

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

April 28, 2011

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Robert Rossi, President of the Board of Education. On motion by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss potential discipline of particular personnel, pending litigation and investigation of particular personnel. Mr. Jeffrey Smith joined the Executive Session.

At 6:45 p.m. Mr. Rossi left the Executive Session.

At 7:15 p.m. Mr. Jeffrey Smith left the Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Saggese left the Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. Mr. Rossi returned to the Executive Session.

At 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Knox moved, Mr. Liguori seconded, and the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin

Theresa Knox

Louis Liguori

Robert Rossi

Joseph T. Saggese

Gladys M. Waldron

Members absent:

Scott Martella

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent

Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.

Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.

Eugene Barnosky, Board Counsel

Visitors

Mary Wilson, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Mary Wilson regarding resignation.
2. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Michele Sirota regarding Special Education.
3. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Pam Farino regarding concerns regarding obtainment of signatures.
4. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from the Booster Club regarding invitation.

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

Discussion – Mr. Rossi congratulated Ms. Wilson on her retirement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Authorization to Sell a Parcel of Land – Contract of Sale

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to New York State Education law Section 1894(6)(c), the attached Contract of Sale between the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District and the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Patrick is hereby approved, and the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute same,

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to execute such documents and to take such further action as may be necessary and appropriate to consummate the transaction contemplated by the foregoing resolution.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Exemption Status for Disabled Persons Residing with Children Attending the Public Schools of the District

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron, that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District has previously adopted a Resolution granting the benefits of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law to persons with disabilities and limited income, and

WHEREAS, that Resolution does not currently grant such benefits to persons with disabilities who reside with children who attend the public schools of the District, and

WHEREAS, Real Property Tax Law 459-c allows a school district, by separate Resolution, to extend those benefits to disabled persons residing with children who attend the schools of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it

RESOLVED, that the full benefits allowed by 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law shall be granted to persons with disabilities and limited income residing with children attending the public schools of the District, provided that such exemption shall be conditioned upon satisfactory proof that the child was not brought into the residence in whole or in substantial part for the purpose of attending a particular school within the District.

Discussion – The Board asked the Superintendent if he would recommend the approval of this resolution. The Superintendent did not recommend the approval. After further discussion it was decided that this resolution should be withdrawn. Ms. Niles asked that she be provided with a list of questions that the BOE would like answered regarding this exemption.

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Saggese, to **WITHDRAW** this resolution.

All aye. Motion to **WITHDRAW** the resolution passed (6-0).

C. Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) Final Report

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

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to accept the Final Report from the

Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) for the Student Transportation Study with the Smithtown Central School District.

Discussion – After discussion it was agreed that the recommendations outlined in this report should be placed on the agenda of a future Business Affairs Committee Meeting.

VOTE ON MOTION: Mr. Saggese voted NO, motion carried (5-1).

D. Previous Communications

Mr. Carlin refuted statements made in Letter #10, from the President of the STA to the President of the BOE, received by the BOE at the March 22, 2011 BOE meeting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Business Affairs

Mr. Saggese expressed his displeasure with the entire budget process. Once again he suggested that if class size were raised higher approximately \$2.7 million could be saved and middle school physical education would not have to be reduced.

B. Housing

Mr. Ehmann reported that the first of many Citizens' Advisory Committee meetings was held the previous evening.

C. Instructional Services

Mrs. Knox reported that it would be necessary to reschedule the Instructional Services Committee Meeting that had been scheduled for May 18th.

D. Negotiations

Mrs. Waldron reported that the BOE had a negotiations meeting on April 26th and will hold another meeting on May 12th. Mrs. Waldron asked that the BOE members look at the nurses contract prior of the May 12th meeting. The BOE will be receiving further updates regarding all of the other bargaining units that evening.

E. Policy

Mrs. Knox reported that the date of the Policy Committee Meeting would need to be changed in order to accommodate the parents who have PTA meetings on that same evening. Mrs. Knox asked the Superintendent to appoint in the SUP his designee for the Wellness Committee. Mr. Rossi mentioned that perhaps the Class Size Policy should be discussed at the Policy Meeting.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- On April 12th, the Board of Education adopted a budget for 2011-2012. The public will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 17th.
- The Mills Pond Cares Club created Easter baskets filled with candy, stuffed animals and special handmade cards. The baskets were distributed by The River Fund of NY to children in need.
- Rebecca Hall, a student at Mills Pond, was a first place winner in Fourth Grade Prose in the Suffolk Reading Council's Creative Writing Contest. Dogwood fourth grader, Matthew Mullahy, won second place. Smithtown Elementary fifth grader Steven Spreizer was a first place winner in the Art Cover Competition.
- Branch Brook and Dogwood Elementary Schools received Suffolk Reading Council Honor School status.

