

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

May 10, 2011

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Robert Rossi, President of the Board of Education. On motion by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Carlin, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss discipline of particular personnel, resignations of particular personnel, investigation of a tenured employee, settlement of a claim and a potential claim by the District and to receive legal advice from the District's general and labor counsel. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. and indicated that no motions had been made in Executive Session.

At 8:25 p.m. at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on the Budget the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin	Robert Rossi
Theresa Knox	Gladys M. Waldron
Scott Martella	

Members absent:

Louis Liguori	Joseph T. Saggese
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Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Eugene Barnosky, Lindsay Crocker, Board Counsel
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi before Public Hearing.

II. MINUTES - of the Regular Meetings held, April 12 and 28 and the Special Meetings April 5 and 26, 2011 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the above minutes be approved as presented.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

III. RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Claims Auditor's Report ending March 31, 2011 in the amount of \$8,105,733.30 be accepted.

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the Claims Auditor's Report be accepted.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Correspondence - The following correspondence was presented for the Board's review.

1. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Susan Schlomann regarding STA contract negotiations.

2. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Pam Farino regarding Board of Education candidacy concerns.
3. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Mr. and Mrs. Mark Scheidt regarding losing good teachers to budget cuts.
4. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Michele Sirota regarding self-contained classes in the District.
5. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Mr. Jason Pettis regarding invitation to Annual Rotary Renaissance breakfast.

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Internal and External Auditors

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that

Upon Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that Cullen and Danowski, LLP be appointed as External Auditors for the sum of \$41,440 and R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP be appointed as Internal Auditors for the sum of \$24,900 for the year ending June 30, 2011.

VOTE ON MOTION:	YES	Mr. Martella, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Waldron
	NO	Mr. Carlin, Mr. Rossi

Motion DID NOT CARRY (3-2).

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Housing

Mr. Martella reported that the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Housing meetings have begun.

B. Instructional Services

Mrs. Knox reported that there will be a presentation on Race to the Top at the first BOE meeting in June.

C. Negotiations

Mrs. Waldron reported that the BOE will have a Negotiations Meeting on May 12th.

D. Policy

Mrs. Knox reported that there was a Policy Committee Meeting last week and there are two policies on tonight's agenda.

E. Athletic Council

Mrs. Waldron congratulated Mr. Smith for the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Updates – The Superintendent brought the Board up-to-date on the following items of interest:

- The 2011-2012 Budget Vote and School Board Elections will take place on Tuesday, May 17th between 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
- Accomsett Elementary members of the “Kids with Character” club donated books and self created bookmarks to Angela’s House, which assists families caring for medically frail children.
- Great Hollow Middle School Seventh Grade Student Council sponsored Japan Bracelet Sales. They raised \$492 which was forwarded to the American Red Cross.
- Members of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) from Smithtown High School West were awarded the Safe Teen Drive LI Grant. The SADD chapter at HSW will use the grant money to fund future projects that will advocate for safe driving.
- Congratulations to SHS East Richard Vernillo whose public service announcement, which focuses on the impact of bullying in schools, was chosen for the 2011 Suffolk County’s Youth Prevention Film Project.
- Mrs. McCluskey’s fifth grade class in Mills Pond Elementary School received a grant from Future Corps for their annual St. James Healthcare Spring Beautification project. The funds will be used to purchase flats for the students to plant with the assistance of the residents of the facility.
- Two students, Michael Zhang and Emily Shea, from the Smithtown East Science Research Program have placed in the American Society of Human Genetics Essay Contest.
- Tackan Elementary School PTA sponsored their first Walk/Run event to promote healthy lifestyles. Donations for the local food pantry were collected.
- Congratulations to SHS East Freshman Vincent Aprile whose play was chosen to be performed in the 2011 Northport Play Festival. The play, which was based on the dangers of distractions while driving, was directed by Noelle Eichenlaub and starred Smithtown students Cassandra Bohner, Courtney Loiacono and Raymond Weber.
- The Leadership Club from St. James Elementary School visited Stony Brook University Hospital to bring toys and items for the children in the hospital. They met with Mike Attard from the Child Life Program and learned how the Child Life Team assists children transitioning from accidents or ailments to health.
- Mt. Pleasant Elementary fifth grade girls and their mothers were invited to Principal McGahan’s Mother-Daughter Book Club. The books were chosen for their strong female characters and ability to lend themselves to rich discussions about life, values, character, friendship and relationships.
- Continuing a 20 year tradition of children’s theater, the fifth grade students at Smithtown Elementary presented a musical version of “Alice in Wonderland,” which was a Broadway style musical with full lights, sound, costuming and make-up. This experience taught the students discipline, focus and teamwork.

