

Bridgehampton School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Minutes

Date: February 11, 2008
Meeting: Regular Board of Education Meeting
Present: James Walker, Elizabeth Kotz, Joseph Berhalter, Susan Hiscock, Joseph Conti, Rick Delano
Dr. Dianne B. Youngblood, Superintendent, Mr. Jack Pryor, Principal, and Michelle Romanosky, Business Administrator
Tom Volz & Jeff Mongelli, School Attorneys, Joyce Manigo, District Clerk
Absent: Carol Kalish

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Call to Order by the President upon his having ascertained the presence of a Quorum and Roll Call @ 7:04 p.m.
B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Revised Proposed Board of Education Agenda, dated February 11, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 6-0

- C) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated January 14, 2008, and a Board of Education Workshop Meeting dated January 28, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- D) Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education solely on Agenda Items – Nicki Hemby, PTO President asked the Board for copies of policies or minutes that the Policy Committee reviewed at their meeting on Friday, February 8, 2008. Mr. Walker responded that the Policy in question would be discussed later in the meeting. Mrs. Carol Devito addressed the Board with concerns about the Newsday article on the Bridgehampton UFSD Audit. She wanted to know if all the issues were resolved. Mr. Walker responded that they had been resolved in the district's corrective response letter, except one issue, that is work in progress.
E) Communications
F) Board of Education Items
G) Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Mid- Winter Recess, School Closed Monday, February, 18 – 22, 2008
District Open – Tuesday, February 19 – 22, 2008
B. Wellness Committee Meeting, February 12, 2008 at 12:00 noon
C. Board of Education Workshop Meeting, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
D. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, February 29, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.
E. Third Quarter Progress Report Ends, Friday, February 29, 2008
F. Guidance College Tour, Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Connecticut Culinary Institute in Connecticut (CCU), 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
G. New York State Math Exam for Grades 3,4, & 5, March 3-7, 2008
H. Suffolk County Music Educators Association Div. I, Concert, Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 1:00 and Div. II on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
I. New York State Math Exam for Grades 6,7 & 8, March 10-12, 2008
J. Policy Review Committee Meeting, March 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
K. District Safety Committee Meeting, February 26, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.
L. Next Regular Board of Education Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

III. REPORTS:**A) Superintendent's Report – Dr. Youngblood informed the Board on several items:**

- Dr. Youngblood shared that the Strategic Council met on Thursday, February 7, 2008 with Dr. Kelly and Dr. Bernardo for the purpose of receiving the results of the teachers' surveys that was completed in 2007, that focusing on the curriculum. Future meetings of the Strategic Council will be designed to encourage new members to join. At the Board's Workshop on February 25, 2008, Dr. Kelly will present the survey findings from the teachers' surveys.
- Dr. Youngblood announced, that through the high energy of the school nurse, Elizabeth Alves, we now have an East End School Nurse Alliance. The first meeting was hosted here in our school café with 19 other school nurses present.
- Dr. Youngblood reported that in lieu of a CSEA salary schedule that she, her secretary, Yvonne Jackson and Michelle Romanosky, had requested in the past, has attempted to address the concerns of the external auditors, by going through each CSEA employee personal folder and include information on the salary history of each CSEA employee.
- February 1, 2008, was the first full day of Response to Intervention Training (RTI). The was held by Ms. Arlene Crandall, a Board Of Education approved consultant that provides professional development training in the area of differential learning and Response to Intervention for a maximum of 10 days. RTI is another one of the federal government (no child left behind) unfunded mandated programs that requires all school districts to have adopted as a method of academic intervention by the year 2012, explained Dr. Youngblood. She added although the law requires RTI for grades K-4, she applauds the Board and Teachers of Bridgehampton UFSD for embracing the method of academic intervention throughout the entire district (K-12).
- Special commendation to Jake Patterson, one of our seniors whose art work is on display at the Bridgehampton Historical Society as part of their exhibition that is entitled, "In Our Own Images" a celebration of local black culture. Jake is one of three noted artists included in the display. The opening reception was February 1, will continue through April 18, 2008. Dr. Youngblood, encouraged all to go over and take a look at Jake's great works.
- Lastly, Dr. Youngblood shared that the Adult Ed Program has been doing very well. Each of the teachers who are teaching these classes has asked if their classes could continue for another six weeks. She said that the district was working on numbers to see what that the extended classes would cost the district.

B) Principal's Report – Mr. Pryor talked about the following items:

- At the start of second semester. Ms. Joanne Palisi, Business Teacher, began an Intern Program. Currently there are two students attending programs; Tiffany Stewart attends Plum T.V. and Ryan Gholson attends the CMEE Museum Program. Mr. Pryor said he believes this is a great opportunity for students to get a feel for the programs they may want to pursue in college. He hopes that the program will expand each semester.
- Last Wednesday, through the connection of our School Nurse, Elizabeth Alves, and Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Steve Meyers, the middle and high school students attended a presentation at the Hampton Bays School. Dr. Duey presented a program on neuro-physiologic affects of the brain caused by drug abuse. Mr. Pryor is working on organizing another program for our students and hope to have one each month.
- Last Saturday, the PTO sponsored a Ski Trip to Camel Back, PA, that was great success. Mr. Pryor gave special thanks to all that supported and helped with the students on this trip. He said that the students have already started planning the next trip.

- Mr. Pryor, shared that he along with Mr. Joe Conti interviewed people of the community to work with the Strategic Planning Council. Two gentlemen have stepped forward so far. Mr. Lee, who has with finance background and has volunteered his insight on finances. Mr. Angel Marzan, a parent of two new students in the district and a land surveyor by trade. He feels he can give insight on the plans of the land and the fields (building & grounds). Mr. Pryor and Mr. Conti encourage other community members to get involved. Call (Mr. Jack Pryor – 537-0271 ext 116)for an interview.
- C) Building & Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Rick Delano, represented the Buildings and Grounds Committee by presenting a report (see attached) regarding the “replacement of the Special Education Building” dated February 10, 2008. He then, introduced Mr. Paul Rodgers, the district’s Architect, who shared drawings of the proposed special education building he had designed several years ago. He gave the Board two options to consider. A site built building (with basement) or a Pre-Fab made building (with no foundation or basement). After a brief discussion and a session of questions and answers, Mr. Delano recommended that the Board accept the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD will place before the voters a request for funds to construct a replacement of the special education building. The exact sum will be determined following discussion of the two options by the Board and after the district architect has completed a detailed cost analysis.

Motion: Delano Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

Mr. Rodgers then reported on replacing the windows in the main building. He shared that about two years ago, John Daniels, the senior custodian of the district mentioned that the windows are rotting. At that time Marvin Windows Company (the original window company) inspected all the windows, Mr. Rodgers said that he and the committee inspected the windows and felt that all windows should be replaced. Mr. Rodgers contacted Marvin Windows to inform them that he felt that the windows should not be in the condition that they were in at this point. Marvin Windows said they were willing to honor our contract of the windows by offering the district a 50% discount on each window. Mr. Conti suggested to Mr. Rodgers that he should contact Marvin Windows and ask them to re-offer the district the original agreement to replace the windows since the problem was something that we should have known about in the first place. He believes they should stand behind their product. Mr. Delano suggests that the discussion be taken back to the Buildings & Grounds committee for review of Marvin Windows as well as looking into other window company options.

- D) Presentation of 1st Budget Draft for 2008-2009- Mr. Walker presented a copy of the proposed draft for the 2008-2009 school year. The main goal for the committee, explained Mr. Conti, is to maintain a realistic budget in the range of \$9,800,000 or similar to a budget presented four years ago added Mr. Walker. Mr. Conti said that the Board does not want to sacrifice any educational benefits by reducing the budget. He hopes that they can do better than what is presented. Mr. Berhalter said, “one thing the committee is doing is comparing expenses to expenses and not budget to budget as in the past years.” Mrs. Kotz explained that the Board needs to be careful not to be so stringent in the goal, and not to fall short with money in the budget and later have to borrow funds to pay for a loan in the future. (A copy of the proposed 2008-2009 budget can be found in the district office). Mrs. Kotz shared with Jean, a community member that this is when a person could get involved with the budgeting process. Mrs. Kotz said that, “The audit regarding the Newsday article is available for anyone to look at as well as the district’s Corrective Action Plan in response to that audit.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: (Motioned for a consent agenda for IV A-F)

- A) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Board Reorganizational Meeting Policy # 2210.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the School Attorney Policy # 2270.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- C) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Regular Meetings Policy # 2310.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- D) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Special Meetings Policy # 2320.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- E) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading to rescind:

Policy # 2122 - Board Member Oath of Office

Policy # 2265 – Shared Decision Making and School Based Planning

Policy # 2280 – Consultants to the Board

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

- F) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading to delete Policy # 2260 - Advisory Committees to the Board.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the first reading of the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy #5152.

Motion: Seconded: Vote:

- B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent as per BOE Policy #5152, accepts the parental request for Fredy Garcia (Grade 12) and Alvaro Garcia (Grade 7) to attend the Bridgehampton School, tuition free, for the remainder 2007-2008 school year as non-resident students.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

INVITATION TO VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON TOPICS DISCUSSED ABOVE – Mrs. Nicki Hemby, PTO President, asked the Board if there

were any of the non-resident students, who are special education students. Mrs. Pat Smith, Special Education Chairperson replied, “no, there are none.” Mrs. Hemby said, since there are no Special Education Students and it would not be any additional cost to the district, then could the Board consider allowing the K-8 non-resident students to continue their education at Bridgehampton School just as they are doing for grades 9-12. Mr. Berhalter responded that the District is entitled just to pay for the students of the district. Mrs. Kotz responded that she

understands Mrs. Hemby's concerns, because as a parent of children in school, the non-resident children are additions and really contribute to the lives and the dynamics of our children's classrooms. Mrs. Kotz, continued by saying the policy was established in September and was put into place because of the opportunity that was on the table with Springs School District. She explained that it is, at this point, a resolution that is in the reorganization meeting year after year and right now the Board is in the pattern where they have established a policy at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Kotz shared, that she did know if it is a discussion that can change this year, but she would like to ask her fellow Board members if they would talk about it. "Maybe changing the rate of the tuition can be adjusted so that it would be possible that some of the families can afford to continue in this school which their parents and they obviously like. It is a unique school and I understand why they want to be here. I don't know that it is anything that the we can necessarily change for the period of time for which it has been put into place,"

Mrs. Kotz explained. Mr. Walker and Mr. Berhalter continued the discussion by explaining some of the reasons why and how the tuition rates were established and that the Board's decision on the rates was mainly because of the Springs School opportunity that was on the table.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Finance Matters (Motioned for a consent agenda VII 1-4)

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts warrants # 19 - Fund A with 45 claims in the amount of \$180,221.84, warrant #20 - Fund A with 71 claims in the amount of \$512,907.78 and warrant # 21 Fund A with 20 claims in the amount of \$67,272.45 warrant # 7 Fund T with 24 claims in the amount of \$166,775.75.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Conti Vote: 6-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Appropriation Status Report for the period 07/01/07-06/30/08.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Conti Vote: 6-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Revenue Budget Status Report for the period of 07/01/07-06/30/08.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Conti Vote: 6-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Extra-Curricular Classroom Activities Reports for December 2007 and January 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Conti Vote: 6-0

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

- 5) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Treasurer's Report for January 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 6-0

B) Personnel

- 1) **Resignation**
- 2) **Leaves**

3) **Assignments**

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Sylvia Fridle for the position of Substitute Secretary, pending fingerprint clearance, effective February 11, 2008, at a rate of \$15 per hour.

Motion: Kotz Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 6-0

C) **Use of Facilities**

1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Use of Building Request (gym and café) from PTO for a Gospel Concert (at 6:00 p.m.) on Saturday, March 22, 2008, from 4-11 p.m.

Motion: Kotz Seconded: Conti Vote: 6-0

D) **Committee on Special Education**

1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD shall, through administration, arrange for the provision of appropriate special education programs and services for student #1 enumerated in the Committee on Special Education report at a meeting dated January 11, 2008.

Motion: Kotz Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD convenes into an executive session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations matters at 8:30 PM.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education resumes back into public session and adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted
Joyce Crews-Manigo, District Clerk