation and cost to assume responsibility of their special education students (Mrs. Montefusco stated that annexation of Little Flower would present huge increases in both building and operating aid to the district in the area of \$300 million over the course of fourteen years).

-affordability to annex and its effect on the district's test scores, rating and accountability

-concern that the district does not have the skill or capacity to handle children of Little Flower with special needs

-a public *thank you* to Betsy Chappell to facilitate a meeting with the Riverhead Recreation Department and the district for a child with disabilities

-“kudos” to Mr. Janecek of the Town of Riverhead and the program he oversees

-funding of students at Little Flower under its current difficult financial situation (Mr. Singleton stated that the state is required to fully fund them despite being in the red).

-recommendation to table the resolution and cooperative study for further discussion between the public and Board of Education (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the subject was discussed at the last Board meeting. Mrs. Prete, however, stated that this is the first time the matter is being publicly discussed).

-request that the Board dismiss the resolution to appoint an Associate Principal and address filling the Interim position of the current principal with that of a permanent individual

-opposition to costly study/investigation as first step in the application to annex Little Flower and concern on the process (Mr. Singleton stated that no papers have been filed with the state. Mrs. Montefusco stated that it is the Board's financial duty to investigate).

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-support to research annexation and suggestion that the other parties commit to participate in the study and equally share in the costs

-offer by a former member of the Little Flower Board of Education to assist the district in ideas and with personal expertise and recommendation that the process must involve the community

A motion was made by Mrs. Berezny, 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:

<u>CSE MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
09-28-2005	207340
10-05-2005	214251, 215601
10-12-2005	204695, 207867, 208701
10-25-2005	218198
10-26-2005	206376, 206717, 206833, 207019, 207059, 207801, 207803, 207868, 208665, 209622, 216139, 217198, 218113, 218174, 218206
10-27-2005	212043, 212065, 212574, 212858, 213019, 213503
10-28-2005	206385
11-01-2005	206276

11-02-2005 213330, 213679, 214019, 214089,
214477, 218051, 218185
11-07-2005 209090, 209301, 207403, 208404,
210044
11-10-2005 206423, 206717, 213380, 214605,
215036, 215554, 216150, 216176,
217018, 217188, 218063, 218302
11-15-2005 206828, 208512, 209852, 210795,
211532, 211693, 212481, 212554,
213005, 214089, 205481, 207842,
207873, 207877, 208028, 208378,
209088, 209659, 209767
11-21-2005 208476

Committee on
Special Education
-Approved

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11-29-2005 209721, 210022, 212043, 212437
11-30-2005 205353, 205513, 205514, 205745,
206764, 207349, 207649, 207771,
208340, 208410, 206105, 206596,
212698, 213562
12-01-2005 214532, 208710, 208710, 213652,
214036

Yes 7 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 Change Order #1 – Rolands Electric - in the amount of \$4,816.50 for the purpose of furnishing and installing two (2) additional exterior cameras and one (1) KBD 4000 controlling device for the High School security system; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such change order.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete questioned this as an expenditure in addition to the initial bid for surveillance cameras at the High School. Mr. Singleton explained that the expenditure is needed for two additional cameras as two areas in the back parking lot have inadequate lighting and this installation will correct that deficiency and is needed for protection of liability. He, also, stated that it is not abnormal to have change orders less than 3% of the total contract).

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 approves the contracts between the Riverhead Central School District and the following:

Approval of
Change Order #1

- Roland Electric
- Approved

Approval of Contracts

- Therapy Services
- PBS Consulting
- Approved

Award of Bids

-Interscholastic
Athletics
Boys' Track &
Softball
-Approved

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Aluminum Athletic Equipment Company
1000 Enterprise Drive
Royersford, Pa. 19468
Boys Track Items # 9, 14, 16

Amount \$178.55

Dol Gray Enterprises
64 Division Avenue

Suite LL3
Levittown, New York 11756
Boys Track Items # 26, 27

Amount \$1,362.00

Port Jefferson Sporting Goods
538 Jefferson Plaza
Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776
Boys Track Items # 28, 29

Amount \$780.00

Metuchen Center, Inc.
429 Joyce Kilmer Avenue
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901
Boys' Track Items # 30

Amount \$391.50

Sport Supply Group, Inc. d/b/a Passons Sports
Post Office Box 49
Jenkintown, Pa. 19046

Boys Track Items # 11, 12, 13, 15

Amount \$342.10

NO BID ITEMS

Boys' Track Items # 10, 24
Softball Items # 1, 2

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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 the third and final reading of Board Policy #5251-*Student Fundraising Activities*.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Little Flower Union Free School District boundaries are enclosed within the Riverhead

Central School District, and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District has been asked to review the potential benefits of program cooperation and possible annexation of Little Flower UFSD, and

WHEREAS, a cooperative study of both Districts will require a full cost benefit analysis of both the educational and financial impact of the possible annexation of Little Flower UFSD, and

WHEREAS, The Little Flower Board of Education has formally requested the Riverhead Central School District enter into the cooperative study of programs and possible annexation, and