- The Smithtown Teachers' Association won the NYSUT community service award for the third year in a row for their dedication and service to the Smithtown Community.
- Students and staff at Accomsett Middle School participated in a fundraising activity, "Cranes for Japan" and collected over \$500 for those suffering in Japan.
- Teams of physics student from both SHS East and West competed in the Long Island Physics Olympics. SHS W placed 2nd in the Physics Bowl jeopardy-style event and 3rd in the Fermi Questions event, for an overall 3rd place finish. SHS East placed 1st in the Fermi Question event and 3rd in the Bridge to Nowhere Cantilever event, for an overall 4th place finish.
- Science Research students at West are the recipients of the 2010-2011 Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant of \$10,000. This grant recognizes their creativity and ingenuity and is one of only 14 awarded across the country.
- Brian Ralph (HSW) took first place in his category at LISEF (Long Island Science & Engineering Fair). Taylor Trentadue (HSE) took third place. Alexandra McHale (SHS E) and Angelina Seffens, Daniel Cykman and Michael Emerson (SHS W) received honorable mention.
- Dogwood Elementary student Deanna Reinhardt is the first place winner of the Smithtown East Division of the Drug Abuse Awareness Essay Contest sponsored by the Smithtown Lioness Club. Conner Ver Straten, a fifth grader in Mills Pond Elementary, won third place.
- Nesconset Elementary held their Scholastic Book Fair. All students had the opportunity to buy books and visit the Reading Rollercoaster.
- Students of Italian from SHS competed at the annual Poetry Recitation competition sponsored by the American Association of Teacher of Italian at SUNY Old Westbury. There were three winners from SHS West and 2 winners from SHS East.
- Mills Pond students David Daley and Emily Bholan won recognition in Covanta's 5th Annual Recycling Poster Contest.

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 (6-0).

1. Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for cases 301767, 311458, 310565, 310811, 311543, 311542, 311404, 310870, 161420, 307760, 310815, 304700, 304622, 300996, 310718, 312130, 301038, 159190, 312338, 312339, 309581, 300991, 308899, 200070, 161960, 300671, 309348, 307409, 303650, 307888, 312126, 302644, 301501, 300314, 310377, 306537, 304234, 311651 and 303673 be approved.
2. Sub-Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 200139, 309423, 157760, 308434, 150230, 151500, 185159, 150320, 302849, 173058, 154750, 306971, 300890, 302146, 301754, 301791, 310733, 303878, 153950, 307239, 160800, 187449, 195409, 300331, 159860, 300265, 302437, 302417, 302389, 200477, 184799, 153180, 153680, 157350, 200803, 152140, 186069, 151510, 306874, 308850, 307656, 310331, 308629, 309752, 309721, 303924, 306501, 306652, 305445, 304075, 306513, 306519, 304855, 309786, 308612, 310452, 308625, 309675, 306134, 308162, 303874, 305031, 308835, 304321, 303987, 303988, 302046, 302845, 309401, 305952, 303512, 309590, 302306, 302846, 301979, 303542, 302443, 302407, 310917, 309535, 303838, 311384, 311424, 310840, 311718, 310814, 305653, 189029, 309348, 307415, 308016, 309254, 307456, 301883, 306462, 306446, 306087, 305129, 302927, 301048, 200948, 300277, 300977, 305736, 306517, 306910, 309181, 308833, 310118, 307696, 307716, 307714, 307349, 308514, 307726, 302238, 305033, 154660, 310593, 304317, 186039, 304696, 300307, 309330, 303548, 300637, 308625, 309672, 305051, 305736, 304840, 307952 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 (6-0).

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 P312494A, P312494, P312441, P311731, P312432, P312430, P312423, P312425, P312410A, P312410, P312329A and P312329 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 P311833, P311365, P311847A, P311847, P311469, P310467, P311701A, P311701, P311549A, P311549, P310651, P310819, P310377, P310818, P309895, P309670, P311187, P310469, P310425, P310509A, P310509, P310822, P311860A, P311860, P311608 and P311590 be approved.

D. BOCES Budget Vote & Election of Board Members

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving BOCES Budget and Board Members Items 1-2 on a consent motion.

VOTE ON MOTION: Mr. Carlin abstained, motion carried (5-0-1).

1. BOCES Budget

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District approve the 2011-2012 Administrative Budget for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk, (Western Suffolk BOCES) NY.

2. BOCES Board Members

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Smithtown Central School District cast its vote in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, (Western Suffolk BOCES), NY for: Mrs. Jeannette Santos and Mr. Peter Wunsch.

E. ESL Summer Enrichment Program

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

Upon Recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Smithtown Central School District establish a summer enrichment program for our English Language Learners entitled ESL Summer Enrichment Program, and be it further

RESOLVED, that, authorization is granted to operate this program during July and August 2011.

(Funding via Title III Grant)

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

F. Calendar for April and May 2011 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board.

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

H. Child Nutrition Program

Regina Dunne, Child Nutrition Program Director, provided an overview of the program. Discussion ensued about having the program be self-sustaining and the need to increase the cost of meals by twenty-five cents.

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving Instructional Overnight Field Trip Item A.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

A. Overnight Field Trip Request – Smithtown High School West Science Student – May 7-14, 2011 – Intel International Science Fair – Los Angeles, CA – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 1 student from Smithtown High School West to compete as a Regional Finalist at the Intel International Science Fair at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, CA. Student will depart May 7, 2011 and return May 14, 2011.

VII. AUDIENCE

1. Rich Schlomann complimented the District on the first meeting of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee on Housing. Mr. Schlomann expressed his dissatisfaction with the collection of signatures for BOE candidates during the school day.
2. Stan Meyers expressed his displeasure with a BOE candidate and her affiliation with the teachers’ union. Mr. Meyers also questioned the number of class hours taught by the STA president.
3. Bob Urbancik questioned custodial cuts in the upcoming budget; suggesting that the right number of cuts be done at the right time.

VIII. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

MOTION by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Liguori Approving AMENDED Finance Item 1 Budgetary Transfers.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

FROM:	2110-490-51-5800	BOCES Services	\$22,789.00	
TO:	2110-490-51-2900	Arts in Ed, BOCES		\$22,789.00
FROM:	See Attached		\$162,081.46	
TO:	See Attached			\$162,081.46

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron Approving Finance Item 2 Request for Proposals.

Discussion – The BOE had many questions regarding the choice of the auditors and their fees.

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

Motion **did NOT** carry (1-5).

2. Request for Proposals - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following Request for Proposals (RFP) be approved as submitted herein:

11-14	External Auditor
11-15	Internal Auditor

B. Operations

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

1. Addition to Lists 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

The Booster Club of Smithtown
Dynamics Twirling Org.
The Greater Smithtown Chamber of Commerce
Living Word Church
St. Patrick Youth
Suffolk County Kennel Club
Town of Smithtown Recreation Department

2. 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

\$9,248.00 to fund the 5 th Grade Field Trip for the 2010-2011 school year	Accompsett Elementary School parents
\$150.00 for the Ed V. Viscount III Memorial Scholarship Fund	Robert Dell RSP Real Estate Inc. 11 Skylark lane Stony Brook, NY 11790
\$150.00 for the Ed V. Viscount III Memorial Scholarship Fund	D L Lerner 204 Castlebury Creet Ct. Cary, NC 27519-5628
\$150.00 for the Ed V. Viscount III Memorial Scholarship Fund	Glen Titan 27 Galleon Street Marina Del Rey, CA 90292-5903
\$4,418.35 to fund the 5 th Grade Field Trip for the 2010-2011 school year	Nesconset Elementary School parents
\$1,977.00 to fund the 5 th Grade Field Trip for the 2010-2011 school year	St. James Elementary School parents
\$375.00 for the 2011 NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival	SCSD parents

- 3. Sunday Use of School Facilities - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the application for use of school facilities submitted by Smithtown Youth Lacrosse for the use of the fields at High School West on Sunday, June 12, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for Festival Day, under the rules and regulations and fee charges for use of school facilities, is hereby approved.

IX. PERSONNEL

A. Certified – The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment IX. A. 1-5):

- 1. Appointment of District AP Proctors
- 2. Appointment of Part-time Teacher Assistant(s)
- 3. FMLA, Leave of Absence Without Pay
- 4. Request Leave of Absence, Without Pay
- 5. Notice of Resignation(s)

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

B. Classified - The following Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment IX. B. 1-8):

- 1. Change of Status
- 2. Change of Status – Reason(s)
- 3. Leave of Absence Unpaid
- 4. Leave of Absence – Reason(s)
- 5. Retirement
- 6. Resignation
- 7. Terminations
- 8. Election Worker(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-8, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano congratulated the retiree upon her retirement.
Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board, also congratulated the retiree.

C. Registered Nurse(s) – The following Registered Nursing Personnel Item was presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment IX. C. 1):

- 1. Retirement

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bond Refunding

Ms. Niles announced that the bond refunding would now be saving the District approximately \$2.5 million.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Liguori that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk