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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – February 28, 2006
Riverhead High School Auditorium

PRESENT: President, Mrs. Lori Hulse-Montefusco; Vice President, Mrs. Nancy G.Gassert; Mrs. Kathleen Berezny; Mrs. Christine Prete; and, Mr. W. Brian Stark.

ABSENT: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

LATE: Mr. Timothy Griffing.

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

President, Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco, opened the meeting at 5:50 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel (tenure evaluations), negotiations (RCFA, Assistant Superintendent's contracts, creation of advisor position, acquisition of real property/new high school site) and litigation (Riley Avenue suit).

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:51 p.m.

Mr. Griffing arrived at 6:04 p.m.

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:18 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

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There were about 250 other people in attendance.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O'Kula.

The meeting commenced with the awarding of Certificates of Commendation to student achievers of the Riverhead Middle School for their winning poems and recognition of all participants in the recent ARISS project's memorable success, as evidenced in the action on the following resolutions.

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

WHEREAS, seventh grade students participated in a poetry contest for young poets sponsored by Creative Communications Inc. and,

WHEREAS, the winning poems of the following students will be published in the anthology, A Celebration of Young Poets:

Jordan Barnard...poem entitled *Autumn Beauty*
Michael Curaba...poem entitled *Can You Hear it?*
Heather Rause...poem entitled *Older Sisters*
Macey Reichel...poem entitled *What Is Life?*
Lauren Welch...poem entitled *Will New Beginnings Begin?*
Robert Wesson...poem entitled *Time*

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools commend these students and their teacher, Mindy Benze, for their creativity and enthusiasm to learn and experience important things that will help them build a rich and rewarding life and for the credit they bring to themselves, the community and the Riverhead Central School District.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools commends all outside organizations, administration, staff, the Technology Department and students who put forth their best efforts to bring the ARISS – International Space Station Project to such a height of success which gave the opportunity, honor and outstanding experience to life that will provide an educational memory in the lives of our students forever.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Remove:

Emergency 20-Day Conditional Appointment

Barbara Olsen – Substitute Teacher, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06.

Amend:

Continuation of Leave Replacement

James Jones – Leave Replacement Music Teacher, effective
2/17/06-5/12/06.

Add:

Overnight Trip

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the Boys' and Girls' Winter Track teams (5 student athletes qualified) in the State Winter Championships at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on March 3-4, 2006. All expenses for athletes are paid for by Section XI/NYSPHSAA. Funds for coaches, lodging and transportation were budgeted for and approved in the 2005/06 budget. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

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Approval of Type II Action for Projects

WHEREAS, the following projects are part of the \$700,000 Proposition approved at the May 2005 Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the projects fall under the Type II Guidelines* for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the following items are approved for Type II Action:

Project #

Replace bleachers for Middle School	580602040010012
New chimney at H.S.	580602040012015
New chimney at Pulaski St	580602040004012
New boiler for Riverhead H.S	580602040012014
New electrical panels at Phillips Ave.	580602040001009
Heating & ventilation systems at Middle School	580602040010011

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the District approve the Type II Action for the above projects and the completed applications be submitted to the State Education Department and the State Historical Preservation Office.

* These projects will not have any significant environmental impact according to the requirements of the State.

Mrs. Prete requested the exact amount spent so far out of the \$700,000 bond, as well as, assurance that the Type II Action projects be subject to the bid process. Mr. Singleton stated that this is the first step for application to the SED and that when SED approval is received --- the appropriate bids will result, by law, with final award of bids approved by the Board of Education.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

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

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Regular Meeting – February 7, 2006

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Doyle continued the new tradition of honoring the birthdays of Board members, and...this time, it was to honor the recent birthday of Brian Stark.

Mrs. Montefusco announced that together with Mr. Doyle, Joseph Singleton and Space Planning Committee members, Brian Stark and Tim Griffing, they will meet with Senator LaValle this Friday afternoon to further discuss the legislation that will be required for the potential/prospective annexation of Little Flower Union Free School District. She reiterated that there must be a district-wide referendum on the matter and specifics will be discussed.

Mrs. Berezny encouraged attendance to the production of *Cinderella* Coordinated by 4th grade teacher, Mr. Jim Schaefer, on March 15 at the High School auditorium at 7:00 p.m. She referred to a letter passed on to members of the Board of Education on recommendations made by the Anti-Bias Task Force Committee encouraging the District to incorporate diversity in its curriculum. She, also, mentioned that some retired ladies of the telephone company who form the Pioneers Home Company will give a complimentary dictionary to third graders as a small gift in return for having the opportunity to speak before them. She reported on her attendance to the Regional Legislative Breakfast held at Longwood Middle School on February 11th. It was an open dialogue on legislative actions and views on important issues – making public education a national priority – commitment to fully fund IDEA and other mandates for implementation – and, comprehensive school finance reform and related matters. Mrs. Berezny, also, commented on her attendance, along with Mrs. Chappell, to a workshop presented by the law firm, Ingerman Smith LLP, on the new I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) regulations that were promulgated in December 2005.

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Mr. Griffing sincerely asked parents to monitor their children when on-line, particularly relative to the myspace.com website which predators visit. He recommended the removal of any photographs or other personal effects as means of identification as a precautionary measure.

Mrs. Prete requested the plans relative to the meeting with Senator LaValle. Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Space Planning Committee members, Brian Stark and Tim Griffing, along with Mr. Doyle and Joseph Singleton, will meet with Senator LaValle this Friday to further discuss potential annexation of Little Flower and proposed legislation, if pursued. Mrs. Prete stated that legislation is needed to do it and the type of legislation should be discussed as it would have to be rescinded or the laws changed specifically for us. She requested a report at the next Board meeting.

Comments heard from the community included:

- reason for creation of an “advisor position” as indicated on the agenda for Executive Session (Mr. Doyle stated that the District received a grant from the Town of Riverhead for the establishment of a Council for Unity at the Middle School – an advisor is needed and negotiations with the RCFA is necessary to establish that position).
- request that our Board of Education present a resolution that ensures that a public vote will be held on the potential annexation of Little Flower (Mrs. Montefusco gave her the Board’s support and offered that such a resolution will appear on the agenda for the March 14th meeting).
- who is the Purchasing Agent? (Mr. Doyle stated that the Assistant Superintendent for Business currently holds that title and, in his absence, the Superintendent does).
- inclusion of Board meetings on school calendar (Mrs. Montefusco stated that that Board meeting schedule is

done at the annual reorganization meeting and that the Board is committed to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month).

-reference to State Historical Preservation Office in the approval of Type II Action for Projects and no mention of the Roanoke Avenue Elementary School (Mr. Singleton explained that in 2001, Albany took the requirement for approval for environmental protection and transferred it from the SED to local school districts – as part of that legislation, all projects must now be submitted to both the SED and the State Historical Preservation Office to make sure there is no abuse of any historical site).

-timeframe of budget discussions (Mrs. Montefusco announced that budget discussions will begin with the March 14th meeting and will be spread over 3-4 meetings thereafter).

-effective date of two positions for Assistant Principal at the High School dated February 15 with a closing date of February 28 and limited circulation of its advertisement (Mr. Doyle stated that the position will be advertised in this coming Sunday's Newsday – the closing date for receipt of applications was incorrect – and, if the District proceeds with these position, they will become effective July 1, 2006).

-the President of the RCFA pointed out the fact that the Riverhead Central School District ranked 20th out of 24 MESTRACT grants awarded and that these figures are above the median which bodes well for the voluntary efforts of teachers – application for grants should not be expected but should be appreciated (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the issue is the fact that teachers failed to even apply which resulted in a tremendous drop-off from previous years. The Board's concern is that it will have an effect on the students and their education and that RCFA negotiations should not impact upon that, inasmuch as, the Board of Education has put forth a very attractive offer).