WHEREAS, the study and possible annexation shall not involve the residential or social service programs of Little Flower, and

WHEREAS, any annexation will require approval of the District Superintendent of the First Supervisory District of Suffolk County, the New York State Legislature, the Commissioner of Education and the residents of the Riverhead Central School District, and,

Third and Final
Reading of Board
Policy

-#5151
Student Fundraising
Activities
-Approved

Little Flower U.F.S.D.
And Riverhead C.S.D.
Cooperative Study
-Approved

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WHEREAS, if the Little Flower School were to close for any reason, the resident students would become the responsibility of Riverhead Central School District without additional State aid,

WHEREAS, the potential annexation could result a significant increase in State Building and Operating Aid to the Riverhead Central School District, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Riverhead Central School District shall enter into a formal study of cooperation and potential annexation of the Union Free School District #1, (Little Flower) and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education's site committee serve as liaison with the Study Committee and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools shall recommend the necessary consultants to conduct the independent studies required by the Commissioner of Education.

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

No 2
Mrs. Berezny
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 approves the Agreement with Dr. Norman Doctor, Consultant in the area of Special Education, for the study of the educational program of Little Flower UFSD at a per diem rate of \$500 (maximum 15 days); and, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign such Agreement.

Approval of Consultant
-Dr. Norman Doctor

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Yes 5

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

No 2

Mrs. Berezny
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 gratefully accepts the \$12,000 Supplemental Grant from Senator Kenneth P. LaValle to support the Council of Unity Program in the Riverhead Central School District for the 2005/06 school year.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete questioned who authored/submitted the matching grant. Mr. Singleton stated that it is a joint grant through the Town of Riverhead and that the funds will be applied to the Council of Unity program.

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 the following Health Services Contract:

■ East Islip School District for one (1) student attending St. Mary Parochial School for the 2005/06 school year in the amount of \$551.60.

Acceptance of
\$12,000 Supplemental
Grant Award
-Approved

Health Services
Contract
-East Islip
School District
-Approved

Yes 7 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 declares as surplus the very old, worn and torn French textbooks/workbooks at the Riverhead High School as requested by Dali Rastello, Foreign Language Department Chair; and, authorizes to discard them in the best financial manner of the school district.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the attendance of four (4) Riverhead High School students to the Interact-ing Retreat, visiting the New York State Museum in Albany and proceeding to Camp Chingachkook in Kattskill, New York for the weekend of February 3-5, 2006 at no cost to the district. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the NJROTC Unit trip to Washington, D.C. and Quantico, Virginia from April 9-14, 2006 (approximately 40 cadets accompanied by six chaperones). The purpose of the trip is to meeting the military orientation and citizenship requirements as outlined in the Naval Science curriculum at no cost to the district; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Annual Interact-ing
Retreat
-Approved

NJROTC Orientation
Trip
-Approved

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request of the Varsity Winter Boys' Track team (approximately 28-32 student athletes) to attend the Suffern Invitational Track Meet at Rockland Community College on January 15-16, 2006. Budgeted costs to the district are limited to the entry fee of \$400 plus lodging for two coaches and services of two bus drivers for one night @ \$95 each. Two (2) district buses are requested and transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board

policy.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Remove Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Varsity Cheerleaders have qualified for the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) National Championship for the first time since 2000, and

WHEREAS, the championship competition will take place February 9-12, 2006 in Orlando, Florida, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request for the nineteen cheerleaders to participate in the National Championship on February 9-12, 2006. Budgeted costs to the district are limited to roundtrip school bus transportation to LaGuardia Airport and travel/lodging expenses for three coaches and one administrator (\$Total: \$2,866.40); and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Overnight Trip
-Removed

Out of State/Overnight
Trip

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the removal of the name of Martin Cheikin from the certified Impartial Hearing Officer rotational selection list and accepts the revised listing, effective immediately.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, 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, effective immediately:

■ James Smith – JV Boys' Basketball

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, 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:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Cara Koenig
Claudette Garley
Julie Hirschey
Elizabeth Scimeca

Deletion of
Impartial Hearing
Officer from
Rotational Selection
List

-Martin Cheikin
-Approved

Appointment of
Volunteer

-Approved

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations

-Approved

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Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Jillian Davey
Colleen Gallagher
Danielle Goncalves
Tara Malanga
Genia Merkel
Deborah Mitchell
Nancy Poserina

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

James Jones – Leave Replacement Music Teacher, effective date (undetermined at this time).

Amendment to Change in Status

Jillian Davey – To: Leave Replacement, From: Substitute Teacher, To: 12/16/05-3/27/06, From: 12/14/05-3/22/06.

Continuation of Leave Replacement

Jill Gevinski – Elementary Teacher, effective 1/31/06-6/30/06.
Jeanine Denes-Murphy – Special Education Teacher, effective 2/7/06 6/30/06.

Salary Amendment

John Rossetti – From: Masters+60–Step 8/9, To: Masters+45-Step 8/9, effective 9/1/05.
John Rossetti – From: Masters+60-Step 7/8, To: Masters+45-Step 7/8, effective 9/1/04.

