

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

September 23, 2008

Held in the Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Robert Rossi, Vice President of the Board of Education.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin
Theresa Knox
Louis Liguori

Robert Rossi
Gladys M. Waldron

Members absent:

Carl E. Gianino

Joseph T. Saggese

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Mary Cahill, Asst. Supt.
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Peter G. Albert, Board Counsel
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi. On motion by Mr. Liguori, seconded by Mr. Carlin, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss Particular Personnel, Negotiations and Litigation.

At 8:02 p.m. Mrs. Waldron moved, Mrs. Knox seconded, and the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from Annmarie Lang regarding coaching policy.
2. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from Jane Mayer regarding coaching policy.
3. Letter to Mr. Carl Gianino, President of Board of Education, from Laura Matturro regarding coaching policy.
4. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from Robert Urbancik regarding coaching policy.
5. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from Teri Sheehan regarding coaching policy.
6. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from James P. Moran regarding merit pay.

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).

Section B - General Communications – The following general communications were presented for the Board's review.

1. Western BOCES Minutes – Regular Meeting, August 19, 2008

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the above general correspondence be accepted.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS – none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Services

Mrs. Waldron reported that a meeting is scheduled for October 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Facilities

Mr. Rossi reported that a meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 7:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Updates – The Superintendent brought the Board up-to-date on the following items:

- Diane Cho and Mitchell Feinberg, Smithtown High School East seniors, have been named Semifinalists in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. They scored in the top one percent of students throughout the country who took the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Eight students have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students scored in the top five percent of those who took the examination. They are: Justin Donlon, Emily McAllister, Gregory Righter and Amanda Skopkowski from High School East and Frank Cervo, Kenneth Gerien, Virginia Mule and James Mulhern from High School West.
- Smithtown Public Schools will soon be implementing a school-to-family telephone messaging service called Connect-ED. This system will enable communication about emergencies, school events and other important matters that affect students.
- *From Playdate to Prom Date – Keeping Our Kids Safe in Suburbia* will be the theme of the keynote address at the District's Fall Parent University on Monday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. at High School West. Paul Failla, a retired Suffolk County Police Department veteran, will deliver the address and then take questions from the audience. His talk will be followed by workshops taught by the district's administrators. Please check the District website and Digest for further information.
- Christopher Schneider, a senior at SHS West, and Richard Germade-Craan, a senior at SHS East were recipients of the National Hispanic Recognition Award 2008-09 for excellence in academic achievement.
- Philomena Bubaris, a senior at High School East, has been selected to be the keynote speaker at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC on October 28. She will address high achieving middle school students representing the 50 states.

- Meet the Teacher and Back-to-School nights are being held in our schools throughout September and October.
- Students throughout the District observed Constitution Day on September 17th in a variety of ways. Branch Brook Elementary students dressed as colonists to celebrate Constitution Day at a mini-assembly. Mills Pond and Mt. Pleasant students developed class constitutions to outline rules and responsibilities for a successful school year, which they signed with quill pens.
- Samantha Forde, a senior at Smithtown High School East, was named Miss Long Island Teen. She prepared for the Miss Long Island Competition for the past several months spending time volunteering for various community service organizations.
- The Smithtown Teachers' Association proudly supported all three local fire departments -- Smithtown, Nesconset and St. James -- by making donations to their annual drives.
- As the special guests of a delegation from Brookhaven National Laboratory, Smithtown HS East science teacher Dr. Gillian Winters, HSE senior Megan Russ and HSE junior John Dodaro recently traveled to the Fermi National Laboratory (Fermilab) in Batavia, Illinois. They joined 400 physicists from around the country to celebrate the launch of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at the laboratory of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Great Hollow Middle School's eighth grade science classes participated in a special project on National Grid's website. An important part of that campaign is "Floe" – the virtual polar bear making its home at www.nationalgridfloe.com, where it has been inspiring people to take positive environmental actions. This project was part of the environmental science unit.

Mr. Rossi thanked the Superintendent for his positive updates, noting the many fine accomplishments achieved by our students.

Committee on Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for cases 309494, 306765, 306787, 309346, 306643, 180606, 308233, 301480, 193169, 306561, 304312, 182678, 200162, 300153, 300153, 308117, 300263 and 300325 be approved.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Sub-Committee on Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 307029, 308387, 302767, 303812, 300806, 303872, 300148, 307260, 191249 and 301681 be approved.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Committee on Preschool Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for Initial Placement – Program/Services for cases P309476, P309387, P309475, P309474 and P309438 be approved.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education for Annual IEP Review/Amended IEP for cases P308047, P308039, P308583, P309150, P308198, P308655, P309236, P309374 and P308205 be approved.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Calendar for September and October 2008 - The calendars were reviewed by the Board.

Litigation - was discussed during the earlier Executive Session.

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT - none.

SECTION C - AUDIENCE – Mr. Rossi welcomed the members of the audience and called speakers to the podium from the sign-in sheet.

