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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – March 14, 2006
Riverhead High School Auditorium

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

LATE: Mrs. Mary Ellen Harkin.

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 5:42 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mr. Griffing, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel (request for catastrophic leave, tenure evaluations with principals, parental complaint against teacher/investigation status, teacher harassment investigation status); negotiations (RCFA and Assistant Superintendent's contracts); and, update on acquisition of real property/new High School.

Yes 6 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:43 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:12 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 7:50 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 8:08 p.m.

There were about 225 other people in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recess to
Executive Session

Return to
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ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Barbara O’Kula.

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

Add:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the contract between Nancy Carney and the Riverhead Central School District, covering the period of January 1, 2005 through and including January 1, 2008 as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Amend Resolution on Riverhead Central School District and Little Flower Union Free District

- WHEREAS, the study of the reorganization of the Riverhead and Little Flower Districts is on-going, and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District is committed to examining any opportunity to increase state aid to the Riverhead Central School District, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District will schedule a public referendum on any reorganization resulting from the study and the recommendation of the Board of Education.

Yes 7 No 0

Motion to Amend Agenda Carried.

Mr. Singleton reviewed the detailed appropriations proposed in the 2006-07 budgets for the following components:

- Debt Service
- Fringe Benefits
- Transportation
- Central Administration
- Facilities

Amend Agenda

-Approved

*Proposed 2006-07
Budget Review
-Supplemental File*

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Overall, major increases in transportation and facilities will be realized in unpredictable rising costs in fuel and utilities. Increases in auditing are attributed to the requirements mandated by the State and as recommended by the recent audit (i.e., Purchasing Agent position, internal and external audits). Big increases in the New York State Employees' and Teacher's Retirement Systems result from the mandated increases at both the state and federal levels and stock market indicators. There is an overall Debt Service decrease of \$56,165 or -1.2% on borrowings. The new codes as indicated on the handout to the residents in attendance are dictated by the State of New York Comptroller's Office and provide uniform tracking by the state. The handout representing per line item of the aforementioned is made part of the Supplemental File of the Minutes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to approve the minutes of the following meeting:
Regular Meeting – February 28, 2006

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Berezny, seconded by Mrs. Harkin, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget Transactions for the month of January 2006.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mr. Stark updated the public on identifying parcels suitable for building a new high school. The district is currently getting figures on valuation and working with environmental testing and appraisals. With regard to the proposed annexation of Little Flower, he stated that a meeting is planned with Senator LaValle who has already been made aware of the district's concerns on the "sunset provision" and impact upon our budget and state aid when the 15 years have expired.

Approval of Minutes

-February 28, 2006

-Approved

Treasurer's Report

And Budget

Transactions

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-Approved

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Mrs. Berezny commented on her attendance at the *Relay for Life Kick-Off* that hopes to raise in excess of \$150,000 this year for cancer research. She encouraged the community to attend the production of *Cinderella* tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium and congratulated teacher, Frank Rotenberg, on a recent news article that highlighted him as recipient of the *Teacher of the Year* award. Mrs. Berezny, also, mentioned her attendance at the Anti-Bias Committee meeting where members expressed desire to become an advisory committee with the school board regarding programs that deal with diversity.

Mrs. Prete requested more detailed information on the recent meeting with Senator LaValle. Per Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco, it was a meeting, also, attended by the Board of Directors of Little Flower to specifically set a date to write enabling legislation with the assistance of Dr. Norman Doctor's preliminary results of the study being conducted. Mrs. Prete questioned "enabling legislation" as to whether it will be specific to the Riverhead Central School District or all-encompassing for all *special act* school districts. Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco stated that the initial meeting was intended to start the process and draft language, as well as, to discuss Riverhead's needs with Senator LaValle. Mrs. Berezny requested that Senator LaValle be invited to a Board meeting to talk about the matter in a public forum. Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco stated that Senator LaValle has expressed his willingness to work with our school district and has made it clear that there will be a public referendum on potential annexation of Little Flower.

Mr. Stark stated that Little Flower is a state-run facility with educational and residential components that are partially funded by the state and by districts whose children are enrolled there. The Board at Little Flower has agreed to allow the community to tour their facility and see first-hand what Little Flower is all about. Potential annexation must be mutually beneficial and the study will tell us how to craft legislation. The matter is a "work in progress". Mrs. Prete requested updates on on-going discussions and that the effect on our district relative to test scores be included in the study.

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Community comments included:

- provisions for our children in the budget (This will be covered at the March 28 Board meeting)
- out-of-pocket expenses on part of teachers and parents to pay for school supplies
- source of info on Little Flower for the public's education (Mr. Doyle instructed her to call their Superintendent, George Grigg).
- what is Senator LaValle's solution to Little Flower's deficit and will the \$40,000 study reflect same (Mr. Doyle stated that components of the study (educational, financial, comprehensive) will be included within the confines of that very technical legislation and presented to the Commissioner of Education)
- reference to the long history of limited and inadequate amount of state aid given to Riverhead in the past versus what is being offered by Senator LaValle at this point in time (Mr. Doyle stated that Senator LaValle is aware of our district's financial plight and that he represents all of New York State in terms of solving the capital aid ration)
- comment that Senator LaValle received 50 acres at EPCAL for free and that giving the district more state aid if annexation of Little Flower is realized is "dangling a carrot" (Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco stated that the Board of Education has gone to Senator LaValle many times for a number of years and building a crescendo – now, we have a need for a new building. Mr. Doyle stated that only 30 basis points can be added in a merger – there are no exceptions granted in the State of New York. Mrs. Prete stated that the law states up to 95%).
- suggestion that the district put in a second water main
- questions as to monies budgeted versus actual for contributions to teacher/non-teacher retirements which according to his calculations should be half of what is proposed for 2006-07 or with minimal increase (Mr. Singleton stated that over the last three years, the rate has more than doubled versus if the rate had remained constant --- the proposed figures reflect those increases/rates)
- any discussion with Assemblyman Alessi regarding Little Flower
(Mr. Stark informed her that, by happenstance, he had a recent discussion with the Assemblyman).

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-comment that no parent was asked to be a representative at the interview for Testing and Data Specialist (Ms. Carney stated that three candidates were interviewed and it was an oversight that no parent was asked to participate as the position is very much based on data)

-appointment of a grant-secretary in the absence of a grant-writer and necessity for a new position and accompanying salary that could be performed by existing clerical staff at the District Office (Mr. Doyle explained that the position is related to a very specific federal grant associated with the district's security and emergency response and evacuation procedures/plan – the district is required to follow through on the requirements of the grant.)

-as discussed by the High School PTSO, why hire an Associate Principal and not a Principal at the High School (Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco stated that the Board is very pleased with the current High School Principal and is in the process of providing a mentor to groom someone to fill the Principalship)

-comment that the district would expend \$5,000 to mentor a person who is an Associate Principal (Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco explained that the Associate Principal position is related to the additional responsibilities involved. Mr. Doyle stated that the district is proposing to hire two Assistant Principals, designed to address issues of evaluations/observations of teachers in Grades 7-12 and work in all subject areas between the High School and Middle School. The positions are being recommended for next year due to the shortage of staff due to the addition of a 9th period – this will provide more coverage of programs and reduce the number of shortfalls in transition from the 8th grade to the High School)

-request by Class Advisor for clarification of the timely processing of payment to vendors - in this particular instance, request for sweatshirts for the Class of 2006 in December 2005 for which payment has yet to be

made (Mr. Singleton stated that the Business Office makes special effort to get payments out on a daily basis – if longer than a week, he asked that a call be placed directly to him)

- the President of the RCFA addressed items being proposed in the Governor's budget that could be potentially devastating to public schools. She encouraged a letter-writing campaign to our state and local officials in opposition to several state proposals, namely: a STAR-Plus proposal which would give homeowners a \$400 tax rebate in school districts that hold spending increases under 4%; a

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Flex Aid proposal that would increase aid to districts that stay within the 4% cap; and, the Golden/Lopez Tuition Tax Credit voucher proposal that allocates over a **billion** dollars to private education and diverts funds from true public education. She provided copies of sample letters with the names and addresses of legislators for those wanting to join in the campaign as these pieces of legislation would abet defeated budgets and drain funds away from the public school system.

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

1/26/06 209459

1/31/06 212021

2/7/06 216115, 216330, 218036, 214038,
215102, 215234, 216153, 218265

2/8/06 207837, 208393, 208476, 209322,
209414, 209774

C.P.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

2/8/06 219315, 219316

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 attendance of Board members, Kathleen Berezny and Christine Prete, to a one-day legal conference being presented by the New York State School Boards Association, "Between A Rock And A Hard Place, Negotiating

Committee on
Special Education
-Approved

Approval for
Board Member
Attendance to
Conference
-Approved

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Amid Rising Costs and Fiscal Accountability”, on March 18, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppauge, New York, at a total cost of \$370.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the study of the reorganization of the Riverhead and Little Flower Districts is on-going, and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Central School District is committed to examining any opportunity to increase state aid to the Riverhead Central School District, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District will schedule a public referendum on any reorganization resulting from the study and the recommendation of the Board of Education.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried as Amended.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District hereby adopts revised Policy #9310-R – *Physical and Mental Exams-Regulation*.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Riverhead Central
School District and
Little Flower Union
Free District
-Approved

Adoption of Revised
Policy #9310-R
-Physical and Mental
Exams Regulation
-Adopted

Approval of
Consultant Contracts
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the contracts with the following consultants to be paid through Title funds or professional development allocations for Superintendent's Conference days:

Title IIA Columbia University Teachers College \$19,995

Title IIA & Multicultural America Inc. 8,800
Professional
Development
Allocations

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 authorizes the creation of a *Crew Team* at the club level within the amounts budgeted for in the 2005-06 Athletic programming.

Mr. Doyle stated that this is not an intramural sport recognized by NYSPHAA but is large enough at this time to be

recognized as a duly sanctioned sport.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation of the book entitled, 50 of the Most Inspiring African-Americans by ESSENCE from the Riverhead High School PTSO to the High School library.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Creation of a
Crew Team
-Approved

Acceptance of

Donation
-Approved

Out of State Trips
-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the request of the entire 6th grade, as well as teachers and parents (approximately a 4:1 ratio) to participate in a field trip to the Medieval Times Tournament in Lyndhurst, New Jersey for performances on Tuesday, April 18th and Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at no cost to the district. Transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the participation of the Boys' and Girls' Spring Track teams in competition at the 2006 Penn Relays Carnival at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 27-28, 2006. Funds for entry fees and lodging for coaches and drivers are provided for in the 2005-06 approved budget; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the attendance of the Varsity Boys' Lacrosse team to the Lacrosse Jamboree in Norwalk, Connecticut on March 24-25, 2006. Funds for bus transportation for the team and equipment (one bus and one van), the \$300 entry fee and lodging for three coaches and two bus drivers are available in the 2005-06 approved budget. 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. Prete, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District approves the appointment of the following individual as a volunteer in the athletic program:

Allan A. Borghard – Crew

Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco requested assurance of a background check on all volunteer appointments.

Appointment of
Volunteer
-Approved

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 hereby consents to the request made by the Riverhead Teachers' Association to have teaching assistants fragmented out of the unit and placed in a separate NYSUT bargaining unit.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

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Appointment

(Insert) Jack Maroun - Testing and Data Specialist, effective
4/1/06-3/30/09.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Amend Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Stark, seconded by Mrs. Prete, to table the resolution as amended and requested back-up information:

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:

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Appointment

Jack Maroun - Testing and Data Specialist, effective
4/1/06-3/30/09.

-Approved

Amend Resolution

-Testing and
Data Specialist
-Approved to Amend

Professional
Personnel
Recommendation
-Testing and Data
Specialist
-Tabled

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Table 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 Professional Personnel recommendations be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and are subject to Board Policy #9310:

Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Kathleen McMahon
Deborah Talve
Erin Varland

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Kelly Cerney
Amanda Dangelmaier
Jillian Davey
Colleen Gallagher
Danielle Goncalves
Erika Loeb
Mark F. Lynch
Tara Malanga
Genia Merkel
Deborah Mitchell
Nancy Poserina

Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment

Gordon Scott Kenney – Substitute Teacher, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.

Change in Status

Kathleen Marelli – From: Substitute Teacher, To: Leave Replacement, effective 2/1/06-Return of Employee (date undetermined at this time).

Coaching Appointment for 2005-06

Chad Haverty – Intramural Golf/Spring, effective 3/27/06-5/12/06.

Professional

Personnel

Recommendations

-Approved

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Amendment to Coaching Appointment for 2005-06

From: Leif Shay – Middle School Head/Wrestling, effective 2005-06 school year To: Leif Shay – Middle School Head/Wrestling, 6 weeks Matthew Donnelly – Middle School Head/Wrestling, 3 weeks

Amendment to Request for Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Keri Stromski – Elementary Teacher, To: 12/15/06-3/24/06 (FMLA), From: 12/16/05-3/27/06 (FMLA).

Workers' Compensation Leave of Absence

Susan Chorzempa – Elementary Teacher, N.Y.S. Workers' Compensation, 1/9/06-undetermined date.

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

Colin Grattan

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Walter Brown

Carlas Clairborne

Marianne Lynn

Denise Naso

Jennifer Ordmandy

Lillian Ramos

Cynthia Saletel

Civil Service

Personnel

Recommendations

-Approved

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Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Tiana Wells – Substitute Guard, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Marilyn Ross – Substitute Guard, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Sean Mackie – Substitute Guard, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Victoria Beers – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Lorraine Cassidy – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Edwin Stewart – Substitute Custodial Worker I, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.

