

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

January 10, 2012

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gladys Waldron, President of the Board of Education. On motion by Mrs. Knox seconded by Ms. Plourde, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to seek legal advice from the District attorney, to discuss negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the SSAA, and to discuss a disciplinary matter involving particular students.

At 8:05p.m. Ms. Plourde moved, Mr. Alcure seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to exit executive session and return to the public 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.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Lindsay T. Crocker, Board Counsel
Visitors
Maureen O'Connor, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mrs. Waldron.

II. MINUTES - of the Regular Meeting held December 13, 2012 and Special Meeting held December 14, 2012 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ms. Plourde, seconded by Mr. Saggese 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 November 30, 2011 in the amount of \$15,061,383.59 be accepted.

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Saggese 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 Members of the Board of Education from Mr. Robert Thompson regarding his letter to the editor of the Times of Smithtown.
2. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from the family of Frances Russo regarding appreciation for expression of sympathy.
3. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from the family of Andrew Kennedy regarding appreciation for expression of sympathy.

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Liguori 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 (7-0).

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

V. OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Saggese asked for the status of his request for a report of the payments made to date to H2M. Mr. Ehmann said that should be available by the end of the week.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business Affairs- Ms. McEnroy reported that a meeting was held last week and included presentations on Budget projections, Technology and Facilities. The topics from this meeting will be repeated at the Community Budget Information meeting tomorrow night. Mr. Saggese requested that the District present any proposed cuts to the community sooner rather than later.

B. Facilities- Ms. Plourde reported there was no meeting this month. A meeting will be set during calendar review.

C. Housing- Mrs. Knox reported that the CACIH report is due to the Board by the end of the month. Mr. Saggese offered his opinion that Mrs. Knox recuse herself from voting on the school closing since she stepped down from the CACIH when they were coming close to deciding which school to close. Mrs. Knox responded that she resigned from the CACIH at that time because she would have her opportunity to vote as a Board member after receiving and deliberating on the committee's report.

D. Instructional Services- Ms. McEnroy announced there is a meeting scheduled for Jan. 23.

E. Negotiations- Mr. Liguori reported that they had meeting before the holidays. The District has been holding several meetings with the bargaining units and there are other meetings scheduled. Mr. Saggese reported that a Negotiations Overview meeting for the community was held on December 22. One thing specifically that came out of that meeting was a need for Fact Finding with an independent arbitrator. Mr. Saggese would like the Negotiations committee to recommend Fact Finding to Central Office. Mr. Liguori suggested we put that on the agenda for next week's Negotiations meeting. A date for a second Negotiations Overview for the community will be scheduled during calendar review.

F. Policy- Ms. Plourde reported that the Board will be voting on three policy changes later tonight.

BOARD LIAISON TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES-

Special Education (SEPTA)- Ms. McEnroy attended the SEPTA meeting. Items discussed included school closing, virtual backpack, Apple representative presentation on I pads. There were also two speakers, a behavior consultant and a personal trainer.

Smithtown College Scholarship- Mrs. Knox reported that the Board will again be supporting College Scholarship with a journal ad. Mrs. Knox also announced the next meeting of the IAB will be January 19th.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Michael Catalano, recent News 12 Scholar Athlete, was the meet director and organizer for the 2nd Annual Pat Harmon Run. Michael is a senior at Smithtown High School West and an All County runner in Cross Country and Track. Michael presented a check for \$15,000 to a representative from the American Cancer Society.
- Mr. Ehmann presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding housing and the financial status of the District.

B. Committee on Special Education

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

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

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.”

302078, 309577, 303545, 189029, 312761, 309735, 312832, 311556, 200288, 307126, 312045, 307598, 311799, 310782, 300370, 310797, 312826, 312825, 310637, 310820, 306118, 308961, 311274, 308583, 308565, 308047, 310376, 312045, 310556, 152860, 310830, 302935, 310623, 307470, 302770, 308151, 308834, 200670.

2. Sub-Committee on Special Education

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

200848, 301426, 308034, 307346, 201113, 306561, 307579, 310811, 303274, 300264, 306798, 307966, 305456, 307879, 302718, 157160, 196709, 301909, 301758, 189459, 309205, 309456, 304692, 308685, 305150, 307415, 304600, 310831, 309675, 200600, 309757, 308389, 302753, 307276, 301889, 301617, 305051, 310475, 302770, 309638, 303157.

C. Committee on Preschool Special Education

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).

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.”

P312833, P312800, P312836, P312846, P312834, P312851, P312847, P312844, P312843

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.”

**P310592, P310826, P312443, P312489, P311847, P312608, P312535
P312495, P312645, P312410**

D. Calendar for January and February 2012 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board to include the following; Special Meeting on Jan. 18th at 6:30p.m.- Executive Session only to discuss Negotiations and interview Particular Personnel, February 8th Community Forum on Negotiations at 6:00p.m., February 2nd Citizens Advisory Committee on Instruction and Housing and February 15th Public Hearing on closing an elementary school.

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

F. Adoption of Revised Policy 2350 - Board Meeting Procedures - Board of Education Policies

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it

RESOLVED, that the revised Policy 2350 – Board Meeting

Procedures - Board of Education Policies - be adopted.”

Motion by, Mrs. Knox seconded by Mrs. Plourde, to Adopt Revised Policy 2350- Board Meeting Procedures.

Discussion- Mr. Saggese asked who brought the policy change forward and why. Mr. Saggese is not in favor of the change to Unfinished Business and the shorter about of time allowed for speaking because he feels it would restrict community input. He recommends this go back to the Policy committee. Mr. Liguori concurred with Mr. Saggese. Ms. McEnroy referenced a survey of other districts in the area to see what their time limits were. This change would keep us in line with them. Ms. McEnroy also noted that there are other ways the community can voice there opinion, such as phone calls, writing letters and email. Ms. Plourde stated her concern that at times when there are many people speaking on one topic, those community members who wish to speak on a different topic might not get a chance if the audience participation time becomes too lengthy and people have to leave. Mr. Alcure stated he is not in favor of changing the time limits at this time especially when there are so many issues like school closings and a budget gap that people might wish to express their opinion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Christopher Alcure	NO
Grace Plourde	YES
Joanne McEnroy	YES
Louis Liguori	NO
Joseph T.Saggese	NO
Theresa Knox	YES
Gladys M. Waldron	YES

Motion passes (4-3)

G. Adoption of Revised Policy 6700 – Purchasing Policy - Board of Education Policies

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it

RESOLVED, that the revised Policy 6700 – Purchasing Policy -

Board of Education Policies - be adopted.”

Motion by, Mrs. Knox seconded by Ms. Plourde, to Adopt Revised Policy 6700- Purchasing Policy.

Discussion- Mr. Saggese asked where did this Policy change originate from. Mrs. Niles responded the changes in the Policy brings us into conformance with NYS and Federal Education Laws. Mr. Saggese also referenced in this Policy that “The Superintendent of Schools, with the assistance of the Purchasing Agent, shall be responsible for the establishment and implementation of the procedures and standard forms for use in all purchasing and related activities in the District.”

VOTE ON MOTION- All aye- Motion carried (7-0)

H. Adoption of Revised Policy 6710 – Purchasing Authority - Board of Education Policies

“Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it

RESOLVED, that the revised Policy 6710 – Purchasing Authority -

Board of Education Policies - be adopted.”

Motion by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure, Adopting Revised Policy 6710- Purchasing Authority

Discussion- Mr. Saggese vehemently opposed the change in the Policy claiming it was a very dangerous change that would undermine the internal controls of the District. This Policy change would have the Purchasing Agent report to the Asst. Superintendent for Finance instead of directly to the Superintendent. Mr. Saggese recommends sending this change back to the Policy committee for further review. Mr. Ehmann explained that the Purchasing Agent is the only one in District that the Superintendent can not override and that will not change in this Policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Christopher Alcure	YES
Grace Plourde	YES
Joanne McEnroy	YES
Louis Liguouri	NO
Joseph T. Saggese	NO
Theresa Knox	YES
Gladys M. Waldron	YES

Motion carried (5-2)

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. Mark Slawinski expressed his opinion that Mrs. Knox should not be recused from voting on the school closing. He also requested that the students of Nesconset elementary all stay together if their school closes.
2. Gabrielle Petagna expressed concerns over the Districts handling of an attack that she suffered.
3. Pam Farino questioned the amount of savings in closing an elementary school, expressed her opinion that the time limit for public speaking should not be reduced to 3 minutes, questioned the Districts future liabilities, and what happens to the supervisor of the person who resigned in the wake of the loss of state aid.
4. Kate Kellard Prigg questioned the change in Purchasing Authority Policy, the altercation at High School West, and requested the Moodys rating reports be posted on the website.
5. Rick Schlomann expressed his concern over the adoption of Policy 6700 and 6710, requested total amount of budget being contemplated now and what are our expected revenues.
6. Stan Meyers expressed his concern over the incident at High School West, and concerns over budget issues.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

MOTION by Mrs. Knox , seconded by Mr. Alcure approving Finance Items 1-9, on a consent motion.

Discussion- Mr. Saggese requested the Board table items 6, 7 and 8 to allow more time for review before accepting them.

MOTION by Mr. Saggese, seconded by Mr. Liguori tabling Finance Items 6,7 and 8.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0)

MOTION by Mr. Liguori seconded by Ms. McEnroy approving Finance Items 1-5 and 9 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
11/30/11

2 – Trial Balance Report
11/30/11

3– Summary of Treasurer’s Report
11/30/11

4 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report
11/30/11

5 – Schedule of Investments
11/30/11

6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
11/30/11

7– Budgetary Transfer Report
11/30/11

8 – Budget Status Report
11/30/11

9 – Cash Flow Report
11/30/11

10 – Report of Claims Auditor
11/30/11

11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account

11/30/11

14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

16– Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

17– Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

18 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
06/30/11

19 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

20 – Nesconset Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

21 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

22 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11

23 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/11”

2 – Bid Recommendations

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

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

10-40 Ext. Landscaping & Pruning 1/11/12-1/10-13”

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	\$167,331.31
TO:	See Attached	\$167,331.31”

4 - 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:

South Huntington Union Free School District”

5 - Actual Non-Resident Tuition Rates for 2010-11 and Estimated Rates for 2011-12

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the actual and estimated tuition rates for students attending the Smithtown Central School District in the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, respectively, are adopted as follows:

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>2010-11</u>	<u>ESTIMATED</u> <u>2011-12</u>
Grades K-6	\$ 10,331.00	\$ 10,928.00
Grades 7-12	13,279.00	13,551.00

All Special Education Services are weighted the same per State Education Department.

Grades K – 6	\$35,791.00	\$38,728.00
Grades 7 – 12	38,739.00	41,351.00

The source of these recommended tuition rates are the Actual and Estimated Non-Resident Tuition Reports published by the State Education Department for all school districts in the State of New York.”

6 – Response to Risk Assessment Update Report

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the response to Cullen & Danowski’s Risk Assessment Update Report dated June 28, 2011.”

7 – Response to Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the response to Cullen & Danowski’s Independent Accountants’ Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures dated June 30, 2011.”

8 – Independent Audit Report Management Letter Response

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education acknowledge receipt of the response to R.S. Abrams & Company’s Management Letter in regard to the District’s Independent Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2011.”

REPORT OF CREDIT CARD USAGE

7/1/11– 12/31/11

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Consumer Reports	7/29/11	Consumer Reports Online	\$ 36.00
TOTAL			\$ 36.00”

B. Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Alcure approving Operations Items 1-3 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

\$359.55 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Branch Brook Elementary parents

1995 Dodge, Int., 4DSD, ID#1B3HD46T5SF652257 to the High School East Technology Department Daniel C. Egbert
107 Kings Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

\$1,000.00 to Smithtown Elementary Library Arthur and Patricia Faverio
67 New Mill Road
Smithtown, NY 11787

\$5,130.70 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Mills Pond Elementary parents

\$2,768.00 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Mt. Pleasant Elementary parents

\$1,909.56 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Nesconset Elementary parents

\$119.00 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year St. James Elementary parents

\$1,809.00 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Smithtown Elementary parents

\$2,968.60 to High School East SHSE Co-curricular Club

\$43.00 to fund field trips for the 2011-2012 school year Tackan Elementary parents”

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:

the Kyocera Mita KM-1810 Copier: #ZL47024858, tag #7008163 in
the Transportation Department
4 teacher desks (Steelmaster) S3062 and 3 TV's & Carts – RCA
26",
Mitsubishi 32" and Sharp 26" at Branch Brook Elementary"

3 – Addition to List of Organizations Approved to Use School Facilities,
2011-2012 School Year

"Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,
be it

RESOLVED, that the following organization, having made formal application, is hereby approved to use school facilities at the Smithtown Central School District during the 2011-2012 school year, subject to all School District policies, rules and regulations, Standard Uniform Practices, and contract provisions:

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Boy Scout Troop 301"

XI. PERSONNEL

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

1. Appointment of Substitute Teacher(s)
2. Appointment of Regular Substitute Academic Intervention Tutor
3. Appointment Academic Intervention Tutor(s)
4. Comment
5. Appointment of Regular Substitute Teacher(s)
6. Certifications
7. Appointment of Probationary Teacher(s)
8. Certifications
9. Comment
10. Appointment of Probationary Administrator
11. Approval of Coordinator Student Volunteers
12. Appointment of Co-Curricular Activities Sponsor
13. Comment
14. FMLA, Leave of Absence, Without Pay
15. Notice of Resignation of Administrator
16. Notice of Resignation(s)
17. Tenure Recommendation – Teacher(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Liguori approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-17, 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. Leave of Absence Unpaid
6. Leave of Absence – Reason(s)
7. Resignation
8. Correction From Prior Board Meeting LOA
9. Correction from Prior Board Meeting LOA – Reason(s)
10. Restoration of Position

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Liguori approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-10 as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

XII. NEW BUSINESS – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox that the Board adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Particular Personnel , seconded by Mr. Alcure.

All aye. Motion carried (7 -0).

At 10:30p.m. the Board came out of Executive Session and indicated that no motions had been made in Executive Session.

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Ms. McEnroy that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen O'Connor
District Clerk