1. Pam Farino congratulated the District on its plans to install solar panels. Mrs. Farino requested that the District bring such information to the community in a more timely manner.
2. Anita Goldman thanked the District for approving a new Best Buddies Program.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Finance

Discussion – Mr. Liguori questioned specifics on Bid #07-26 Ext. After back-and-forth discussion it was decided to have a separate vote on Item #2 – Bid Recommendations.

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving **Finance Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6** on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving **Finance Item 2** on a consent motion.

YES Mr. Carlin, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Waldron
NO Mr. Liguori, Mr. Rossi

Motion did NOT carry (3-2).

MOTION by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Waldron pulling bid # 08-39 Physical Education Supplies from the previous motion to be voted on separately.

YES Mr. Carlin, Mr. Liguori, Mrs. Waldron, Mr. Rossi
NO Mrs. Knox

Motion carried (4-1).

MOTION by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Liguori approving **Finance Item 2, Bid Recommendation #08-39** on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Budgetary Transfers - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers of funds be approved for the 2008-09 school year:

FROM:	See attached list	\$119,198.50
TO:	See attached list	\$119,198.50
FROM:	See attached list	\$8,800.00
TO:	See attached list	\$8,800.00

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

07-26 Ext.	Concrete & Masonry Work- (Did not carry.)
07-27 Ext.	Pointing and Sealing Brick - (Did not carry.)
08-39	Physical Education Supplies

3. Contracts for Special Education Private School Placement - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for the 2008-09 school year with the private and public schools/organizations listed below for the placement of students with handicapping conditions, as approved by the Committee on Special Education:

Cleary School for the Deaf
Madonna Heights

4. Contract for Consulting Services – Autism - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the following individual, during the 2008-09 school year, at the rate of \$70.00 per hour, to provide consulting services for children with autism:

Leslie J. Popko
25 Poplar Avenue
Stony Brook, NY 11790

5. Agreement with Seneca Consulting Group - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Seneca Consulting Group to assist in the development of a centralized Customer Relationship Management (CRM) database to enhance the reporting capabilities of the District. Seneca will train the benefits staff and provide enhancements to the application if needed. Cost to include \$1,000 for CRM Application (ACT!11.05 users) and a maximum of \$3,750 (\$250 per hour to a maximum of 15 hours) for collection of data, creation of reports and training of staff.

6. Contract for Translator - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute a contract with the following individual to provide translations for a parent during a committee meeting, as per NYS Part 200 Parent Rights, at a rate of \$65.00 per hour:

Kam Ling Wong
6 Pine Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790

Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving Operations Items 1-3 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Acceptance of Gift - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the acceptance of the following gift:

Donated By

\$1000.00 for Science Research

Intel Award

2. Declaration of Obsolete Items – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following items, due to poor condition and/or obsolescence, are 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:

Brother – Intellifax 1270 – Serial # C27265140
IBM Wheelwriter Lexmark 1500 – Serial # 11XT454
4 Stereo Compact Disc Player Cassette Tape Recorders Eiki 7070A-Models
Serial #'s: 202974, 203574, 202975, 203588
Risograph Model TR-1510 – Serial # 80516747 at Tackan Elementary
175 desks and 17 file cabinets in St. James Elementary basement
Apollo Overhead, serial # 947700393, model # RS2502
EIKI Overhead, serial # 9108012, model # 3850A
EIKI Overhead, serial # 97030003, model # AL2000

3. Additions to List of Organizations Approved to Use School Facilities 2008-09 School Year – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following organizations, having made formal application, are hereby approved for applying to use school facilities of the Smithtown Central School District during the 2008-09 school year, subject to all school district policies, rules and regulations, Standard Uniform Practices and contract provisions:

Dogwood Elementary PTA
Friends of Caleb Smith Preserve
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
St. Joseph's CYO

PERSONNEL

Certified – The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval (Attachment IX.A.1-20):

1. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher(s)
2. Appointment of STEP Program Substitute Teacher
3. Appointment of Academic Intervention Tutors
4. Notice of Resignation
5. Notice of Retirement
6. Appointment of Home Instruction Tutors
7. Request for FMLA, Without Pay/Leave of Absence, Without Pay
8. Tenure Recommendation – Teacher
9. Approval of Emergency Conditional Fingerprint Clearance
10. Appointment of Substitute Teacher(s) 2008-2009
11. Administrative Tenure List-Information for the Board of Education
12. Appointment of Event Chaperones
13. Appointment of SAT/PSAT Test Coordinator(s)
14. Appointment of Potential Proctors/Hall Monitors
15. Compensation for In-District Proctors/Hall Monitors
16. Appointment of Co-Curricular Activity Sponsors
17. Appointment of Athletic Trainer(s) 2008-2009
18. Appointment of Music Event Chaperones 2008-2009
19. Appointment of Part-Time Teacher(s)
20. Appointment of Sponsors

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-20, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Classified - The following Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval (Attachment IX.B.1-5):

1. Appointments
2. Change of Status
3. Resignation
4. Terminations
5. Emergency Conditional Fingerprint Clearance

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-5 as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Nursing – The following Nursing Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval:

1. Termination-Nurse

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving the Nursing Personnel Item 1 as detailed in the attached resolution.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk