Date: June 14, 2004
Meeting Type: Board of Education Regular Meeting
Present: Carlyle Turner, Susan Hiscock, Elaine Parks, Jerome Walker, Jack Zito, Bruce Dombkowski, Tony Lambert (absent due to military commitment
Dr. Theodore Grocki, Superintendent, Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Principal
Ilene Lapidus, Business Administrator Tom Volz, School Lawyer

Music Room:
Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Carlyle Turner, President of the Board of Education.

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:
A) Call to Order by the President upon his/her having ascertained the presence of a Quorum and Roll Call.
B) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated May 10, 2004 and a special meeting dated May 26, 2004 with necessary corrections.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

C) Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education – Tom Frederico ask the Board for the second time to grant him permission to have his daughter attend Pre-K for one year as out of district student. Dr. Grocki regretfully said he could not grant his request that he was sticking to the Out-Of-District Policy.

D) Communications

E) Board of Education Items.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Pre-K Graduation- Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 10am.
B. 6th Grade Graduation- Tuesday, June 22 at 6pm.
C. K – 5 Moving Up Day Ceremony - Friday, June 25, 2004 at 9:00am
D. High School Graduation- June 27 at 4pm.
E. Tuesday, June 15, 2004 - 7 – 12 Last Day of Classes
F. NYS Regents Exams June 16 – 23, 2004
G. Monday, June 28 – Wednesday June 30 – High School Summer School Registration

III. REPORTS:
A) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Safe School Plan Review and Code of Conduct Review for the 2004 – 05 school year.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Dombkowski Vote: 6-0

B) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Professional Development Plan Review including Mentoring Component.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Hiscock Vote: 6-0

C) Review of Internal Auditing Process – Ilene Lapidus, the School Business Manger shared with the Board her concerns about internal auditing in the business office. She felt that it should be handled very carefully by the entire Board and not just one member. Her recommendation to the Board is to hire an experienced school Internal Auditor for the district
for the 2004-05 school year. Dr. Grocki suggested that we advertise the position and interview people until we find the right person for the job. Mr. Turner suggested that we may need to look into what is happening with our External Auditors as well.

D) Principal’s Report – Dr. Youngblood reported that the year is ending rapidly on a positive note. Teachers have worked very hard this year and she felt that our tests scores will show that hard work coming from the students. There will be a Book Sale of African American books on June 17, 2004, from 10-2:00pm.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Attorney’s Proposal for Legal Services Agreement as General Counsel ($13,000 plus $190 per hour litigation rate) and Labor Counsel ($200 per hour with a $20,000 annual cap) for the 2004-05 school year.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Hiscock Vote: 6-0

B. Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Summer School at the Bridgehampton Schools from July 6, 2004 through July 30, 2004 from 9am until 12 noon on Monday through Thursday.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Hiscock Vote: 6-0

VI. INVITATION TO VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON TOPICS DISCUSSED ABOVE – Mary Wyche, a community member ask the Board, what was the reason for a summer school session for the elementary students. She felt what ever was going to be covered in summer school, should have been covered during the school year with the small class sizes. Remedial work, enhancement programs etc. should all be a part of the curriculum during the year. Dr. Youngblood responded by saying that our summer program was a program that allows the teachers and students to get a feel for the upcoming year. It also was as a transitional period for everyone. As well as being fun for the students. Mrs. Wyche said she still did not see the need.

Mrs. Esther Pinckney wanted to know why the senior class could not have a graduation speaker, if they wanted one. And why were they told they could not have one by Dr. Youngblood and Dr. Grocki. Mr. Turner responded, that the Administration and the Board were told that last year’s graduation was so nice without a speaker, that Administration recommendation was to follow the same trend for this year.

Ava Mack, the community liaison addressed the Board as an Alumni of Bridgehampton School. She said that she graduated in 1978 and as long as she could remember except for last year. Bridgehampton has always had a graduation speaker. She said that having a speaker was a part of the children’s memories and not allowing them to have a speaker was selfishness on Administration part. She also stated that if she was ask this question from the Administration before now, as the community liaison, parents probably would not have had to show up tonight because she would have let the Administration know how important it is to the students and the community to have a graduation speaker.
The entire Board was not aware of the question or the decision regarding a graduation speaker and was surprised to hear it. After the discussion the Board asked the Administration if they could be resolved by allowing the speaker the speaker of the senior’s choice, which was Mr. Fred Coverdale, an Interim Principal that was at BHS two years. Ago. Everyone agreed to resolve the problem.

Mrs. Thelma Harris ask the Board if an employee of the CSEA bargaining unit was given a leave of absence for six months are they allowed benefits. Mr. Turner directed her to the school lawyer, Tom Volz. He responded by saying it was up to the administration and the contractual agreement of that bargaining unit. Mr. Turner then said to her that Personnel and Contractual issues were not public discussion and should only be discussed in executive session.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS: (Consent Agenda)

A) Finance Matters

1) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts warrants #25 & 26.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 6-0

2) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of May 2004

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 6-0

3) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Budget Transfers for the month of June 2004 in the amount of $514,206.50.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 6-0

4) Consideration of Bid Award for Access Control and Manual Lock Replacement for all rooms and buildings within the Bridgehampton UFSD.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 6-0

E) Personnel

1) Resignation

2) Leaves

   a) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Betty Turner, Senior Clerk Typist, for a leave of absence from July 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 5-1

   Abstain - Turner

3) Assignments

   a) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Nancy Moloney, Aleta Parker, Jessica Rodgers, Daisy Bowe, Annette Rivera, Mike Byrne, Marilyn Kirkbright, Mary Anne Jules, Carolyn Vazquez and Laura Keenan as Summer School Teachers for Summer 2004 at the salary as per the negotiated agreement between the BTA and the BUFSD.

   Motion: Zito  Seconded: Walker  Vote: 6-0
b) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD Anahi Walton-Schafer, who possesses NYS Provisional Certification in Spanish 7-12, to a three-year probationary appointment ending August 31, 2007, as a Spanish 7-12 teacher at a salary of M+50 step 4, effective September 1, 2004.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

4) Other
a) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Tenure appointment for Dr. Dianne B. Youngblood, Principal Pre-K, K, Grades 1-12, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

C) Use of Facilities
1) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves West Side Advisors, who have provided insurance coverage, for use of the gymnasium on a not to interfere basis from July 1, 2004 through August 31, 2004 from 9am through 10:30am on weekends.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

2) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Southampton Youth Association, Inc., who have provided insurance coverage, to use the soccer fields from June 1, 2004 through August 20, 2004 on a not-to-interfere basis from 5pm through 7pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

D) Committee on Special Education
3) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for student #1-6 at a meeting dated April 21, 2004; for student #1 and 2 at a meeting dated May 14, 2004; and student #1 at a meeting dated May 19, 2004.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

E) Other
1) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves David Holmes and Peter Pizzorno as Junior Class Advisors for the 2003-04 school year.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

2) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves The Ladies Soccer Club, to use the Soccer Fields for soccer practice on June, July and August, Tuesday and Thursday from 5pm through 9pm.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0

3) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Bridgehampton Library Fridays at Five Author Service, who have provided insurance coverage, to use the gymnasium on Fridays, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/23, 7/30/2004 from 4pm through 7pm.

Motion: Zito Seconded: Walker Vote: 6-0
Resolved that the Board of Education convene into an executive session at 7:04pm

Motion: Zito  Seconded: Dombkowski  Vote: 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education re-convene into public session at 8:10 pm

Motion: Zito  Seconded: Dombkowski  Vote: 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting 8:11 pm

Motion: Dombkowski  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,  Joyce Crews-Manigo, District Clerk