Change in Status

Stanley Pelech – To: Associate Principal/High School, From: Assistant Principal/High School, effective 2/6/06-2/5/09.

Amendment to Probationary Appointment

Robert Fallot – Art Teacher, To: 9/1/04-6/30/06, From: 9/1/04-12/31/07.

Coaching Appointments for 2005/06

Steve Failla – JV Head Coach-Baseball.

Stephanie Cordeiro – JV Head Coach-Cheerleading.

Justin Snyder – Intramural Weight Training-Winter Session.

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Request for Extension of Paid Leave of Absence

Wendy Finter – Elementary Teacher, To: 12/5/05-12/23/05,
From: 10/3/05-12/2/05.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Request for Paid Leave of Absence

Lisa Talmage – Music Teacher, N.Y.S. Workers' Compensation,
1/5/06 –undetermined return date.

No 7 Yes 0
Motion **Failed**.

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:

Request for Extension of Unpaid Child Care Leave of Absence

Rebecca Luck – Elementary Teacher, 1/31/06-6/30/06, Unpaid
Child Care Leave.

Christina Diamond – Elementary Teacher, 1/31/06-6/30/06 Unpaid
Child Care Leave.

Danielle O'Connor – Special Education Teacher, 2/7/06-6/30/06
Unpaid Child Care Leave.

Amendment to Request for Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Keri Stromski – Elementary Teacher, To: 12/16/05-3/27/06 FMLA,
From: 12/14/05-3/22/06 FMLA.

Professional
Personnel
Recommendation
-Request for Paid
Leave of Absence
-Failed

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations
-Approved

Request for Maternity/Child Care Leave

Kathryn Graves – Science Teacher, 3/20/06-4/24/06 Using Accumulated Sick Time, 4/25/06-6/30/06 FMLA (dates subject to change).

Request for Leave Without Pay

Carol Sabat – Reading Teacher, one day, 12/23/05

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Maureen Andrychawski
Chris Desni
Christopher Smellie

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Carlas Clairborne
Marianne Lynn
Doris Taylor
Debra Trent

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Lillian Ramos – Part-time 12-month Clerk Typist, effective 1/11/06.
Colin Grattan – Substitute Guard, effective 1/11/06-6/30/06.
Denise Naso – Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective 1/11/06-6/30/06.
Cynthia Saletel – School Teacher Aide, effective 1/11/06.
Diana Hayes – School Teacher Aide, effective 1/3/06.

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Appointments

Laurie Delgado – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 1/11/06-6/30/06.

Doris Taylor – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 1/11/06-6/30/06.

Linda Gatz – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 1/11/06-6/30/06.

Frederica Miles – Substitute School Teacher Aide, effective 1/11/06.

Kevin Lawler – Substitute Guard, effective 1/11/06.

Eileen Quinn – School Teacher Aide, effective 1/11/06.

Susan Harrison – Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 1/11/06.

Change in Status

Barry Carr – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 1/16/06.

Ivelisse Gonzalez – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 1/16/06.

Charlene Johnson – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 1/16/06.

Patrica Stokley – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 1/16/06.

Brenda Coppedge – To: School Bus Monitor, From: Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective 1/16/06.

Joan Kelly – To: Hourly Food Service Worker, From: Substitute Food Service Worker, effective 1/11/06.

Daniel Polizzi – To: Hourly Food Service Worker, From: Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 1/11/06.

Suzanne Arnau – To: Hourly Cook/Food Service Worker, From: Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 1/17/06.

Change in Hours

Alice Jasinski – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 8 hours per day, effective 12/12/05.

Request for Leave Without Pay

Suzanne Velys – School Bus Driver, effective 4/17/06-4/19/06.

Donna Alfano – Clerk Typist, effective 12/27,28,30/05.

Darlene Taylor – Food Service Worker, effective 12/15/05-1/2/06.

Request for Leave Without Pay

Sharon Jimenez – School Teacher Aide, effective 1/3/06-2/3/06.

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Retirements

Priscilla Pollard – School Teacher Aide, N.Y.S.E.R. System,
effective 12/9/05.

Frederica Miles – School Teacher Aide, N.Y.S.E.R. System,
effective 12/31/05.

Mary Hopkins – Dispatcher/Transportation Department, N.Y.S.E.R.
System, effective 7/14/06.

Resignation

John Ince – Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 12/24/05.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Additional comments from the community are:

- suggestion that the Board approach a certain property owner of 62 acres of farmland west on Sound Avenue who has been offered \$75,000 per acre for development rights by the Town (Mr. Griffing offered to contact the owner)
- request for notification to the press and date/location of posting for Board meeting held on December 22nd
- inquiry made as to whether tonight's meeting will be aired on the cable channel (non-functioning camera this evening)
- statement that taxpayers have made many trips to Albany to speak with Senator LaValle in the past
- question as to when the Cultural Arts fund will be presented with the auditors (per Mr. Singleton – it will be done as a separate report)

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

Community
Comments

Adjournment

[\[1\]](#) *- substitute items were bid at a lower price