B. Committee on Special Education

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for cases 306873, 301673, 300637, 305966, 306878, 159870, 306023, 306813, 309365, 309945, 309222, 309870, 308596, 300839, 311845, 192359 and 312431 be approved.
2. Sub-Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 308143, 301289, 191689, 193169, 305797, 306159, 307685, 301446, 301040, 302641, 301183, 301525, 160080, 301169, 152100, 307627, 184769, 187529, 305545, 308058, 308549, 190639, 175888, 305683, 153210, 310864, 308200, 180718, 301402, 301120, 301121, 160320, 190799, 302446, 301003, 307087, 301760, 185199, 163440, 201000, 307281, 311555, 304660, 308053, 152610, 158650, 301380, 188449, 304185, 306773, 303638, 305817, 304174, 303182, 301803, 301625, 303661, 303593, 303284, 303934,

305687, 300325, 190049, 309162, 305176, 307328, 306789, 309084, 306644, 304318, 307516, 306111, 306258, 306271, 303923, 305487, 308804, 307589, 309456, 308443, 301265, 302344, 304000, 303793, 304239, 302048, 305117, 305150, 304046, 305654, 305965, 306977, 305768, 309892, 304861, 308462, 310749, 304630, 303694, 306903, 301889, 306055, 308663, 310813, 306003, 308084, 307767, 302243, 303037, 308281, 309202, 304527, 308960, 308654, 307361, 301946, 306600, 305400, 308099, 307242, 309672, 311555, 307345, 306749, 309310, 309522, 304850, 310494, 310617, 309834, 200239, 301995, 301999, 310606, 308899, 300950, 310893, 308519, 304750, 312539 and 159340 be approved.

C. Committee on Preschool Special Education

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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 P312443, P312031, P312421, P312164 and P312314 be approved.
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 P311457, P311481A, P311481, P311891, P311802, P311645, P312393, P311800A, P311800, P311935 and P311811 be approved.

D. Calendar for May and June 2011 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board.

E. Litigation – was discussed during the earlier Executive Session.

F. First Reading – Revised Policy 4420 – Board of Education Policies – Class Size

The revised Policy 4420 – Class Size – Board of Education Policies was presented to the Board for information and discussion.

A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools will subsequently present the final copy to the Board of Education for its action at the June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting.

G. First Reading – Proposed Policy 6641 – Board of Education Policies – Capital Assets Accounting

The proposed Policy 6641 – Capital Assets Accounting – Board of Education Policies was presented to the Board for information and discussion.

A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools will subsequently present the final copy to the Board of Education for its action at the June 14, 2011 Regular Meeting.

H. Nawrocki Smith LLP

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that

Upon Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the proposal with Nawrocki Smith LLP dated May 10, 2011 and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute same.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT – none.

IX. Audience - Mr. Rossi welcomed the members of the audience and called speakers to the podium from the sign-in sheet.

1. Pam Farino questioned missing e-mail from a FOIL request; questioned when the administration received a college readiness rate report and asked if the District has its own list of mandates.
2. Rick Schlomann approved of sharing MOA's with the public; questioned budget numbers and questioned the investigation of obtaining petition signatures during the school day.
3. Stan Meyers questioned who benefited from the obtaining of petition signatures during the school day and agreed that the BOE should share MOA's with the public.
4. Robert Rossi expressed his displeasure with the STA's management using the school buildings to get people elected to the school board which might lead them to rich contracts. Mr. Rossi also complained about the STA's negotiating tactics.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS**A. Finance**

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving Amended Finance Items 1 – 5 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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
03/31/11
- 2 – Trial Balance Report
03/31/11
- 3– Summary of Treasurer's Report
03/31/11
- 4 – Treasurer's Monthly Report
03/31/11
- 5 – Schedule of Investments
03/31/11
- 6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
03/31/11
- 7 – Budgetary Transfer Report
03/31/11
- 8 – Budget Status Report
03/31/11
- 9 – Cash Flow Report
03/31/11
- 10 – Report of Claims Auditor
03/31/11
- 11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 16– Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11

- 17– Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 18 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 19 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 20 – Nesconset Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 21 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 22 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11
- 23 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/11

2. Bid Recommendations - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following bid recommendations be approved as submitted herein:

