

**Bridgehampton School District
Board of Education Business Meeting
May 8, 2012
Gymnasium at 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

A) Call to Order at 7:06PM by Nicki Hemby, President, with the following people present: Elizabeth Kotz, Larry LaPointe, Doug DeGroot, JoAnn Comfort, Lillian Tyree-Johnson, Ron White, Dr. Lois R. Favre (Superintendent), John L. Pryor (Principal), Robert Hauser (School Business Administrator), Jeannine Stallings (District Clerk)

B) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the revised Proposed BOE Agenda, dated May 8, 2012.

Motion: Ron White

Second: Lillian Tyree-Johnson Vote: 7-0

C) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the April 18, 2012 Board Meetings.

Motion: Ron White

Second: Lillian Tyree-Johnson Vote: 7-0

D) Communications

1) Sandler request: Mercy transportation

Mr. Sandler sent a written request for the Board requesting transportation costs for his students in Mercy McGann High School.

Mr. Bill Thayer stated that there should be an exception to the 15 mile transportation limit because Catholic School was a personal choice.

Mrs. Rachel Kelly explained that her 2 children attending currently OLH will be attending McGann-Mercy. She stated the need for a bus for those who chose a catholic education and McGann-Mercy in Riverhead is the closest high school.

Mrs. Tara Hagerman stated that she has a child in OLH, they live in the district and they pay taxes.

E) Invitation for visitor to address the Board of Education on Agenda items

F) Board of Education Items

1) Parent Teacher Conferences

Mrs. Kotz suggested that while preparing the calendar for the next school year, if evening hours could be added on parent teacher conference days so parents who work can attend. Mrs. Kotz also inquired as to the necessity of students missing a half day of instruction on Parent Teacher Conference days.

Mr. Pryor expressed that the Kindergarten through 5th grades are not really an issue and letters are sent home with appointment times for parents for each conference.

He also agreed that the 6th through 12th grades could be scheduled better. Mr. Pryor stated that in the BTA contract, there are 2 times per year that teachers are required to be at school for evening work. He said we can work on the schedule and calendar for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Kotz stated that the teachers are very good at reaching out to the parents.

2) McGann-Mercy Student Transportation

Mrs. Hemby welcomed the parents in attendance and encouraged them to stay for the remainder of the Board meeting. She agreed that Catholic school is a personal choice. She then stated that the district has a transportation policy which states that there is a 15 mile transportation radius that governs the Board.

Mrs. Kotz stated that she didn't believe the Board can take exception to the District Policy and that the Board decision is bound by the law.

Discussion ensued.

Montauk's bus transportation was discussed as an option for Bridgehampton District students attending McGann-Mercy to share the same bus already contracted for the route run. Mr. DeGroot proposed researching the number of seats available and the cost. He also stated that there is a concern about setting a precedent for future transportation issues as well as the economic costs associated and the District's ability to absorb the additional costs.

Mr. Bill Thayer suggested that the District pay a percentage of the transportation difference after the 15 miles.

Mrs. Hemby said that the Board and Administration will discuss with council to find out what is legal and fiscally responsible. Once council advises the Board, the district will respond in writing to Mr. Sandler.

G) Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A) May 9, 2012: Kindergarten Screening by appointment
- B) May 10, 2012: Elementary Spring Concert at 7:00pm
- C) May 15, 2012: Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Safety Committee Meeting
- D) May 15-17, 2012: Middle States Accreditation Team in district
- E) May 15, 2012: Budget Vote and Election from 2:00pm -8:00pm in the school gymnasium
- F) May 16, 2012: Secondary Spring Concert at 7:00pm
- G) May 18, 2012: Day of Achievement Grades 7-12 – 10:00am
- H) May 21-23, 2012: 8th Grade Washington Trip
- I) May 25, 2012: Inclement Weather Day – District Closed
- J) May 28, 2012: Memorial Day – District Closed
Marimba Group will perform at the monument with the BHFD
- K) May 30, 2012: Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony - 9:00am
BOE Meeting at 7:00pm

III. REPORTS

- A) Budget Hearing

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD endorses the Biennial Review of the District Plan for Shared Decision Making (Strategic Planning Counsel Plan and Action Goals), and certifies that it includes the components as required by CR100.11 (f), and authorizes the Superintendent and the Board President to file the statement of assurances with the State Education Department as required, and post on the website.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Lillian Tyree-Johnson

Vote: 7-0

B) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the updated organizational chart for the district created May 8, 2012.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Lillian Tyree-Johnson

Vote: 7-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

A) Financial Matters

- 1) **Whereas**, the Board of Education desires to enter into a contract with Toshiba Financial Services lease for three photocopiers/printers and

Whereas, the Board of Education believes that such lease is in the best financial interest of the District because it is the cost effective means for eliminating one photocopiers/scanners/printers which currently costs \$248.75 per month; and

Whereas the Board of Education has determined that such lease is an ordinary and contingent expense.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the (39) month Toshiba Financial Services lease for three photocopiers/scanners/printers at a total monthly cost \$777.18 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the contract.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0

B) PERSONNEL

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Jeannine Stallings as District Activity Fund Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year at the contractual rate of \$1,545.00.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0

C) COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education for Students #10013 and #10009, and authorizes the Superintendent to arrange for appropriate services.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0

D) BUILDING USE FORM

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Application for Use of School Building submitted by Ninfa Boyd on behalf of the High School Student Council for use of the front of the school, parking lot and the bathroom facilities from 10:00am – 2:00pm on May 25 and 26, 2012 for a car wash.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Application for Use of School Building submitted by Sarah Zimmerman on behalf of East End Hospice for use of the parking lot and bathrooms from 8:00am to 9:00am and

4:00pm to 4:30pm on August 20 - 24, 2012 for school bus pick-up and drop off for campers, volunteers and staff.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0

VI. ADJOURN to Executive Session at 8:03pm to discuss personnel matters.

Motion: JoAnn Comfort

Second: Ron White

Vote: 7-0