

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

January 28, 2014

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m. by Eugene Barnosky on behalf of Gladys M. Waldron, president. On motion by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Mr. Alcure, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters leading to the lease of property because public discussion would substantially affect the value of the property at issue, matters leading to possible litigation and to obtain legal advice from the Board's attorney.

Mr. Morton entered the meeting at 7:06p.m.

Ms. Sadowsky left the meeting at 8:00p.m.

At 8:00p.m. Ms. Plourde moved, Mr. Alcure seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to exit Executive Session and return to the public meeting.

Members present:

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| Louis Liguori | Christopher Alcure |
| Joanne McEnroy | Matthew Morton |
| Grace Plourde | |

Members absent:

Gladys M. Waldron
Theresa Knox

Also present:

Judith A. Elias, Superintendent
Jennifer Bradshaw, Asst. Supt.
Andrew Tobin, Asst. Supt.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
William Bushman Ed.D, Asst. Supt.
Eugene Barnosky, Board Counsel
Maryann Sadowsky, Special Counsel
Visitors
Maureen O'Connor, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Liguori.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter To: Mrs. Gladys Waldron

From: The Dogwood Elementary PTA
Re: Invitation to Participate in PARP

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Mr. Alcure that the correspondence in Section A, as listed above, be received and that 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.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None at this time.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report on Advocacy Workshop- Ms. Plourde reported that she attended an Advocacy Workshop on January 25. Ms. Plourde showed a brief video on the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) from the Education Speaks website. The GEA was a major topic of discussion, specifically why it is still necessary when the governor's budget is predicting a surplus. Mr. Tobin noted that the recent state aid runs indicated that under the current GEA formula Smithtown reduction is the lowest possible 2.5%. Ms. Elias stressed the importance of parents involvement in advocating for the elimination of the GEA. Others topics discussed at the workshop included the "myth of wealth and opulence on Long Island" and the Common Core Curriculum. Senator Flanagan who was in attendance at the workshop noted that several bills have been introduced related to the Common Core including; a "study bill" to examine the roll out of the program, privacy issues, inBloom and opt out, elimination of some assessments and excessive testing. Mr. Liguori suggested that the Board request a meeting with Senator Flanagan and Assemblyman Fitzpatrick as the district prepares the budget so that they may see first hand the challenges that we are facing. Ms. Elias said she would reach out to both legislators to try to facilitate such a meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Updates/Awards - the Superintendent updated the Board on the following items of interest:

- The budget process is underway and members of the community are welcome at all meetings. Budget workshops will be held at the Joseph M. Barton Building, 26 New York Avenue, in the auditorium. The first budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 PM. Please refer to the district website for budget information and a listing of budget workshops.

- Reminder about Transportation – All transportation requests for the 2014-2015 school year for private or parochial school students must be made by April 1, 2014 regardless of whether the request is for a first-time applicant or is a renewal. If you are a first time applicant, you need to register your child with the Smithtown School District in order to be considered for transportation, receive textbooks and/or other educational services. Registration must occur in person and will take place at 26 New York Avenue until the April 1st deadline.
- Ms. Elias recognized High School Seniors Catherine Feldman and Yongpeng Tang for being semi-finalists in the Intel Science Talent Search Competition.

B. Tentative Calendar for January and February 2014 the calendar was reviewed and amended by the Board. A Negotiations meeting was scheduled for 6:30p.m. on February 11th (Executive Session) and a Facilities committee meeting was scheduled for March 4th immediately following the Budget Workshop.

C. Litigation

D. Revised Policy 5305 – Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities - Board of Education Policies - Second Reading

The revised Policy 5305 – Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities - Board of Education Policies was presented for your information and discussion at the January 14, 2014 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 February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

E. Revised Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics - Board of Education Policies - Second Reading

The revised Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics - Board of Education Policies was presented for your information and discussion at the January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

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F. Revised Regulation 5280R – Interscholastic Athletics - Board of Education Policies – Second Reading

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G. Proposed Regulation 5305R – Eligibility For Extracurricular Activities - Board of Education Policies – Second Reading

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H. Revised Board of Education Regulation – Independent Educational Evaluations 4321.3R

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the attached revised Regulation 4321.R – Independent Educational Evaluations is approved.

MOTION by Ms. Plourde seconded by Mr. Alcure approving Superintendent’s Report Item H. Revised Board of Education Regulation 4321.3R

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

A. Overnight Field Trip request for 26 High School West students, grade 12 A.P. Government, to compete in the *We the People Competition*, Albany, New York, February 28-March 1, 2014. They will be accompanied by three Smithtown teachers. Information attached.

MOTION by Ms. Plourde seconded by Mr. Morton approving Instructional Report Item A on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried. (5-0).

B. Presentation - CTE update on College and Career Readiness

VII. PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

A. 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.”

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education:

As per attached CSE meetings held between 01/15/2014 and 01/28/2014.

2. Sub-Committee on Special Education

As per attached SCSE meetings held between 01/15/2014 and 01/28/2014.

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

B. Committee on Pre-School 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.”

See Attached –CPSE meetings from 1/7/14 – 1/14/14

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.”

See Attached –CPSE meetings from 1/7/14 – 1/14/14

MOTION by Mr. Alcure Ms. Plourde approving Pupil Personnel Services Items A-B Committee on Special Education and Committee on Preschool Special Education.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

1. Pam Farino commented on the recent Board of Regents meetings, she expressed her concern over the commissioner’s statements regarding “fiscal equity” and funds going to high needs districts. Ms.Farino suggested that the Board also contact Assemblyman Fitzpatrick to meet regarding the budget. Ms.Farino also asked for clarification of certain budget transfer codes.
2. Christine Fetherston expressed concerns regarding her son’s medical management plan.
3. Valerie Fetherston expressed concerns regarding her grandson’s medical management plan.
4. Karla Greco expressed concerns regarding the Common Core curriculum.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

1 – Budgetary Transfers – Intra-Capital Fund

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers of Intra-Capital funds be approved
for the 2013-14 school year:

| | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$19,758.18 | |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | | \$19,758.18 |
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$42,236.48 | |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | | \$42,236.48 |
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$46,908.11 | |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | | \$46,908.11 |

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$13,473.25 |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | \$13,473.25 |
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$22,103.22 |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | \$22,103.22 |
| TRANSFER OUT: | See Attached | \$21,513.39 |
| TRANSFER IN: | See Attached | \$21,513.39” |

2 – External Auditor’s Management Representation Letter

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to sign the Management Representation Letter with R.S. Abrams & Company, LLP, dated January 10, 2014 in connection with their Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2013.”

3 – Contract for Education Program

"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 present Character Education Programs (not to exceed 2) at High School East during the 2013-2014 school year, at a cost of \$650.00 per program:

Paul Failla
P.O. Box 416
Miller Place, NY 11764”

4 – Contract for Tutoring Services

"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 organization, for the 2013-14 school year, to provide tutoring services, at a fee of \$75.00 per hour:

Veritas Tutors, LLC (DBA Signet Education)
1132 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138"

MOTION by Mr. Alcure, seconded by Mr. Morton approving Finance Items 1-4 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5- 0).

B. Operations

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

1998 Ford, Subn, ID#
1FMRU18W5WLA95345
to H.S. East Auto Shop

Eric Danielsen
21 Hartsdale Street
St. James, NY 11780"

2- 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."

Houghton Mifflin Reading Series, K-5 (2001), approximately 3,000

(Damaged by pipe burst at Nesconset Elementary)

Amsco's Preparing for the Regents Exam Math A, Author: R. Andres and
J. Bernstein, ISBN#: 1-5765-535-1, 146 copies"

MOTION by Mr. Morton, seconded by Ms. McEnroy approving Operations Item 1-2 on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

XI. PERSONNEL

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

1. Appointment of Adult Continuing Education Teacher
2. Appointment of Additional Event Chaperone 2013-2014
3. Appointment of Co-Curricular Activities Sponsor
4. Comments
5. Request for FMLA and/or Leave of Absence
6. Comments
7. Appointment of Substitute Teacher 2013-2014
8. Appointment of Part-Time Teacher
9. Certifications
10. Appointment of Volunteer

MOTION by Ms. McEnroy, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-10 , as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

1. Appointments
2. Appointments – Reasons
3. Change of Status
4. Change of Status - Reasons
5. Leave of Absence
6. Leave of Absence – Reasons
7. Resignation
8. Temp/Peak Appointments

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-8 as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

XII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Tobin commented on the recently released New York State Comptrollers Office Report of their Fiscal Stress Monitoring System. Smithtown is not currently in fiscal stress, however we scored 23.3%, less than 2% from the first level of stress. The monitoring system gives districts a score of 0-25 in there is no fiscal stress, 25-45 is susceptible to fiscal stress, 45-65 indicates moderate fiscal stress and over 65 would be fiscal stress. Factors taken into account in determining a score include fund balance, operating deficits, cash ratios and use of short term debt.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Mr. Morton that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (5 -0).

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Connor
District Clerk

Personnel

A. Certified

(1) Appointment of Adult Continuing Education Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the District shall employ the following person as an instructor in the Adult Continuing Education Program at the rate of \$20 per hour, effective 7/1/2013 for the 2013-2014 school year:

Name

Forster, Lauren J.

Heinz, James F.

Personnel

A. Certified

(2) Appointment of Additional Event Chaperone 2013-2014

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the person listed below be appointed as a possible Event Chaperone, effective for the 2013-2014 school year.

Name

Combs, Madeline J.

Personnel

A. Certified

(3) Appointment of Co-Curricular Activities Sponsor

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration of the various schools have, in committee, determined what co-curricular activities should be conducted and designated sponsors for each, now therefore, on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following designated activities be authorized and established for the current school year and be it further RESOLVED, that the following named individuals be appointed as sponsors of the activities indicated, to be compensated in accordance with Article XX C of the Board/STA contract:

| <u>Name-Sponsor</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Compensation</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Hegreness, Mark D. | Theatrical: Director/ Music Director | \$6,324.00 | Smithtown HS-East Campus |
| Brosnan, James L. | Theatrical: Pit Orchestra Director | \$3,374.00 | Smithtown HS-East Campus |
| Shanian, Dianne | Theatrical: Artistic Director | \$1,575.00 | Smithtown HS-East Campus |

(4) Comments

Metzger, Linda: rescind COCU sponsor, Character Education-gr.2 , BOE approved 10/8/2013

PersonnelA. Certified(5) Request for FMLA and/or Leave of Absence

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following person be granted FMLA and/or Leave of Absence effective as specified below:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Assign</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>End Date</u> | <u>Leave</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Giangrandi, Christina M. | Social Studies, 7-12 | SHSE | 12/02/2013 | 02/23/2014 | Family Medical Sick |
| Joynes, Susan | Home Ec/Family & Consumer Sci | AMS | 11/18/2013 | 12/10/2013 | Family Medical Leave, without pay |

(6) Comments

Joynes, Susan - intermittent FMLA without pay.

Personnel

A. Certified

(7) Appointment of Substitute Teacher 2013-2014

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the person listed be appointed as a per diem substitute at the Board approved rates.

Name

Tasopoulos, Alexander C.

Certification

Initial

Certificate

Music

Personnel

A. Certified

(8) Appointment of Part-time Teacher

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following named person who is properly certified, be appointed as a part-time teacher as specified below:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Assign</u> | <u>FTE</u> | <u>StepGr</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>End Date</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Villalta, Brandie M. | Special Education | MTP | 0.20 | 1-BA+60/MA | \$11,443.20 | 01/29/2014 | 06/30/2014 |

(9) Certifications

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certificate Area</u> | <u>Certificate Type</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Villalta, Brandie M. | Students Disabilities Grades 1-6 | INIT |
| Villalta, Brandie M. | Pre K-6 | PERM |

Personnel

A. Certified

(10) Appointment of Volunteer

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the person listed below be appointed as a Volunteer.

Name

Woisin, Robyn - Replacing Shari Tarburton as chaperone for overnight field trip, February 6-February 10 - Cheerleader's National Competition.

PersonnelB. Classified(1) Appointments

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following are appointed as Civil Service employees of the Smithtown Central School District, Smithtown, NY, as specified below, providing the appointee meets the required qualifications for the job.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Kloete, Kristina | Special Education Aide PROB | GH | \$17.45 | 3.0000 | 01/29/2014 |
| Nessler, Margaret | Special Education Aide TEMP | SHSE | \$17.45 | 3.0000 | 01/29/2014 |
| Martin, Dennis W. | School Custodial Supervisor | Facilities | \$85,000. | | 3/3/2014 |

(2) Appointment - Reasons

Ms. Kloete is being hired from Posting #15626.

Ms. Nessler is being hired from Posting #15626.

Mr. Martin is being hired from Posting # 15625.

PersonnelB. Classified(3) Change of Status

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the change of status of the following Civil Service employees of the Smithtown Central School District, Smithtown, NY are approved, providing the employees meet the required qualifications:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Status</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Loc</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Effective</u> | <u>End Date</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Baffo, Karen | PERM | School Monitor | BB | \$18.20 | 3.50 | 02/06/2014 | / / |
| Baffo, Karen | PROB | School Monitor | BB | \$18.20 | 3.50 | 10/23/2013 | 02/05/2014 |
| DiSalvio, Antonietta | PROB | School Monitor | MPE | \$13.82 | 7.00 | 01/29/2014 | / / |
| DiSalvio, Antonietta | TPPK | School Monitor | NYA | \$10.00 | 7.00 | 11/14/2013 | 01/28/2014 |
| Lestrangle, Patricia L. | PROB | School Monitor | TE | \$13.82 | 2.00 | 01/29/2014 | / / |
| Lestrangle, Patricia L. | TPPK | School Monitor | NYA | \$10.00 | 7.00 | 10/14/2009 | 01/28/2014 |
| Rearick, Carriann | PROB | School Monitor | MPE | \$13.82 | 2.00 | 01/29/2014 | / / |
| Rearick, Carriann | TPPK | School Monitor | NYA | \$10.00 | 7.00 | 11/14/2013 | 01/28/2014 |
| Sciortino, Christine M. | PROB | Special Education Aide | GH | \$18.20 | 3.00 | 01/29/2014 | / / |
| Sciortino, Christine M. | PERM | School Monitor | BB | \$14.43 | 2.00 | 03/31/2011 | 01/28/2014 |
| Stevenson, Glenn J. | PERM | Custodial Worker 1 | SHSW | \$39,903.00 | 8.00 | 02/13/2014 | / / |
| Stevenson, Glenn J. | PROB | Custodial Worker 1 | SHSW | \$39,903.00 | 8.00 | 08/14/2013 | 02/12/2014 |

(4) Change of Status - Reasons

Ms. Sciortino is being hired from Posting #15626.

Personnel

B. Classified

(5) Leave of Absence

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the request for an unpaid leave of absence by the following employees of the Smithtown Central School District, Smithtown, NY, be approved providing the employee meets the required qualifications:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Loc</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Start Date</u> | <u>End Date</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Hergott, Stephanie A. | Elementary School Monitor (Hourly) | SE | \$14.43 | 01/06/2014 | 02/23/2014 |
| McNamara, Dawn | Clerk Typist (Hourly) | DE | \$21.04 | 01/23/2014 | 02/09/2014 |
| Weir, Geraldine A. | FSW 24 HRS/LESS>7/1/02(Hourly) | SHSE | \$15.14 | 02/01/2014 | 04/20/2014 |

(6) Leave of Absence - Reasons

Ms. Weir is requesting an extension to her unpaid leave of absence (9/9/13 to 4/20/14).

PersonnelB. Classified(7) Resignation

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the resignations of the following employees of the Smithtown Central School District, Smithtown, NY, are approved as specified below.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>End Date</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Di Agostino, Francesca M. | Elementary School Monitor (Hourly) | MPE | \$14.43 | 01/28/2014 |
| Murphy, Ashley S. | Computer Laboratory Assistant TPPK | NYA | \$15.00 | 01/28/2014 |
| Murphy, Ashley S. | Stock Clerk (TPPK) | NYA | \$11.00 | 01/28/2014 |

PersonnelB. Classified(8) Temp/Peak Appointments

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following are appointed as Civil Service employees of the Smithtown Central School District, Smithtown, NY, as specified below, providing the appointee meets the required qualifications for the job.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Baker, Michael | Guard TPPK | NYA | \$18.04 | 01/29/2014 |
| Cozzolino, Lesley | School Monitor TPPK | NYA | \$10.00 | 01/29/2014 |
| Scherer, Carol | Stock Clerk TPPK | WH | \$11.00 | 01/29/2014 |