10-27	Ext.	Public Address & Intercom System Service & Maintenance
11-12		District-Wide Elevator Upgrades
		#58-08-01-06-1-008-014 J. Barton Admin. Bldg.
		#58-08-01-06-0-016-021 St. James Elem.
		#58-08-01-06-0-034-026 Accomsett M.S.
		#58-08-01-06-0-027-017 Great Hollow M.S.
		#58-08-01-06-0-033-014 Nesaquake M.S.
		#58-08-01-06-0-023-028 High School East
		#58-08-01-06-0-038-022 High School West

3. Budgetary Transfers - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers of funds be approved for the 2010-11 school year:

FROM:	See Attached	\$655,731.06
TO:	See Attached	\$655,731.06

4. SEQRA Recommendation – Smithtown High School East - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District, after review of the action proposed at Smithtown High School East, hereby determines that the proposed science lab renovations are a Type II Action pursuant to 6NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

5. Appointment of Board of Registration Officials - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it "RESOLVED, that the attached list of Board of Registration Officials, as selected by the District Clerk of the Board of Education, are appointed at the rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per sixteen-hour day.

B. Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving Operations Items 1-5 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

\$30,000.00 to update the equipment in the Weight Rooms at both High School East and West	The Booster Club of Smithtown P.O. Box 166 Smithtown, NY 11787
\$3,000.00 donation towards the fence installation at Nesaquake Middle School	The Booster Club of Smithtown P.O. Box 166 Smithtown, NY 11787
\$4,000.00 donation of two \$2,000.00 Olivia and Harlan Fischer Art Scholarships	Harlan J. Fischer CLU, CHFC Branch Financial Services, Inc. 50 Route 111, Suite 206 Smithtown, NY 11787
\$2,500.00 donation towards the fence installation at Nesaquake Middle School	St. James Athletic Association D/B/A Smithtown Bulls Baseball Club P.O. Box 29 St. James, NY 11780
\$68.00 for the 2011 NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival	SCSD parents
\$194.00 to fund field trips for the 2010-2011 school year	Smithtown Elementary parents
\$1,000.00 donation for scholarship	Suffolk County Superintendents Building & Grounds Association P.O. Box 1252 Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
\$1,000.00 Model Schools Integration Award – Moodling to Enhance the Learning of French Language and Culture – Teacher: Kristen Romond	Western Suffolk BOCES Model Schools Program 31 Lee Avenue Wheatley Heights, NY 11798

2. Additions to Lists of Organizations Approved to Use School Facilities, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 School Years - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following organizations, having made formal application, are hereby approved to use school facilities at the Smithtown Central School District during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, subject to all School District policies, rules and regulations, Standard Uniform Practices, and contract provisions:

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Long Island Riptide

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Long Island Volleyball Club (LIVBC)
Smithtown Kickers, Inc.

3. Declaration of Obsolete Books - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the attached list of books, due to poor condition and/or obsolescence, is no longer useful to the District, and are hereby declared to be obsolete, and are to be disposed of in a manner that is in the best interest of the Smithtown Central School District.”

List of books at Accomsett Middle School

4. Designation of Canvassing Committee - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that MARY WILSON and CATHERINE QUINN be and hereby are designated to serve as a Canvassing Committee to cast and canvass such ballots offered by

voters, pursuant to Education Law Section 2019-a, at the Annual Election to be held on the 17th day of May 2011, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that said Canvassing Committee shall meet on the 18th day of May 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at the Offices of the District Clerk, 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, New York, for the purposes of the casting, canvassing, and tallying of said ballots.

5. School Lunch and Breakfast Prices, 2011-12 - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to approve the following school lunch and breakfast prices for the 2011-12 school year:

LUNCH

Elementary schools to be increased from \$2.00 to \$2.25
Secondary schools to be increased from \$2.25 to \$2.50
Reduced priced meals allowed by Federal law for eligible students will be at \$.25

BREAKFAST

High Schools only will remain the same at \$1.50
Reduced priced meals allowed by Federal law for eligible students will be at \$.25

XI. PERSONNEL

A. **Certified** – The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment XI.A. 1-7):

1. Appointment of Substitute Teachers
2. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher(s)
3. Certifications
4. Request for FMLA Without Pay/Leave of Absence Without Pay
5. Request for Leave of Absence Without Pay
6. Notice of Resignation(s)
7. Tenure Recommendation – Administrator(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-7, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano congratulated the administrators who received tenure this evening. Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, also congratulated the administrators on receiving tenure.

B. **Classified** - The following Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval(Attachment XI.B. 1-6) :

1. Appointments
2. Change of Status
3. Leave of Absence Unpaid
4. Leave of Absence – Reason(s)
5. Retirements
6. Election Worker(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-6, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano recognized the retirees. Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, also congratulated the retirees.

XII. NEW BUSINESS – none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk