

**Bridgehampton School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Minutes**

Date: January 14, 2008
Meeting: Regular Board of Education Meeting
Present: James Walker, Elizabeth Kotz, Joseph Berhalter, Carol Kalish, Susan Hiscock
Dr. Dianne B. Youngblood, Superintendent, Mr. Jack Pryor, Principal, and Michelle Romanosky, Business Administrator
Tom Volz, School Attorney, Joyce Manigo, District Clerk
Absent: Rick Delano & Joe Conti

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Call to Order by the President upon his having ascertained the presence of a Quorum, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 PM.
- B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Revised Proposed Board of Education Agenda, dated January 14, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- C) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated December 10, 2007, a Board of Education Workshop Meeting dated December 17, 2007 and a Board of Education Special Meeting dated January 4, 2008 with noted corrections.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kotz Vote: 5-0

- D) Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education solely on Agenda Items – Nicki Hemby, PTO President, addressed the Board regarding her request for approval to accept money from Cora Weiss (a community member that generously donated items to the PTO for a yard sale) in the amount of \$12,000 on behalf of the PTO. Because the PTO has applied for, but currently does not have a Federal Tax Exempt number, the PTO has asked the Board if the “PTO can deposit the proceeds check from the yard sale into the operating account of the district and use the district’s FTEN. Mr. Walker responded that the Board needed to consult more with Counsel before approving her request. A brief discussion ensued and the question of whether or not the district could acquire money and still allow the PTO to retain control over the money as well as whether or not from an auditing perspective it would be wise for the district to accept holding the money was discussed.
- E) Communications - Mr. Walker read a letter from Senator Charles E. Schumer regarding the deadline for the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) “We the People Bookshelf Program.” He also read a letter from Ms. Gene Scanlon, from the Bridgehampton Community Food Pantry, thanking the students and staff for their generous contributions for the Holiday Food Drive during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.
- F) Board of Education Items
- G) Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Site-Base Meeting in the Library, Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Winter Concert, Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. Martin Luther King’s Birthday, Monday, January 21, 2008, School Closed
- D. NYS ELA Testing for Grade 6,7 & 8, January 14 – 18, 2008
- E. Hampton Music Educators Association (HMEA) Middle School Festival Concert, Saturday, January 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at Eastport South Manor High School

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- F. NYS Regents Exams, January 22-25, 2008
- G. Second Quarter Ends, Friday, January 25, 2008
- H. BOE Workshop, January 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- I. Report Card Distribution, Friday, February 1, 2008
- J. Next Scheduled Board Meeting, Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

III. REPORTS:

- A) Superintendent's Report – Dr. Youngblood spoke on several items:
 - The Contract between BUFSD the McCaffrey & Mullen Public Relations Firm was signed this week and a meeting was set to meet with them to begin work later this week.
 - Dr. Youngblood announced that she received notification from the New York State Education Dept. that our Elementary and Middle School was deemed a school in good standing. She also said that she was exceptionally delighted because there were over 404 other schools that were deemed a school in need. Dr. Youngblood expressed, "Kudos to the Board, Administration, Teachers and Staff for a fine job."
 - Lastly, she announced that the Adult Education Courses had begun and appears to be running successfully. Many thanks to the Board for their generosity of allowing these courses to take place here at Bridgehampton.
- B) Principal's Report – Mr. Pryor announced that the district was in the second week of three weeks of State testing. Last week was the NYS ELA Testing for grades 3,4, and 5. This week was NYS ELA Testing for grades 6, 7, and 8 and next week will be the NYS Regents Exams for High school students. He shared that the results of the fifth grade Social Studies test scores. He said, "all the students had scored at level 4 except one student missed level 4 by 1 point." Mr. Pryor spoke about the Technology Fair, which the Elementary and Middle school had attended at Stony Brook University. He said that they had two presentations; one was done by the elementary classes on the virtual cross road trip and the other was a presentation from the middle school on the jeopardy game. Lastly, Mr. Pryor asked the Board on behalf of the elementary Student Counsel to allow them to increase the admission cost of the Sok Hop from \$2 to \$4 to cover the cost of the affair.
- C) Video Conference Discussion - Mr. Walker said he wanted to put a hold on using Video Conferencing until further discussion with the Board and Counsel in order to set some parameters (such as how many BOE members would be allowed to call in per meeting etc. and how much money could be spent on this technique per meeting?). Dr. Youngblood added, that as per her discussion with Tom Volz, if and when we used video conferencing we needed to post this information for the public in both locations (location where the BOE Member may be visiting during that meeting). Using this technology would be an additional cost to the district, but Dr. Youngblood was not sure of what the cost would be at this time. Dr. Youngblood shared that she had done some research with cablevision and found that it would cost approximately \$3500 per month (which would include the entire telephone system). This would allow us to increase the bandwidth which is needed to enhance this type of technology for videoconferencing and other possibilities in the district. Mrs. Elizabeth Kotz she felt the video conferencing was an opportunity that the Board should take advantage of, especially during the times when we do not have quorum. This too, will allow the communication to be open for the members who are away to stay abreast of the meetings.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the School Board Powers and Duties Policy #2110.

Motion: Kalish

Seconded: Hiscock

Vote: 5-0

B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the second reading of the Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct Policy #9645 with noted changes.

Motion: Kotz Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 5-0

V. **NEW BUSINESS: (Motion for consent Agenda VA-F)**

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

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

E) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the first 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: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Nicki Hemby, PTO President asked the Board, “how many meetings is a Board Member allowed to miss?” Tom Volz responded, that they could miss three consecutive regular Board meetings without excused absences.

VII. **SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A) **Finance Matters (Motion for Consent Agenda on Items VII A 1-8)**

1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts warrants # 16 Fund A with 84 claims in the amount of \$248,016.72, warrant #17-Fund A with 1 claim in the amount of \$103.85 and warrant #18-Fund A with 25 claims in the amount of \$32,240.79 warrant #6-Fund T with 24 claims in the amount of \$148,093.01.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 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: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Treasurer’s Report for November & December 2007.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 5) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Extra-Curricular Classroom Activities Report for November 2007.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 6) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD appoints Gregory Electric Shop of Bridgehampton, Inc. (Sole Bidder) for Electrical Services for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$90 per hour, effective December 26, 2007.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 7) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD appoints Advanced Applications Painting, Inc. (Sole Bidder) for Painting Services for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$45 per hour, effective December 26, 2007.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 8) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Health and Welfare Service Agreement between the Riverhead Central School District and the Bridgehampton UFSD under the provisions of Ed. Law, Section 912.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

B) Personnel

1) Resignation

- a) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accept Henry Meyer’s resignation from the position of Senior Class Advisor, effective January 15, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

1) Leaves

2) Assignments (Consent Agenda on Items VII B2 a-e)

- a) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Marie C. Bouzos-Reilly, who holds a N.Y. State Certification in Spanish 7-12, to the position of certified Substitute Teacher effective January 14, 2008, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$150 per day.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- b) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Tom House, who is pending N.Y. State Certification in Education to the position of non-certified Substitute Teacher effective January 14, 2008, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$100 per day.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

Rev. Budget Status
Treasurer Rpt.
Extra-Cur Rpt.
Gregory Electric Bid
Advanced Applcat Painting Bid
Health Services
Meyers resign Senior Advisor
Bouzos-Reilly Sub
House Sub

- c) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Linda Romanelli Leahy, to the position of non-certified Substitute Teacher effective January 14, 2008, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$100 per day.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- d) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Robert Leahy, to the position of non-certified Substitute Teacher effective January 14, 2008, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$100 per day.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- e) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Erica L. deJong, to the position of non-certified Substitute Teacher effective January 14, 2008, pending fingerprint clearance, at a salary of \$100 per day.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

C) Use of Facilities (Consent Agenda on Items VIIC 1-4)

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Business Lab – Room 24) request from Joanne Palisi for Adult Education Course from January 31, 2008 through February 7, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Business Lab – Room 24) request from Joanne Palisi for Adult Education Course on February 7, 14, 28, 2008 and February 4, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Cafeteria) request from Elizabeth Alves, School Nurse for East End School Nurse Alliance Meeting on January 17, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Business Lab – Room 24) request from Steve Koepper for Adult Education Course on January 17, February 26 and March 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

D) Committee on Special Education (Consent Agenda on Items VII D 1 & 2)

- 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 December 20, 2007 and student #2 at a meeting dated January 8, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves a contract between BUFSD and Dr. Sharyn Lawall for her to conduct psychological testing as needed for students with disabilities who are parentally placed in private schools within our district for the 2007-2008 school year and authorizes the Board President to sign it.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

Romanelli-Leahy Sub
R. Leahy Sub
deJong Sub
Palisi Use of Bldg.
Palisi Use of Bldg
Alves Use of Bldg
Koepper use of Bldg
CSE Recomm
Lawall Contract

E) **Other**

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD rescinds the resolution (accepted at the 12-10-07 meeting) for the ski trip to Camel Back Pennsylvania sponsored by the Student Council on February 9, 2008, as a school sponsored trip at no cost to the district. The bus will depart from Bridgehampton School at 5:30 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. (Approx. 48 students, grades 6-12; Nancy Nagel, Michael Byrne, Joanne Palisi and Annette Rivera as chaperones).

Motion: Kotz Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 5-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD convenes into an executive session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations matters at 8:00 PM.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

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

Motion: Kalish Seconded: Kotz Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,