BRIDGEHAMPTON U.F.S.D.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: March 14, 2005
Meeting Type: Board of Education Regular Meeting
Present: Bruce Dombkowski, Elaine Parks, Christine Kaeding, Jack Zito
Music Room: Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Bruce Dombkowski, Vice 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 February 14, 2005

Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

C) Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education

D) Communications

E) Board of Education Items

F) Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Emergency Evacuation Drill scheduled for March 16, 2005
B. Kindergarten Screening & Registration (March 21 – 23)
C. Winter Recess – School Closed (March 21-25)
D. BOCES Annual Meeting scheduled for April 5, 2005
E. Third Quarter Ends – April 6, 2005
F. Report Card Distribution, P.M. Classes cancelled for Parent Conferences – April 12, 2005
G. Next BOE Meeting – April 11, 2005
H. BOCES Annual Budget/Election Vote – April 20, 2005
I. Other

II. REPORTS:
A) Principal’s Report. – Before Mr. Medio began his presentation, Dr. Youngblood officially introduced Mr. Medio as Interim Principal. Mr. Medio thanked the Board for having him back at “Good Old BHS”. He announced that Jeffrey Hand will be Mrs. Nina Merkert’s maternity leave replacement. Mr. Medio also congratulated the three students that attended SCME Festival (John Halliday, Ana Rosa Vallejo and Nathan Hochstedler). He also congratulated our music dept. teachers for a job well done. He added that Karess Taylor-Hughes will be leaving next week to travel with Sag Harbor baseball team which she is a part of, to compete in the state finals. Lastly, he reported that the young playwright festival at Bay Street will take place Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2005, that will produce a play that was written by Trevor Dabney. Tanasha Clark and Shawntise Stephens were selected to star in the play.
IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A). Discussion with Paul Rodgers, Architect, to secure bids for the replacement of the main building roof – Mr. Rodgers presented an assortment of slates that could be considered for the roof replacement. The majority of the Board members agreed with the selection of Vande –Hey Raleigh concrete slates. This would cost the district approximately $170,000. Finally the Board agreed to discuss this further and to have John Wyche and Susan Hiscock be a part of the final decision. The Building and Ground Committee Members and the Superintendent will meet before the next meeting to talk about this in full detail. Mr. Rodgers will also look into the work done at the Springs School as suggested by Mrs. Kaeding.

B) Jason Belkin, a BOCES employee, as Public Relations person - Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Jason Belkin as Public Relation’s person for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year at a cost not to exceed $5,000.

   Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

C) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD authorizes the Superintendent to secure bids for a new, district-wide Access Control System.

   Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. First Draft of 2005-06 BUFSD Budget – Dr. Youngblood presented the first draft of the 2005-06 School Budget in the amount of $9,822,386, that reflects a 6.827% tax rate increase. The Board members agreed to review the budget book over that was presented to them and call Dr. Youngblood directly with questions or concerns.

B. Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD appoints The Betty Cure and Henry Binzer, Educational and Financial Consulting Firm to conduct a Business Office Organizational and Efficiency Study, effective May 2005 for a fee of $5,000 plus dining, lodging, and travel expenses.

   Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

VI. INVITATION TO VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON TOPICS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Finance Matters
   1) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts warrants #16 & 17.

      Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

   2) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February 2005.

      Motion: Kaeding Seconded: Zito Vote: 4-0

B) Personnel
   1) Resignation
2) Leaves  (Items 2a, 3a-e, 4a and C1-3 were moved by a consent agenda)
   a) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves a
      maternity leave for Nina Merkert, Grade 2 Teacher, effective on or about March
      28, 2005 through June 24, 2005.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Merkert Maternity Leave**

3) Assignments
   a) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Sarah
      Fitzsimmons, who holds NYS certification as a Pre-K, Kindergarten and N-6 Teacher,
      as a maternity leave replacement teacher for Jessica Rodgers, Pre-K Teacher, effective

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Fitzsimons – maternity replacement**

   b) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Joanne
      Palisi (MA 50 Step 18) as a Teacher of Adult Education at a stipend as per the
      negotiated agreement between the BTA and the BUFSD effective March 15, 2005.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Palisi – Adult Ed. Teacher**

   c) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Janet
      Grossman, who holds NYS certification as English to Speakers of Other Languages,
      Reading Teacher, and Elementary N-6, to the list of certified substitute teachers,
      pending fingerprint clearance, effective March 15, 2005.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Grossman – Certified Sub**

   d) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Dave
      Carlson, who holds NYS certification as School Business Administrator, as a
      Financial Consultant at a stipend of $500 per day effective March 15, 2005, on an as-
      needed basis.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Carlson – Financial Sub**

   e) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD acknowledges the
      coaching status of Dianne O’Donnell, Girls Varsity Track, and Bill Herzog, Boys
      Varsity Track, who have been hired by the East Hampton School District to coach for
      the Bridgehampton and East Hampton Shared Sports Program.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **Easthampton Coaches**

4) Other
   a. **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD, upon the
      recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes Guercio & Guercio, law firm, to
      perform a factual investigation.

      Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote: 4-0

      **G & G factual study**

C) Use of Facilities
   1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of
      building (Lunch room) request from the Suffolk County Council, BSA Trailblazer District
      for Cub Scout Adult Leader Training for Mondays, April 11, 14, 18, 2005 from 6–10 pm.
2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (The Basement & 1st Floor) request from the Bridgehampton Fire Dept. for Monday, March 14, 2005 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM.

3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Gym & Café) request from the Senior Class of the Bridgehampton School for Friday, April 8, 2005 from 6:00 – 10:30 PM

D) Committee on Special Education

E) Other

1) Discussion of School District official boundary lines – Elaine Parks suggested that our legal counsel assist the Board with this request before voting on it, because she did not believe that the Board members had the right to create or delete boundary lines. She did not feel confident on working on the issue.

2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the donation of six (6) surplus county computers and monitors, as authorized by Suffolk County Legislator Jay Schneiderman, to the Bridgehampton School for use by the Bridgehampton Parent/Child Home Program.

F) A. Other

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD authorizes the Superintendent to execute all closing documents with respect to the sale of 28 School Street, Bridgehampton, New York, the land identified as the baseball field located adjacent to Church Lane and School Street, to the Bridgehampton Fire District as authorized by the voters of the Bridgehampton Union Free School District on Tuesday, January 18, 2005

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education re-convenes into an executive session at 7:03 PM

**Resolved**, that the Board re-convenes into public session at 8:40 pm

Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Parks  Vote:  4-0

Motion: Kaeding  Seconded: Zito  Vote:  4-0

Board adjourns meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Crews-Manigo, District Clerk