-a parent spoke on behalf of her grandson and his recent medical attention by the school nurse at the High School and questioned his non-release/clearance to return to the wrestling team vs. another student with a medical condition who was allowed to return to school (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Board was not equipped to answer her concern as they have no knowledge of the incident but felt certain that a protocol/process is in place as a medical release by the school physician is necessary for any student to return to school; however, the incident will be reviewed with Mr. Ogeka)

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-a teacher revisited the MESTRACT grant awards and expressed her hope that such recognition will become an annual event as it is a teacher's *choice* to take the time to write and submit them (Mrs. Montefusco stated that it was Mr. Doyle who suggested the recognition of the efforts put forth by the teachers and subsequent grant awards to the District).

-Mrs. Gassert took opportunity to express her support of the quality, professional teachers of our school district and their full worth but, also, stated that as a Board member, there is a fiduciary responsibility to make sure a budget presented is passed to avoid an austerity budget and cuts in teaching staff).

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 accepts the following recommendations of the Committee on Special Education regarding children with disabilities and whose Individualized Education Plans need to be implemented:

<u>C.S.E. MEETING</u>	<u>STUDENT NUMBERS</u>
01-03-2006	207042, 208341, 208341
01-04-2006	204320, 204656, 207782, 209654, 209736

01/05-2006	212668, 214445, 215164, 215402,
206570	
01-11-2006	205023, 205728, 206301, 208872
12-19-2005	210008
01-12-2006	206111, 206219, 206628, 207238,
208465, 208710, 209088, 209604,	
209833, 209852, 210041, 210607,	
210726, 211003, 211673	
01-13-2006	206385
01-17-2006	213114, 214347, 215601, 214166,
217534, 217538	
01-18-2006	213001, 213679, 214083, 214390, 214643, 215156, 216129, 217293, 217516

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01-24-2006 208834, 209026, 209861, 210538,
210724, 210799
01-25-2006 212018, 212059, 213005, 213683
01-26-2006 215036, 215512, 216010, 21616
01-31-2006 206105, 216686, 207023, 212110,
213646, 214610, 215595
02-06-2006 214006, 214110, 217143, 215036

C.P.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

01/11/2006 219069, 219276, 221132, 221133,
219116, 222012, 219162, 220202,
220013, 219082, 219068, 220170
01/19/2006 219287, 219311, 219218, 220186,
219313, 219110, 220248, 219042,
219310, 219312
02/08/2006 220009, 219147, 219139, 219088,
219004

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District adopts the attached school district calendar for the 2006-07 school year.

Yes 6 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 third and final reading of Board Policy #1222 – *Relations with Booster Organizations*.

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Yes 6 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 health services contract with West Islip Public Schools for one (1) student in the amount of \$499.69 for the 2005-06 school year; and, authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign such contract.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, it would be in the interest of the Riverhead Central School District to participate in cooperative bids with the following districts:

Babylon	Lynbrook
Bethpage	Malverne
Center Moriches	Manhasset
Central Islip	Massapequa
East Hampton	Merrick
East Williston	Middle Country
Elmont	Miller Place
Farmingdale	Mineola
Franklin Square	Mt. Sinai
Freeport	North Merrick
Garden City	North Shore
Glen Cove	Oyster Bay-East Norwich
Half Hollow Hills	Patchogue-Medford
Hampton Bays	Plainedge
Hicksville	Plainview-Old Bethpage
Huntington	Port Jefferson
Island Trees	Rocky Point

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Jericho
Levittown
Lindenhurst
Locust Valley
Long Beach City

Seaford
Shoreham-Wading River
South Huntington
Valley Stream
Wantagh

WHEREAS, it is Riverhead's desire to participate in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, materials and equipment, as advertised by the Clarkstown Central School District acting as the Lead Agency, as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, each Board retains the legal authority to contract with the successful Vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD (S), therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby agrees to

participate with the Clarkstown School District's Cooperative Bids.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete asked for a clarification of the resolution. Mr. Doyle stated that it is an expanded bid list that it is an opportunity to get bid prices on materials and supplies with reduced prices. Mr. Singleton further explained that it is a N.Y.S. Cooperative Bid that has been in existence for many years and is utilized by approximately 300 school districts across the country with about 100 in N.Y.S. Unlike present BOCES bids, BOCES bids provide us with list prices without full knowledge of the real price – this is different – every year it will fix the price of commodities for the year. In addition, it will eliminate a tremendous amount of paperwork at both the school and building levels - each teacher can put orders directly into the computer – It approved electronically and processed in the Business Office and it will provide the ability to have the supplies delivered in a timely fashion for the teachers. The associated cost is \$13,150. Anticipated savings are estimated to be 3-4 times the cost of the service. Mrs. Prete requested that the public be informed of “costs” involved which should be included in any and all resolutions.

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Riverhead Central School District Board of Education resolves that the annual budget vote and election of school board members be held on May 16, 2006 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Riverhead High School gymnasium, 700 Harrison Avenue, Riverhead, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a budget hearing is to be held on May 9, 2006 in the Riverhead High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m., and be it further

RESOLVED, that voter registration be held on Monday, May 8, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Administration Office, 700 Osborne Avenue, Riverhead, New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk and the School District Attorney prepare the legal notices for the annual budget vote and election of school board members.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the attendance of the Superintendent of Schools to the NYSCOSS 2006 Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn Turf, Albany, New York on March 31, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$195.

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the Consultant Agreements between the Riverhead Central School District and the following:

1.) Margaret A. Flood, a Speech Language Pathologist, for 20 hours of Assistive Technology services for a special education student in the Phillips Avenue Elementary School @ \$65/individual 30-minute session, and

2.) Cynthia Heimburger Reilly, consultant services contract for vision and/or orientation and mobility services for a special education student attending the Riley Avenue Elementary School for the 2005-06 school year (commencing 2/27/06) at a rate of \$50 per 30-minute session or \$100 per 60-minute session,

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the attendance of the JV Cheerleading team (21 student athletes), coached by Stephanie Cordeiro, to the National Cheerleading Competition being held on March 10-11, 2006 at Hershey Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania. All costs (entry fees, lodging for three coaches/chaperones and the bus driver) are provided for in the 2005-06 approved budget. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

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Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of Craig Wellbrock of the 2005-06 Varsity Bowling team who qualified for the New York State Competition on March 4-5, 2005 in Syracuse, New York. Transportation and lodging for student participants in the tournament are provided by Section XI of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; and, transportation and lodging costs for the coach are covered in the 2005-06 approved athletic budget. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, bids for Various Furniture and Equipment as required were opened on February 17, 2006 and

WHEREAS, bids for such items have been reviewed by the Interim Supt. For Business and the Purchasing Agent and

WHEREAS, the Interim Supt. for Business and the Purchasing Agent have recommended that certain awards be made to the qualified low bidders meeting specifications, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District awards the following items to the vendors indicated for the various furniture and equipment purchases:

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<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>
Nickerson Corp.	#'s 1, 3, 10, 12, 28, 29, 30	\$2093.75
The Telcar Group	#'s 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26a-f, 27	\$22,235.00
No Awards	#'s 9, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21	

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete questioned the intent of the furniture. Mr. Singleton stated that they are student desks, tables and a variety of furniture part of this year's budget. Because of the dollar amount – bids were required. Mrs. Berezny requested an analysis of the bid.

Yes 4
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Montefusco
Mr. Stark

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Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the following

Agreements for services to students of the Riverhead Central School District:

1.) Instruction Contract between the Riverhead Central School District and the Wantagh Union Free School District for tuition of one (1) special education student in the amount of \$2,946.45 for the period March 15, 2005-June 18, 2005,

2.) Instruction Contract between the Riverhead Central School District and The Wantagh Union Free School District for tuition of one (1) special education student in the amount of \$9,400.50 for the period September 1, 2005-June 30, 2006.