Appointments

Amy Douglas-Smith – Substitute Clerk Typist, effective 2/28/06-6/30/06.
Sherri Whitley – Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Faye Cowell-Davender – Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective 3/15/06-6/30/06.
Patricia Horton – Hourly Grant Secretary.

Change in Hours

Cynthia Hynds – Food Service Worker, To: 6.5 hours per day,
From: 5 hours per day, effective 3/15/06.

Request for Paid Leave of Absence

Laurie Ann Conforti – Teaching Assistant, effective 3/27/06-4/21/06 (using accumulated sick time).

Request for Catastrophic Leave

Jennifer Sullivan – School Teacher Aide, effective 3/10/06-4/7/06.

Amendment to Retirement Date

Robert Latour – Custodial Worker I, Resignation to retire N.Y.S.
Employees' Retirement System, To: 6/30/06 From: 4/30/06.

Retirement

Sandra Schwarz – Senior Clerk Typist, Resignation to retire N.Y.S.
Employees' Retirement System, effective 7/14/06.

Resignation

Amy Douglas-Smith – School Teacher Aide, effective 2/27/06.

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

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment
Timothy Crump

Yes 6
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco
Mr. Stark

Abstention 1
Mrs. Prete

Mrs. Prete stated that Mr. Crump is a relative and, therefore, she would abstain in the vote.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Prete, seconded by Mrs. Gassert, to rescind the motion/vote on 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

Patricia Horton – Hourly Grant Secretary.

Rescind Motion/Vote

-Hourly Grant
Secretary

-Motion to Rescind
Approved

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Yes 7 No 0
Motion to Rescind 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 Civil Service Personnel recommendations be approved per Supplemental File Personnel Report and are subject to Board Policy #9310:

Appointment

Patricia Horton – Hourly Grant Secretary.

Yes 5
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mrs. Hulse-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 contract between Nancy Carney and the Riverhead Central School District, covering the period of January 1, 2005 through and including January 1, 2008 as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Civil Service
Personnel
Recommendation
-Hourly Grant
Secretary
-Approved

Approval of Contract
-Nancy Carney
-Approved

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Additional community comments included:

-a community member requested that the minutes include her objection to not being recognized by the Board of Education during the first portion of the meeting and second portion of the last meeting (The Board President assured her that the time constraint of 30 minutes to permit community input was enforced and in no way was meant to single her out).

-question as to whether the District will have a Purchasing Agent in place for the coming year to which Mr. Doyle responded “yes”.

-inquiry as to Debt Service (The \$429,750 is the principal and interest payments for the additions to the public library in the absence of no state aid, per Mr. Singleton).

-statement that it is a mistake to grant raises and approve contracts for administration ahead of reaching a settlement in the teachers’ contract but...approved of “holding the line” on teachers’ benefits because it is not affordable for the general public and cited that at least fifty families with elementary grade children have moved away as a result

-request for clarification of the *Committee* that met with Senator LaValle and that it should have been a public meeting (Mrs. Hulse-Montefusco stated that it was the sub-committee of the Space Planning Committee that met with the Senator for the purpose of proposing draft legislation. Mr. Doyle further stated that no quorum of the Board was present, therefore, legally, it was not a public meeting and provision in General Municipal Law allows such a meeting as long as no business is conducted).

-payment of tuition and number of Riverhead students attending Little Flower (Mr. Doyle stated that only two are legitimate Riverhead residents. Mr. Singleton clarified that when children are placed in a residential setting, the question of tuition always reverts to the residence/school district of where that child lived at the time of placement.)

-budgetary questions as to expiration of bonds, maintenance of school facilities and attorney fees and request that the Board of Education adhere to policy to start in a timely manner

-entertainment of acreage (50 acres) at EPCAL as a building site for a new high school (Mr. Doyle stated that the location, availability, delay by the Riverhead Town Board to transfer the

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property and environmental concerns prompted the Board to gear their efforts to find a better and more centrally located facility with no issues attached)

-reason to consider merge/annexation with Little Flower (Mrs. Montefusco explained that the decision was made to do an investigative study to explore its feasibility both financially and state-aid wise.)

-request that the Board respect the valuable teachers of our school district and reach a fair and equitable contract settlement

- a showing of pictures relative to Riverlife (at Pulaski Street School) and the North Shore Christian Church (at Riley Avenue School) and suggestion that the public educate themselves on their operations
- a personal “thank you” to the Principal and Assistant Principal at the Middle School for their professionalism to resolve an alleged sexual harassment matter
- entitlement of additional state aid if a referendum for annexation of Little Flower fails (Mr. Doyle stated “no”).
- a “thank you” to High School PTSO President, Laurie Downs, for bringing the motivational presentation of *Rachel’s Challenge* to our district

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara O’Kula
District Clerk

Adjournment