

**Bridgehampton School District
Board of Education Business Meeting
February 26, 2014
Gym at 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

I. ROUTINE MATTERS

- A)** Call to Order by the President upon his having ascertained the presence of a Quorum and Roll Call.

Present: Lillian Tyree-Johnson, Gabriella Braia, Elizabeth W. Kotz, Larry LaPointe, Dr. Lois R. Favre, Superintendent; Robert Hauser, Business Administrator; Thomas Volz and Michael Vigliotta, Counsel and Tammy A. Cavanaugh, District Clerk.

Excused: Ron White, President; Doug DeGroot

- B)** Pledge of Allegiance

- C) Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Proposed Board of Education Agenda, dated February 26, 2014.

Motion: G. Braia Second: L. Tyree-Johnson Vote: 4-0

- D) Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the January 29, 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

Motion: G. Braia Second: L. Tyree-Johnson Vote: 4-0

- E)** Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education on agenda items

- F)** Communications

- G)** Board of Education Discussion Items

- 1)** NYSSBA Fall 2014 Conference – New York City - Funding

- H)** Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A)** February 28 – PBIS Rewards Day
- B)** February 28 – BHS PTO Ice Skating Night at Buckskill Winter Club
- C)** March 5 – Community Forum
- D)** March 7-9 SCMEA All County Music Festival
- E)** March 26 – BOE Meeting
- F)** March 28 – PBIS Reward Day

** 7:08 PM Jenn Vinski arrived.

III. REPORTS

A) Superintendent/Principal's Report

- All inclement weather days, indicated on the calendar for this school year, will now be student days.
- In putting together this year's calendar, I added an inclement weather day and decided to stay with 3 staff development days in the beginning of the year- you will be asked to approve that calendar this evening
- The senior trip is all set, and scheduled for May 29th through June 2nd. Students have made their initial deposits, and the arrangements are being etched in stone
- Due to recent recommendations from the committee on special education, there has arisen a need for a self-contained special education class at the K-1-2 level. With some movement in the building, and due in a great deal to the flexibility of our school librarian, David Holmes, we were able to create a classroom for small group teaching (speech and reading) upstairs in the small room attached to the library. We also moved two teachers into the Special Education building, and moved the CSE chairperson to the guidance suite. Once the dust settles, I believe that the program will run smoothly. Staffing will be reassigned, and we do not anticipate any additional staffing, besides the ones previously assigned when students first arrived (already working in the integrated setting, and will move to the self-contained setting).
- Letters have been sent to our SCOPE Shining Star recipients for this year – it is an annual opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond for our school community – five awards per district are given out – this year we will recognize:

Board member – Doug DeGroot

Teacher – David Elliott

Support Staff – Ava Mack

Community Member – Melanie LaPointe

Administrator – Mary Anne Jules

Tammy is collecting responses as to who is able to attend the dinner, which is held on March 24th at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook

- Third quarter progress reports go out on March 7th – the year is quickly going by
- Tomorrow we begin to schedule next year.

B) School Business Administrator Report

- Discussed the 5-Year Capital Reserve Fund and tackling the list of items that were approved. Already began the removal of the deck in front of the Administration Building and replacing it with a smaller set of steps.

Starting April 1, will begin to replace all Middle School windows over the course of the weekends. Will replace all emergency lighting

Anticipating start date of July 1, 2014 for the various items to be completed over the course of the summer months: Gym floor replaced; gym stage to be sanded and refinished; replace skylights in gym, repair rear fire escapes.

- Advised that notice must be submitted to the State by March 1, 2014 with regard to whether Bridgehampton UFSD plans to pierce the tax cap or not. Advised everyone that we do have the option of changing our decision later.

C) Second Budget Draft Presentation by Dr. Favre and Robert Hauser

IV. NEW BUSINESS

*Consent agenda on Items A, B, C & D

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- A) Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the surplus list dated February 25, 2014 submitted by Robert Hauser.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- B) Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the surplus list dated February 25, 2014 submitted by Sean Sharp.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- C) Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the second readings of Policies: #1120, School District Records; #1120-R, School District Records Regulation; #1120-E.1, School District Records Exhibit; #1120-E.2, Request for Records by Email; 1120-E.3, Agency Response to Request for Records; #5500, Student Records; #5500-R, Student Records Regulation; #5500-E.1, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice Regarding Access to Student Records and Student Information; #9520.2, Family and Medical Leave; #9520.2-R, Family and Medical Leave Regulation.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

D) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the 2014-2015 school year calendar consisting of 178 instructional days, three (3) Superintendent conference days, and four (4) inclement weather days.

Motion: E. W. Kotz

Second: J. Vinski

Vote: 5-0

E) RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton Union Free School District wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as the primary residence by eligible veterans (Alternative Veterans' Exemption); and

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board, after having conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2014, and having given the public an opportunity to be heard on the issue of the Board's proposed adoption of the Alternative Veterans' Exemption pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax law, hereby adopts the Alternative Veterans' Exemption for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring on or after March 1, 2014, at the following basic maximum levels:

1. Basic Exemption for Qualifying Veterans - Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

2. Combat Zone Exemption for Qualifying Veterans - An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.

3. Disabled Veterans Exemption for Qualifying Veterans - In addition to the above exemptions, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States Veterans' Administration or from the United States Department of Defense based upon a service related disability, the qualifying residential property will be exempt to the extent of the product of the assessed value multiplied by 50% of the veteran's disability rating, not to exceed \$40,000 or the product of \$40,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the District Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town of Southampton Assessor; the taxing jurisdiction located within this School District.

Motion: E. W. Kotz

Second: G. Braia

Vote: 5-0

F) RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton Union Free School District wishes to adopt the provisions of Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of certain real property situated in the School District and owned and used as the primary residence by “Gold Star Parents,” as defined in Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a(7); and

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board, after having conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2014, and having given the public an opportunity to be heard on the issue of the Board’s proposed adoption of the Gold Star Parents’ Exemption pursuant to Section 458-a of the Real Property Tax law, hereby adopts the Gold Star Parents’ Exemption for assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring on or after March 1, 2014, at the following levels authorized under the Real Property Tax Law:

1. Basic Exemption for Qualifying Gold Star Parents - Tax exemption of 15% of the assessed value of the property, not to exceed \$12,000 or the product of \$12,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, whichever is less.

2. Combat Zone Exemption for Qualifying Gold Star Parents - An additional tax exemption of 10% of the assessed value of qualifying residential property of veterans who are documented to have served in a combat zone, not to exceed \$8,000 or the product of \$8,000 multiplied by the latest state equalization rate, whichever is less.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the District Clerk to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Town of Southampton Assessor; the taxing jurisdictions located within this School District.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

A) Financial Matters

*Consent agenda on Items A: 1-9

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

1) Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Warrant #17 Fund A with 50 Claims in the amount of \$454,686.14.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Warrant# 12 Fund H with 2 Claims in the amount of \$10,425.49.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Warrant #47 Fund T with 20 Claims in the amount of \$100,085.61.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Warrant #13 Fund C with 11 Claims in the amount of \$4,966.80.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 5) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts Warrant #12 Fund C with 8 Claims in the amount of \$2,249.27.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 6) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Claims Auditor Report for January 2014.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 7) **Resolved** that the Board of Education UFSD accepts the Revenue Budget Status Report for the period 07/01/13 – 01/31/14.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 8) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Appropriation Status Report for the period 07/01/13 – 01/31/14.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

- 9) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Monthly Treasurer's Report dated January 31, 2014.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

B) PERSONNEL

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Aurora Panades as a Teacher Aide Substitute for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Jason Kurdziel as a Certified Teacher Substitute for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$150.00 per day and as a Teacher Aide Substitute at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion: E. W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Omar Fayyaz as a Teacher Aide Substitute for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Joan H. Cohen Gold as a Certified Teacher Substitute for the 2013-2014 school year at a rate of \$150.00 per day.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- 5) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Tom House and Helen Wolfe as instructors of the Spring college test prep course (SAT/ACT) for ten days at the curriculum writing rate of \$59.31 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours each.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: J. Vinski Vote: 5-0

- 6) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves all Board-approved Certified Substitute Teachers to sub as needed for Teacher Aides at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: L.LaPointe Vote: 5-0

C) COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the recommendation of the Committee of Special Education for Students #10283, #1052 and #972 and authorizes the Superintendent to arrange for appropriate services.

Motion: E.W. Kotz Second: G. Braia Vote: 5-0

V. **ADJOURN** at 7:28 PM to Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with counsel.

Motion: G. Braia

Second: J. Vinski

Vote: 5-0

VI. **Motion** to return to Regular Session at 8:10 PM

Motion: E.W. Kotz

Second: J. Vinski

Vote: 5-0

1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD authorizes commencement of legal proceedings against the Riverhead CSD in connection with reimbursement for special education services.

Motion: E.W. Kotz

Second: J. Vinski

Vote: 5-0

VII. **Motion** to adjourn at 8:12 PM

Motion: E.W. Kotz

Second: J. Vinski

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy A. Cavanaugh
District Clerk