

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

Date: May 7, 2007  
Meeting Type: Public Hearing/Annual Meeting  
Present: Susan Hiscock, James Walker, Elizabeth Kotz, Carol Kalish,  
John Wyche, Rick Delano  
Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Superintendent, Michelle Romanosky, Business Admin.  
Absent: Elaine Parks

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Susan Hiscock, 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 at 8:45 AM.

The Public Hearing was convened by Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Superintendent of Schools by explaining the presentation of the budget process. She spoke about the different programs that the district is currently running; such as the Parent-Child Home Program (A home based, early literacy program for children ages one and two, A.M. Pre-Kindergarten three-year-old program, Full-day pre-kindergarten four-year-old program, Full-day Kindergarten program, Scientifically Based Reading Program (Reading First), Technology Infused Instruction and Block Scheduling.

Dr. Youngblood also shared Programs that the district are looking forward to in the very near future, such as, Career Academy in Landscape and Design, Health Career Related Mentoring Program with Stony Brook University, College credit programs with C.W. Post, Stony Brook University and Suffolk Community College. Also during the 2007-08 school year AP opportunities will be available here at Bridgehampton and at Pierson High School.

Dr. Youngblood began to present the Budget for 2007-08 school year in the amount of 10,199,551. A copy can be found in the district office for review.

After her presentation about the budget, Dr. Youngblood asked if anyone had questions. Mr. Rob Locovare stood and first thanked the Board for the proposed budget and proceeded to say that in the New York Post, Bridgehampton UFSD had the largest per pupil cost in the country and he could not understand why such a small school would need that kind of money. In closing he said he was going to go out in the community and tell his neighbors to vote the budget down.

Rose Mallozzi, another community member, stood to ask, why did a school K-12 need forty teachers? "If there was only one teacher per grade then the district would only need 12 teachers," she stated. Dr. Youngblood explained to her that in the secondary levels there are two teachers per each core subject, there are about six Special Education Teachers, Music Teachers, and an Art Teacher etc. In amazement Rose said that she felt that information such as this should be shared with the community.

Mr. Ken Giosi, Special Education Teacher at Bridgehampton School stood to the microphone in disgust, because he did not understand the numbers and formulas used, by the State Education Dept. that are plastered all over the papers and media that made small schools like

Bridgehampton look so bad. He shared that the students and the teachers work really hard at Bridgehampton and he knows that he is blessed to work in a school like Bridgehampton. He also shared some real facts about test scores that community members would never know by looking at the State Education Dept. reports.

Finally, Ava Mack stood to speak about the rise in her property taxes and school taxes and how she watches every year her neighbors moving out of the district because they can no longer afford to stay here. She expressed that since she had to stay here and will have to pay the taxes, she would happily pay the school taxes knowing that her tax dollars are going to the students attending Bridgehampton UFSD, because it is a good school.

The Public Hearing ended at 8:00 PM followed by the PTO with Meet the Candidates.

Respectfully submitted: Joyce Crews-Manigo, District Clerk