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MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – April 18, 2006
Aquebogue Elementary School

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

LATE: Mrs. Nancy Gassert and 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 5:39 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mr. Stark, to appoint Mr. Singleton as Acting District Clerk.

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Griffing, seconded by Mr. Stark, to recess to executive session to discuss personnel (candidate for Assistant Superintendent for Business, investigation of staff member); negotiations (RCFA); and, acquisition of real property (new High School site).

Yes 5 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education recessed to executive session at 5:40 p.m.

Mrs. Gassert arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Mrs. Harkin arrived at 6:37 p.m.

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Acting District Clerk

-Joseph Singleton

-Approved

Recess to

Executive Session

Return to

Open Session

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The Board of Education returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

A brief recess followed.

The meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

There were about 200 other people in attendance.

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

meeting:

Regular Meeting - March 28, 2006

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The Board of Education and Superintendent announced special recognition of the following students and athletic teams for their achievements:

- Interscholastic Teams Section XI Sportsmanship Awards
- Riverhead High School Student, Craig Wellbrock/Bowling Stats & Awards
- Riverhead Junior Varsity Cheerleaders Win National Championship

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

WHEREAS, the **Grade 7 Girls' Volleyball Team** was selected for the Section XI Sportsmanship Award for the 2005-06 Winter season and have best exemplified standards of sportsmanship as assessed by opposing teams within each scheduling device (league, division, etc.) and

Approval of Minutes

-March 28, 2006

-Approved

*Recognition of
Students, Athletic
Teams, Coaches and Junior Varsity*

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WHEREAS, the students brought credit to themselves, their parents and the Riverhead Central School District, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools commends the student athletes and the leadership of **Coach Danielle Altman** in the achievement of this honor.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the **Grade 9 Boys' Basketball Team** was selected for the Section XI Sportsmanship Award for the 2005-06 Winter season and have best exemplified standards of sportsmanship as assessed by opposing teams within each scheduling device (league, division, etc.) and

WHEREAS, the students brought credit to themselves, their parents and the Riverhead Central School District, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools commends the student athletes and the leadership of **Coach Victor Guadagnino** in the achievement of this honor.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

WHEREAS, the **Varsity Boys' Bowling Team** was selected for the Section XI Sportsmanship Award for the 2005-06 Winter season and have best exemplified standards of sportsmanship as assessed by opposing teams within each scheduling device (league, division, etc.) and

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WHEREAS, the students brought credit to themselves, their parents and the Riverhead Central School District, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools commends the student athletes and the leadership of **Coach Scott Hackal** in the achievement of this honor.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Berezny inquired as to what line item in the budget is applicable to the \$40,000 study for Little Flower. Mr. Singleton stated that the monies were coming from the line for Tax Anticipation Notes and that the interest rate was a little lower than anticipated.

Both Mrs. Prete and Mrs. Berezny took a moment to thank all the teachers for their letters and of their careful attention to each and every one.

Comments from the community included:

-request to eliminate the position for Assistant Superintendent for Business as non-affordable for taxpayers and is indicative of a multiplication of administrators and that the Board give consideration to replace the post with a Business Manager. Mrs. Hulse Montefusco responded in that there are no viable candidates available off the Civil Service list and that the District cannot afford not to have qualified people on staff. (In this regard, Mrs. Prete related to the missed opportunity when an individual was interning in the Business Office for six months who was a qualified candidate and who could have been hired at a reasonable rate.) Mr. Singleton then commented that in his forty years in the business, there are presently 22 Interim Assistant Superintendents on Long Island and few candidates state-wide; therefore, the district was fortunate to have gotten an outstanding candidate to interview for the position.

