

**SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

March 13, 2012
Bldg.

Held in Joseph M. Barton

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Gladys M. Waldron, President of the Board of Education. On a motion by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. Plourde, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss; Matters Relating the Potential Sale of Property because public discussion would substantially affect the value of the property at issue, Matters Leading to the Reappointment of a Particular Corporation, Matters Relating to the Potential Lease of a School Building because public discussion would substantially affect the value of the property at issue, Seek Legal Advice from the Board's attorney and Negotiations Conducted Pursuant to the Taylor Law with the STA.

Mr. Saggese entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

At 7:50p.m., Mrs. Knox moved, Ms. McEnroy seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reconvene the Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Gladys M. Waldron	Joanne McEnroy
Theresa Knox	Grace Plourde
Joseph T. Saggese	Christopher Alcure
Louis Liguori	

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Maria Rianna, Asst. Supt.
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.
Eugene Barnosky, Board Counsel
Visitors
Maureen O'Connor, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mrs. Waldron.

II. MINUTES - of the Regular Meetings held February 14 and 28, 2012 and the Special Meetings of February 6,10,15,27 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Ms. Knox that the above minutes be approved as presented.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

III. RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Claims Auditor's Report ending January 31, 2012 in the amount of \$12,119,060.53 be accepted.

MOTION by Ms. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure that the Claims Auditor's Report be accepted.

All aye. Motion carried (7 - 0).

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence – The following correspondence was presented for the Board’s review.

1. Letter to Mrs. Gladys Waldron from Suffolk County Board of Elections regarding Election Polling Places.
2. Letter to Mrs. Gladys Waldron from Ms. Jacqueline Gallagher regarding the French Exchange program
3. Letter to Mrs. Gladys Waldron from Mr. Sal Marinello regarding BOCES Board trustee.
4. Letter to Board of Education from Ms. Heather McCormick regarding School Closing (three similar Letters Attached from Community Members).
5. Letter to Board of Education from Ms. Christine Segnini regarding Non Resident Tuition Request
6. Letter to BOCES Component Board Members from Dr. Michael Mensch regarding Notice of Annual Meeting
7. Letter to Mrs. Gladys Waldron from Mr. Michael Chlystun regarding Invitation to Senior Awards Night.

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Ms. Knox that the correspondence in Section A, as listed above, be received and the recommendations of the administration (where indicated) be accepted.

Discussion: Mrs. Waldron asked Mr. Barnosky if it is the District’s responsibility to notify the Board of Elections that Nesconset Elementary, a polling location was closing. Mr. Barnosky advised that it would be a good idea to notify the Board of Elections.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

B. General Communications – There were no general communications presented for the Board's review.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Audit Committee - Mr. Saggese requested that the Board begin a search for a new Audit Committee member since there is a member whose term is expiring this year.

Liquidation of District Buses- Mr. Saggese requested an update on the liquidation of the buses housed at Nesaquake Middle School. Ms. Niles stated the our Transportation Director has requested the titles from NYS to see if there are any outstanding liens. The District is awaiting this documentation.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business Affairs – Mr. Liguori reported that there was a meeting on March 7th. The committee reviewed several illustrations on how the tax cap should be implemented according the criteria and structure established by the state. The District’s goal is to develop the budget within that 2% tax cap.

Questions: Mr. Saggese asked when the Districts proposed budget would be available to the community in it’s entirety. Mr. Ehmann stated there are several meetings scheduled and it should be ready by March 20th. The budget adoption date is April 17th.

B. Facilities- Mr. Saggese reported there will be a meeting this Thursday. Mr. Saggese would like an update on the research that is ongoing on with regard to the architect. Mr. Saggese also requested copies of the current bus contract with Suffolk Transportation.

C. Housing- no report

D. Instructional Services- no report

E. Negotiations- Mr. Liguori reported that the District is having ongoing meetings with the bargaining units.

Questions: Mr. Saggese stated that members of the Board have been present in many of the above mentioned meetings.