3.) *Revised* Contract for Services between the Riverhead Central School District and The Eden II Programs for one (1) special education student (as per the revised fee schedule) that shall take effect as of July 11, 2005 and terminate on June 23, 2006,

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District declares as surplus the following unusable/beyond repair instruments; and, authorizes the appropriate disposal of same:

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Cello (Ser. #1281)
Cello-Reghin (Ser. #27)
Cello-Kay (Ser. #15430)
Bass-Roth Figerglass (Ser. #391)

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete asked about the replacement of these instruments. "As the budget permits", stated Mr. Singleton. He further stated that some may have already been replaced...the District is not reducing the amount or availability for students.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Marisa Medina
Cynthia Moore

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Amanda Dangelmaier

Jillian Davey

Colleen Gallagher

Danielle Goncalves

Erika Loeb

Tara Malanga

Genia Merkel

Deborah Mitchell

Nancy Poserina

Deborah Talve

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Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Kathleen McMahon – Leave Replacement French Teacher, effective 2/7/06-6/30/06.

Mark F. Lynch – Leave Replacement Science Teacher, effective 2/27/06-6/30/06.

Erin Varland – Substitute Teacher, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06.

Kelly Cerney – Substitute Teacher, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06.

Appointments

Amanda Bowman – Substitute Teacher, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06.

Salary Advancements, Effective February 1, 2006

			From Credits	To Credits
1	Christina	Albani	Bachelors+30	Masters
2	Cheryl	Alexander	Bachelors+30	Masters
3	Jennifer	Barth	Masters+30	Masters+45
4	Jennifer	Bay	Masters	Masters+15
5	Amy	Brennan	Masters	Masters+15
6	Jessica	Cohen	Masters	Masters+15
7	Carolyn	Colantropo	Masters	Masters+15
8	Crystal	Crespo	Masters	Masters+15
9	Kelly	Evers	Masters+45	Masters+60
10	Charles	Giannone	Masters	Masters+15
11	Eileen	Gorman	Masters+60	Masters+75
12	Kathryn	Graves	Masters+45	Masters+60
13	Nadine	Greenberg	Masters+15	Masters+30
14	Carole	Kirchhoff	Masters	Masters+15
15	Ellen	Knieriemen	Masters+15	Masters+30
16	Barbara	Kobus	Masters	Masters+15
17	Craig	Korobow	Masters+15	Masters+30
18	Suzanna	LoMagno	Masters+30	Masters+45
19	Vincent	Maccone	Bachelors	Bachelors+30
20	Christopher	Malanga	Masters+60	Masters+75
21	Barbara	Marsicano	Bachelors+30	Bachelors+45
22	Alyson	McLeod	Masters+15	Masters+30
23	Cheryl	Mustacchio	Masters+60	Masters+75

Masters+45

24	Colleen	O'Leary	Masters+30	
25	Michelle	Paterno	Bachelors	Masters
26	Elizabeth	Roberts	Masters+45	Masters+75

27	Jennifer	Simoes	Masters+15	Masters+45
28	Deborah	Smidt	Bachelors+45	Masters
29	Matthew	Smorra	Masters	Masters+15
30	Lisa	Talmage	Masters+30	Masters+45
31	Linda	Wallace	Masters+30	Masters+45
32	Carrie	Weber	Masters	Masters+15
33	Megan	Zurek	Masters+45	Masters+60

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Coaching Appointment for 2005/06

Justin Snyder – Intramural Weight Training-Spring, effective 3/13/06-5/5/06.

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Continuation of Leave Replacement

James Jones – Leave Replacement Music Teacher, effective 2/17/06-5/12/06.

Amendment to Request for Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Betsy Fabricatore – French Teacher, To: 2/6/06-4/7/07 Using accumulated sick time, 4/17/06-6/30/06 FMLA.

Kathryn Graves – Science Teacher, To: 2/27/06-3/30/06 Using accumulated sick time, 3/31/06-6/30/06 FMLA.

Amendment to Probationary Appointments

Kelly Cregan – Elementary Teacher, To: Probationary Appointment, 9/1/05-1/31/08, From: Probationary Appointment, 9/1/05-8/31/08.

Joann Degruccio – Special Education Teacher, To: Probationary Appointment, 9/1/05-8/31/08, From: Probationary Appointment, 3/16/05-3/15/08.

Amy Brennan – Reading Teacher, To: Probationary Appointment, 9/1/05-8/31/08, From: Probationary Appointment, 4/18/05-4/17/08.

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Request for Continuation of Workers' Compensation Leave of Absence

Lisa Talmage – Music Teacher, N.Y.S. Workers' Compensation, 2/27/06-5/12/06.

Request for Paid Leave of Absence

Kevin Woods – NJROTC Instructor, RCFA sick bank, 2/27/06-4/7/06.

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Request for Leave Without Pay

Lance Mion – Science Teacher, effective 3/2/06 and 3/3/06.

Retirement

Joan Worthing – Mathematics Teacher, Resignation to Retire
N.Y.S. Teachers' Retirement System, effective 3/11/06.

Yes 6 No 0

Motion Carried as Amended.

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 Civil Service Personnel recommendations be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and are subject to Board Policy #9310:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Celeste Gelburd

Doris Taylor

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Walter Brown

Carlas Clairborne

Colin Grattan

Marianne Lynn

Denise Naso

Jennifer Ordmandy

Lillian Ramos

Cynthia Saletel

Change in Status

Diane Houghton – To: Hourly Food Service Worker, From:
Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 3/1/06.

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Change in Hours

Phyllis Escobar – Hourly Food Service Worker, To: 4 hours per day, From: 1.5 hours per day, effective 3/1/06.

Jane Tonno – School Bus Matron – To: 5 hours per day, From: 5.5 hours per day, effective 2/6/06.

Amendment to Request for Leave Without Pay

Sharon Jimenez – School Teacher Aide, To: 2/7/06-3/20/06,
From: 1/3/06-2/3/06.

Request for Leave Without Pay

Donna Alfano – 12-month Clerk Typist, effective 2/22, 23, 24/06.

Resignation

Karen Nolan-Schutt – School Bus Driver, effective 1/21/06.

Termination

Brenda Coppedge – School Bus Monitor, effective 2/17/06.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Timothy Crump – Substitute Guard, effective 3/1/06-6/30/06.

Mrs. Prete announced her abstention due to her connection as being a relative.

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

Abstention 1
Mrs. Prete

Motion Carried.

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

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

Appointment

John Fleming – Part-time Plant Facilities Administrator, effective 2/15/06-6/30/06.

In a discussion that followed, Mrs. Prete announced her intent to vote “no” due to the fact that no back-up information was received for review. Mr. Singleton stated that Mr. Fleming will be classified as a part-time employee vs. consultant as required by Civil Service and the N.Y.S. Employees’ Retirement System until a full-time person is hired.

Yes 4
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
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 approves the participation of the Boys' and Girls' Winter Track teams (5 student athletes qualified) in the State Winter Championships at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York on March 3-4, 2006. All expenses for athletes are paid for by Section XI/NYSPHSAA. Funds for coaches, lodging and transportation were budgeted for and approved in the 2005/06 budget. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the following projects are part of the \$700,000 Proposition approved at the May 2005 Annual Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the projects fall under the Type II Guidelines* for the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the following items are approved for Type II Action:

Project #

Replace bleachers for Middle School	580602040010012
New chimney at H.S.	580602040012015
New chimney at Pulaski St	580602040004012
New boiler for Riverhead H.S	580602040012014
New electrical panels at Phillips Ave.	580602040001009
Heating & ventilation systems at Middle School	580602040010011

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THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the District approve the Type II Action for the above projects and the completed applications be submitted to the State Education Department and the State Historical Preservation Office.

* These projects will not have any significant environmental impact according to the requirements of the State.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

Additional community comments are:

-a parent expressed the public's democratic right to vote on a referendum on the potential annexation of Little Flower and that such a resolution will be acted upon by the Board at their meeting on March 14th (Mrs. Prete stated that legislation would have to be rescinded in order to do the new legislation...any vote for the taxpayers would have to be petitioned to the State Commissioner of Education. As a point of clarification, Mr. Singleton stated that it is understanding that annexation always requires a vote of the taxpayers – it cannot be done otherwise. To provide specifics and to support her statement, Mrs. Prete read the following letter for the public's information:

February 6, 2006

Mr. Paul R. Doyle
Superintendent of Schools
Riverhead Central School District
700 Osborne Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901-2996

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Dear Mr. Doyle:

This letter is in response to our January 17th meeting to discuss your proposal for the annexation of the Little Flower Union Free School District to the Riverhead Central School District. There is no authority in existing law or regulation that would allow the two school districts to reorganize in any manner. Annexations to central school districts are governed by Sections 1801-1804 of the Education Law and are carried out by the Commissioner in accordance with the 1947 Master Plan for School District Reorganization, adopted by the Legislature. While the law generally does permit the annexation of a union free school district to a central school district, such reorganization is not permissible for a school district established by special act of the Legislature.

Little Flower Union Free School District is a special act school district that was established by Chapter 469 of the Laws of 1972 and can only be dissolved or modified by subsequent act of the Legislature. It is the position of this office that under current law and regulation, the Little Flower Union Free School District cannot be annexed to the Riverhead Central School District. Any such arrangement would require an act of the Legislature.

We are aware of the financial issues that some special act school districts are having. By copy of this letter, I will inform Deputy Commissioner Rebecca Cort, from our Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities, of your situation.

In regards to your request for a copy of an annexation study done by another school district, I will confer with staff to make available one that may suit your needs. In light of the above noted position on the issue of annexation and the need for special legislation, you may want to refocus your study on areas where the district can work cooperatively within the confines of existing law and regulation.

Should you pursue special legislation, we will also provide any appropriate assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Szuberia
Coordinator
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Prete requested an update of results of the meeting with Senator LaValle to change the law for Riverhead.

-*Thank You* to Mr. Griffing for bringing to the forefront the concerns about the website myspace.com as it has been a topic of discussion of the PTSO for over 5 years

-Council of Unity would be welcomed at the Middle School as a useful tool in certain situations and a guideline in lieu of ISS or students being sent home

-comment on the [Riverhead Alive](#) mailing to residents about Little School and potential school expansion in that our District will be the brainchild of enabling legislation proposed to annex Little Flower and that since Senator LaValle wrote the original legislation...he can change it at will and the District will have spent \$50,000 for a study of an institution in the red. (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the District will do its utmost in the best interests of our children to fund a new building project...every avenue will be explored...there is no commitment on part of the District and anything in reference to Little Flower must be passed by the voters. However, the annexation has the potential to bring millions of dollars in revenue to our district; and, for information, the district is currently in the process of negotiating a parcel not on the Grumman property and looking at several different parcels all central to our school district to build a new high school.)

-comment on 4-1/2 months of voluntary research handed over to the Board on the EPCAL property (Mrs. Montefusco stated that the Space Planning Committee made recommendations to the Board and looked at the EPCAL site because the land was for "free" versus the cost of \$100,000 plus per acre passed on to the taxpayers...there is a great need for a new high school.)

-concern that new legislation would delay the building process and negatively impact state aid (Mr. Singleton stated that going to contract on any parcel is subject to voter approval and would not exclude state aid).

-update on recent incident at H.B. Ward Technical Center (Mr. Doyle stated that based on findings, punishment of the students involved will be dealt accordingly and the incident is being addressed in a forthright manner).

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-request for a fair settlement of the teachers' contract that will put forward competitive salaries/health care benefits in relation to other

school districts that will, also, attract new outstanding teachers to the district

-Mrs. Prete thanked Nancy Carney, Dave Densieski and teachers for implementing an after-school Homework Club program for Pulaski Street School so that the children will get the instruction they need in reading and writing (Mrs. Carney stated that 7 teachers have already requested participation in this well-supervised program).

-a parent requested that the Board consider putting an addition onto the existing building versus funding and building a new one and that the sentiments of the public should be incorporated toward this process

Mrs. Montefusco announced that there will be a half-day of school on Monday, March 6th for the elementary students and that the next Board meeting is scheduled for March 14th.

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

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O'Kula
District Clerk