*Opportunity for
Board Members*

*Community
Comments*

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-inquiry as to connection of acquisition of property on Executive Session agenda with property on Middle Road to which Mrs. Hulse Montefusco responded "no"
-comment that it is a professional error to tie oneself up with a participating school as it pertains to social workers only from

Stony Brook as interpreted from the item on tonight's agenda relative to an Agreement with Stony Brook University Hospital

- due diligence on the SEQRA process/environmental concerns relative to any potential acquisition of property and full disclosure to the public prior to any referendum
- in accordance with the recent audit, the Purchasing Agent cannot be the business official (Mr. Doyle stated that a Purchasing Agent is being budgeted for and created in the 2006-07 proposed budget.)
- any plans for a night football game? Mrs. Hulse Montefusco responded "no".
- statement that students being tutored by High School students should be certified tutors and will the proposed 2006-07 budget provide for certified tutors (Mr. Doyle responded in the affirmative)
- appeal to the SED to abort the study on Little Flower as a SED representative informed her that a school District cannot annex a special act school without legislative authority
- request of importance not to overlook the offering of a retirement package competitive and comparable to other schools when settling a fair and equitable contract in support of teachers who dedicate many hours of personal time and take additional classes to educate themselves and use out-of-pocket monies to cover instructional expenses
- comment that the Peer II program is one of the most important programs in the High School – that students appreciate each other when students tutor other students – and, that paying a tutor will be of assistance
- implementation of a program to ensure that teachers and administrators respond appropriately to sexual harassment allegations and that all safeguards (EMT's, ambulance, etc.) are in place during field days, etc.

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-necessary versus unnecessary expense of Connect-Ed (Mr. Doyle stated that this system will pay for itself in postage and other expenses – it is a direct expenditure for parental involvement to keep parents abreast of tests and events in our schools, as well as, the importance of timely notification of sexual predators within our school district) Mrs. Prete expressed her concern that correct mailing lists be maintained in addition to Connect Ed.

-status of required school board member attendance to seminars (The District Clerk is presently making arrangements for Board members to meet the requirement)

Mrs. Berezny requested that the auditors' findings in the area of Cultural Arts be presented to the Board.

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:

C.S.E. MEETING STUDENT NUMBERS

02/09/06 207340

02/14/06 209506

02/16/06 211380, 216059, 217031, 217163,
217389

02/17/06 205072, 207084, 207211, 207258,
207884, 209622, 209557, 209863,
210044, 206841, 207116

02/27/06 205745, 206302, 206764, 207771,
207801, 208465, 208710, 210008,
217153, 218183

02/28/06 208339, 211538, 211644, 212000,
212054, 212356, 212437, 212481,
213021, 213207, 213174

03/03/06 209090, 209654

03/08/06 217195

Committee on
Special Education

-Approved

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03/09/06 217559
03/10/06 211005, 212399
03/14/06 205001, 205182, 205549, 206675,
207146, 207803, 208053, 208232,
208451, 209682
03/16/06 208057, 208106
03/23/06 211005

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 District's participation and Agreement with Stony Brook University, School of Social Welfare in order that students can complete field work experiences; and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the High School Principal to sign such Agreement.

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 District's participation in the Health Occupation Partnership Program with Stony Brook University Hospital and Health Sciences Center; and, authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the High School Principal to sign such Agreement.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Agreement with
Stony Brook University
Hospital School of
Social Welfare
-Approved

Agreement with
Stony Brook University
Hospital and Health
Services
-Approved

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 President of the Board of Education to sign an Agreement with Pruzansky & Besunder, LLP to serves as special counsel regarding acquisition of property.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District authorizes the addition of the following Impartial Hearing Officer to the District's rotational selection list, effective immediately:

Esther Mora

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 authorizes the deletion of the following Impartial Hearing Officers from the District's rotational selection list, effective immediately:

Kevin Eardley
Steven Goldsmith
Sanders Gropper
David Nydick
Arthur Riegel
Lucille Thalmann
Eric Zaidins

Agreement with
Pruzansky & Besunder, LLP
-Approved

Additions to IHO
Rotational List
-Approved

Deletions from the
IHO Rotational List
-Approved

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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 following contracts for health services:

- 1.) Center Moriches Union Free School District – (27) children in the total amount of \$12,576.06 (\$465.78 per student) for the 2005-06 school year;
- 2.) East Islip Union Free School District – amount to be based/invoiced on actual enrollment for the 2005-06 School year,

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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 approves the request of the 4th grade teachers at Roanoke Avenue Elementary School for the 4th grade students to participate in a field trip to Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, Connecticut on June 6, 2006. The trip is funded by the BOCES Cultural Arts Program and parents; and, transportation is subject to approval pursuant to Board policy.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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

Health Services
Contracts
-Approved

Out of State Trip
-Approved

Donation

-Approved

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Riverhead Central School District gratefully accepts the donation of \$194.01 from the *Wamoola for Schools* program, Washington Mutual, in support of our schools and on behalf of the Roanoke Avenue Elementary School.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gassert, 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:

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Kelly Cerney

Jillian Davey

Danielle Goncalves

Noreen Harrigan

Gordon Scott Kenney

Erika Loeb

Mark F. Lynch

Tara Malanga

Genia Merkel

Nancy Poserina

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Revised Maternity/Child Care Leave of Absence

Betsy Fabricatore – Foreign Language Teacher, To: 3/1/06-4/21/06 (using accumulated sick days) 4/24/06-6/30/06 (FMLA);
From: 3/1/06-4/13/06 (using accumulated sick days) 4/14/06-6/30/06 (FMLA).

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

Professional
Personnel
Recommendations
-Approved

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 #:

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment
Jack Maroun

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 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:

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Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointment
Timothy Crump

Civil Service
Personnel
Recommendations
-Approved

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Yes 6
Mrs. Berezny
Mrs. Gassert
Mr. Griffing
Mrs. Harkin
Mr. Stark

Mrs. Hulse Montefusco

No 1
Mrs. Prete

Mrs. Prete stated that her "no" vote is due to the fact that Mr. Crump is a relative.

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

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Change in Status/Fingerprint Clearance

Edwin Stewart

Extension of Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Victoria Beers

Walter Brown

Lorraine Cassidy

Carlas Clairborne

Marianne Lynn

Sean Mackie

Carol McKay

Denis Naso

Jennifer Ormandy

Killian Ramos

Marilyn Ross

Cynthia Saletel

Tiana Wells

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Emergency 20-day Conditional Appointments

Debra Costello – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 4/19/06-6/30/06.

Tanya Wigley – Substitute Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 4/19/06-6/30/06.

Appointment

Brian Davis – Substitute Custodial Worker I, effective 4/5/06-6/30/06.

Change in Status

Joy Regula – To: 12-month Sr. Clerk Typist, From: Part-time Clerk Typist, effective 4/24/06.

Theresa Cahill – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 4/24/06.

Judith Coacci – To: School Bus Driver, From: Substitute School Bus Driver, effective 4/24/06.

Change in Hours

Jeanne Bubka-McCray – School Bus Driver, To: 7.5 hours per day, From: 8 hours per day, effective 4/3/06.

Resignation

Lisa Zimmerman – School Teacher Aide, effective 4/14/06.

Terminations

Faye Cowell-Davender – Substitute School Bus Monitor, effective 4/19/06.

Dallas Johnson – Custodial Worker I, effective 3/2/05.

Katherine Karabiberoglu – Hourly Food Service Worker, effective 1/5/05.

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

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Additional community comments included:

- concern that teachers use personal monies for classroom supplies (Mr. Singleton stated that there has been no reduction in allocations to any school and that tactual distribution of dollars needed by class and/or teacher is determined by the building principal)
- the high salary of a new Assistant Superintendent for Business would in turn serve to inflate the salaries of the Superintendent and other administrators

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

Yes 7 No 0
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Singleton
Acting District Clerk

*Community
Comments*

Adjournment