F. Policy- no report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Updates:

- Kristen Romand, a middle school French teacher, presented a poster session entitled **Moodle-ing and Beyond: Tools, Resources, and Activities to Help Your Moodle Grow** at the Suffolk ASSET Technology Conference on Monday, March 12th. This presentation focused on using a moodle website to increase student participation and foster college and career readiness skills.
- The Smithtown High School West LOTE (Languages Other Than English) Department hosted the 23rd Annual “Sprachfest”, an academic competition and celebration of the German language for Long Island German students. The event brought together nine school districts across Long Island. Sprachfest provided students a fun forum to compete in events such as (German) Vocabulary Bee, Geography Bee, Scrabble and Culture Bowl. Students also participated in instrumental, vocal, poetry and folk dance events.
- The members of the Mills Pond Cares Club raised over \$560 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The money was raised through a healthy snack sale.
- SHS West National Honor Society members recently made 849 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Students donated the peanut butter, jelly and bread needed and spent their Friday afternoon making sandwiches. The sandwiches were taken to St. Anne's Church in Brentwood to be distributed to homeless people throughout the metropolitan area.
- Third graders at Smithtown Elementary School hosted their first, “Tour of India Day.” This event was a culmination of a cross curricular study which included traditions, religion and Monsoons that influence the lives of the people of India.
- SHS West Wrestler Michael Hughes made top honors. Posting an overall record of 43-4 with 38 pins this season Michael Hughes (junior) entered the history books in Smithtown by becoming a Section XI Champion and New York State Place finisher in the 285 pound weight class for Smithtown West. He is a County Champion who placed 6th in New York State.
- Matthew Morganelli’s toss of 52' 8.5" in the Shot Put gave him 2nd place (Silver Medal) in NY State for Public Schools and 5th place overall in NY State for all schools (Public, Private, Catholic & Preps) making him a NY State Double Medalist.
- SHS East Wrestling and HS Combined Boys Bowling are League Champion Teams.
- 16 out of the 17 Winter Varsity Teams are Scholar Athlete Teams (team GPA of 90 or higher).
- Students from Nesaquake Middle School competed in the United Cerebral Palsy Trivia Challenge. Over 128 students, including those from the National Junior Honor Society, participated in the qualifying exam in January and helped raise over \$1000 for UCP.

B. Committee on Special Education

1. Committee on Special Education

“RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for Initial Placement Program/Services, for cases listed be approved.”

308143, 311522, 185159, 312891, 312897, 159190, 309638, 307792, 311525, 311524, 309826, 310782, 312677, 308929, 308233, 312937, 304723, 311341, 311357, 311775,

310651, 308665, 309514, 309423, 312821, 310503, 201099, 308958, 310623, 311002, 310104.

2. Sub-Committee on Special Education

“RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases listed be approved.”

200072, 301174, 305608, 185499, 200926, 305882, 153680, 151500, 200401, 301238, 302803, 302718, 304990, 301950, 302596, 305339, 300273, 303182, 306773, 301610, 308036, 306698, 308519, 306684, 301102, 153950, 184909, 156180, 301252, 302393, 302397, 305138, 302143, 304273, 302446, 300266, 301781, 302682, 301386, 200522, 303157, 307649, 200582, 312628, 310438, 155810, 159360, 155250, 311515, 311514, 302752, 156340, 311648, 300314, 200329, 184849, 303924, 307312, 307673, 304700, 305145, 304218, 307879, 306989, 309348, 305445, 305687, 310840, 305653, 311939, 308629, 310331, 307009, 306514, 308625, 308047, 306803, 306541, 306652, 310335, 305573, 310556, 309636, 310830.

MOTION by Ms. Knox, seconded by Ms. McEnroy approving Committee on Special Education Items 1-2 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

C. Committee on Preschool Special Education

1. Initial placement for Preschool Special Education Program/Services

“RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for Initial Placement Program/Services, for cases listed be approved.”
P312949, P312929, P312994, P312989A, P312989, P312980, P312970

2. Special Education Preschool Annual IEP Review/Amended IEP

“RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for Annual IEP Review/ Amended IEP for cases listed be approved.”
P311755A, P311755, P311802, P311357, P311341, P312571, P311524, P311525, P311847, P312634, P312562

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving Preschool Special Education Items 1-2 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7- 0).

D. Modification of Mills Pond Elementary and St. James Elementary Attendance Areas

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District has received and discussed the recommendation of the Superintendent to modify Mills Pond Elementary and St. James Elementary attendance areas to absorb the former Nesconset Elementary attendance area as a result of the closing of Nesconset Elementary as of July 1, 2012.

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following revisions be implemented at the discretion of the Superintendent.”

MILLS POND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Beginning at the intersection of Southern Blvd. and Middle Country Road proceed east along the middle of Middle Country Road to the intersection of Middle Country Road and Lake Avenue. Proceed north along the middle of Lake Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. Proceed east along the middle of Woodlawn Avenue to the District boundary. Proceed south along the District boundary to Route 347 (so as to include all homes on Moriches Road, inclusive of the Fairfield at St. James

Development). Then continue south and southwest along the district boundary to a point along Nichols Road west of Shenandoah Blvd., north to a point between Louis Place and Raynier Place, then running west along a line north of and parallel to Louis Place to a point west of Truval Lane then north along a line west of and parallel to Truval Lane (so as to include Valtop Lane) to Browns Road. Proceed northwest along a line south of and parallel to Browns Road to Route 347 (so as to include all homes accessing Browns Road). Then proceed west along the middle of Route 347 to the intersection of Rte 347 and Southern Blvd. Continue north along the middle of Southern Blvd. to the intersection of Southern Blvd. and Middle Country Road.

Note: This attendance area does include the "Green Property" (a/k/a The Hamlet) which borders Route 347 and Moriches Road. All students with street addresses within the "Green Property" (a/k/a The Hamlet) will attend Mills Pond Elementary School.

ST. JAMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA

Beginning at the point where Lake Avenue and Route 25 meet proceed west along the middle of Route 25 to a point west of Montclair Avenue. Proceed north from this point along a line west of and parallel to Montclair Avenue to a point south of Rutherford Street (so as to include all houses accessing Montclair Avenue). Proceed west from this point along a line parallel to Rutherford Street to a point west of Caldwell Avenue. Continue north from this point on a line west of Caldwell Avenue to the end of Caldwell Avenue. Proceed west to a point east of Fifty Acre Road South. Proceed north from this point along a line east of and parallel to Fifty Acre Road South to Woodlawn Avenue. Proceed west along the middle of Woodlawn Avenue to a point west of North Country Road. Proceed northeast from this point on a line north of and parallel to North Country Road to a point west of Highland Avenue (so as to include all houses accessing onto North Country Road and also all homes accessing onto Timothy Lane/Court). Proceed north from this point on a line west of and parallel to Highland Avenue to a point south of Moriches Road (so as to include all homes accessing on Highland Avenue). Proceed west from this point on a line south of and parallel to Moriches Road to a point opposite Cordwood Path (so as to include all homes accessing on Moriches Road). Proceed southwesterly along the boundary line of the Village of Head of the Harbor/Nissequogue to the river. Then proceed northwesterly along the river to Smithtown Bay then beginning again at the Smithtown-Three Village School lines at Stony Brook Harbor, follow the school district boundary line to Smithtown-Brookhaven town line. Then proceed south along the Smithtown-Brookhaven town line to a point south of and parallel to Maywood Court. Continue in a southwesterly direction to the intersection of Woodlawn Avenue and Moriches Road. Proceed west along the middle of Woodlawn Avenue to the intersection of Lake Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue. Then proceed south along the middle of Lake Avenue to a point where Lake Avenue meets Route 25.

MOTION by Mr. Alcure seconded by Ms. Plourde approving Superintendent Item D Modification of Mills Pond Elementary and St. James Elementary Attendance Areas.

All aye. Motion carried (7 - 0).

- E. Tentative Calendar for April 2012** – The calendar was reviewed and amended by the Board. The Instructional Services committee meeting scheduled for March 26 has been canceled. The work session of the Business Affairs committee scheduled for March 14th has been canceled.

F. Adoption of the 2012-2013 School Year Calendar

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it
RESOLVED that the attached 2012-2013 school district calendar be adopted.

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. McEnroy approving Superintendent Item F Adoption of the 2012- 2013 School Year Calendar.

All aye. Motion carried (7 - 0).

- G. Litigation** - was discussed during the earlier Executive Session.

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT - no report.

IX. AUDIENCE – Mrs. Waldron welcomed the members of the audience and called speakers to the podium from the sign-in sheet.

1. Michelle Musso expressed her concerns regarding the movement of Special Education Classes.
2. Paul Gasparino voiced his concerns regarding the District’s redistricting plans.
3. Melissa Sheridan expressed concerns regarding the Middle School feeder pattern.
4. Neil Carlin expressed voiced his opinion on the need for the District to make systemic and fundamental changes when it comes to teacher salaries.
5. Robert Foster expressed his opinion on the teachers contracts.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

MOTION by Ms. McEnroy, seconded by Ms. Knox approving Finance Items 1 – 5 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7 - 0).

1 - Financial Reports

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the following financial reports for the month(s) indicated are accepted:

- 1 – Revenue Status Report
01/31/12
- 2 – Trial Balance Report
01/31/12
- 3– Summary of Treasurer’s Report
01/31/12
- 4 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report
01/31/12
- 5 – Schedule of Investments
01/31/12
- 6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
01/31/12
- 7– Budgetary Transfer Report
01/31/12
- 8 – Budget Status Report
01/31/12
- 9 – Cash Flow Report
01/31/12
- 10 – Report of Claims Auditor
01/31/12
- 11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12

- 12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 16 – Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 17 – Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 18 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
06/30/11
- 19 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 20 – Nesconset Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 21 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 22 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12
- 23 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
01/31/12”

2 – Bid Recommendation

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the following bid recommendation be approved as submitted herein:

09-09	Ext.	Sheet Music
09-20	Ext.	Coach Buses”

3 – Budgetary Transfers

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers of funds be approved for the 2011-12
school year:

FROM:	See Attached	\$217,795.64
TO:	See Attached	

\$217,795.64”

4 - Appointment of School Physicians

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the Dr. Jennifer Gray and Dr. Jennifer Semel be appointed as School Physicians, as required by law, for interscholastic sports concussion treatment and evaluation for the 2011-12 school year.”

5 - Contract for Special Education Public School Placements

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into a contract for the 2011-12 school year with the public school listed below for the placement of students with handicapping conditions, as approved by the Committee on Special Education:

East Meadow Union Free School District”

MOTION by Ms. McEnroy, seconded by Ms. Knox approving Finance Item 6 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7 - 0).

6 – Facilities Maintenance Shed Restoration

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the arrangements made by the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal for the restoration of the Facilities Department Building located at 479 Edgewood Avenue due to a fire that occurred on June 19, 2011, are hereby approved and that the President of the Board of education is authorized to execute any documentation necessary to process the appropriate paperwork required to proceed with these arrangements.

B. Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. McEnroy approving Operations Item 1 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

1 - Acceptance of Gifts

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of the following gifts:

Donated By

\$4,337.00 for administrative costs associated with administering the

High School West Extra Classroom Account, PSAT/SAT Club

PSAT tests for the 2011-2012 school year

\$700.00 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year

Mt. Pleasant Elementary parents

\$4,871.03 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year

Nesconset Elementary parents

\$1,500.00 for the St. Catherine of Siena Scholarship fund

St. Catherine of Siena Medical Staff Fund
C/O Medical Staff Affairs Office
50 Route 25A
Smithtown, NY 11787

AMENDMENT

\$729.00 for art supplies at St. James Elementary (correction of 2/28/12 agenda to fund field trips)

St. James Elementary Art Club

\$9,814.00 for the participation in 2012 NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festivals

SCSD parents"

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Certified – The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval:

1. Appointment of Adult Continuing Education Teacher(s)
2. Appointment of Teachers and Substitute Teachers for District ESL Extension 2011-2012
3. Appointment of Substitute Teacher(s)
4. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher(s)
5. Certifications
6. Appointment of Volunteer(s)
7. Appointment of Interim Administrator
8. Appointment of Non District Event Chaperone(s)
9. Appointment of Part-Time Teacher(s)
10. Certifications
11. Coaching Assignment(s)
12. Comments
13. Request for FMLA Without Pay/Leave of Absence Without Pay

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-13 as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (7- 0).

B. Classified - The following Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval:

1. Appointments
2. Appointment – Reason(s)
3. Change of Status
4. Change of Status – Reason(s)
5. Retirements
6. Resignation
7. Temp/Peak Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. Plourde approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-7, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

C. **Nurses**- The following Nurses Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval:

1. Appointment of Registered Nurse(s) Temp/Peak
2. Registered Nurse(s) Change of Status

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving the Nurses Personnel Items 1-2, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

XII. NEW BUSINESS –

Agreement with Realtor: Mr. Saggese would like to make sure that the Town of Smithtown is excluded from the rental agreement with the realtor since they have previously expressed interest to him regarding leasing the New York Ave. building.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION at 8:50p.m by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. Plourde that the meeting be adjourned into executive session to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a new Superintendent.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

At 9:00p.m. Dr. Michael Mensch and Ms. Paula Klingelhofer joined Executive Session.

At 10:30p.m. Ms. Plourde moved , Ms. McEnroy seconded and the Board voted unanimously to exit Executive session and return to the public meeting. At 10:30 Mrs. Knox moved, Ms. McEnroy seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Connor
District Clerk