

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

February 9, 2010

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 Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mrs. Waldron, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining, employment and/or appointment of particular persons, and pending litigation. Sharon Berlin, Board Counsel left the meeting at the conclusion of Executive Session.

At 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Knox moved, Mr. Martella seconded, and the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin	Robert Rossi
Theresa Knox	Joseph T. Saggese
Louis Liguori	Gladys M. Waldron
Scott Martella	

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Mary Cahill, Asst. Supt.
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Eugene Barnosky, Lindsay Croker, Board Counsel
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi.

MINUTES - of the Regular Meetings held January 12 and 26, 2010 and the Special Meeting January 8, 2010 were presented for approval.

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Claims Auditor's Report ending December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$12,596,110.56 be accepted.

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter to President, Board of Education from R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP regarding year end update.
2. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi, Board President, from Ms. Joan Johnson, Western Suffolk BOCES, regarding BOCES elections.

Discussion – Mrs. Waldron made a motion seconded by Mrs. Knox be it RESOLVED, that the Smithtown Central School District Board of Education endorses the nomination of Mrs. Mildred Browne, Mrs. Ilene Herz and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano as candidates to serve on the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES which will hold its election on Tuesday, April 29, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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 (7-0).

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

OLD BUSINESS

Vehicle Purchase

Mrs. Waldron questioned whether any decision had been made regarding the purchase of a truck for the Facilities Department. Mr. Ehmman responded that the Facilities Department has requested the purchase of two trucks. A complete listing of all Facilities vehicles will be presented at the next Facilities Committee Meeting and discussion will take place as to future purchases.

Busing Referendum

Mr. Carlin stated that at the previous BOE meeting discussion had taken place about the possibility of a referendum regarding busing. He asked if the District could provide the legal requirements concerning such a referendum. Mr. Barnosky responded that the legal requirements would be the same as those for the budget vote; notice must be published four times in the seven weeks prior to the vote. The first notice must be published 45 days before the vote. A rough estimate would be about March 30th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs

Mr. Carlin requested that the administration send the Board information about bussing issues, such as Child Safety Zones and the log of student use which had been discussed at the previous BOE meeting. Ms. Niles agreed to send the information the next day that the office is open.

Mr. Saggese reported that at the last Business Affairs Committee meeting bus transportation had been discussed. Discussions have continued with our current bus company. A visit was made to the South Huntington School District to view their bus garage.

Mr. Liguori asked that the administration send the BOE the most recent data they have collected regarding busing/transportation data. Mr. Ehmman agreed to have the information sent when the office reopens.

Mr. Martella suggested that a timetable be established concerning all transportation items. Mr. Saggese agreed that should be established at the next Business Affairs meeting which will be held February 24th.

Facilities

Mr. Liguori reported that, whether permitting, the next Facilities Meeting will be held February 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Housing

Mrs. Waldron announced that a Housing Meeting has been scheduled for March 4th at 7:00 p.m. The Board has received a report from BOCES and Board Members should direct any questions or comments to the Housing Committee chairs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- The school district will be closed tomorrow, 2/10, due to the forecast of inclement weather.
- Three Smithtown High School East seniors – Francis Pinter, Alexander Spangher, and Lucas Spangher -- have reached Finalist status in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Merit Scholarship recipients will be chosen from the group of Finalists. This distinction is one of the highest academic honors that students can earn.
- The public is invited to join Central Administration on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. at a meeting on the 2010-2011 budget in the New York Avenue auditorium. Tomorrow's scheduled meeting is cancelled due to the impending snowstorm.
- SHS West student Eric Caruso has received the honor of being selected as a candidate for the prestigious United States Presidential Scholars Program. The Scholars are selected on the basis of broad academic achievement as well as exceptional scores on the College Board SAT or the ACT.
- The School of Business at SHS, in cooperation with the *Smithtown Industry Advisory Board*, sponsored the 15th Annual Business Olympics competitive tournament. Over 40 teams of students from HS East and West focused on 21st Century skills and knowledge, as well as technology needed for their classroom. The First Place team of Cristina and Patricia Capone won for their vision of the Business Classroom of the Future. Steven Gardella, Bryan Kane and Natasha Mitchko won Second Place. Third Place winners were Neil Brennan, Nick Brennan, Francesca Zografakis and Matthew Saltzman.
- Great Hollow Middle School's Literary/Art magazine (2009) "Dreamer's Notebook" received the highest possible ranking – *Superior* – by the NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) as well as winning first place from American Scholastic Press Association.
- John Scomillio, Assistant Principal at Accomsett Middle School, was presented the Administrator of the Year Award from Western Suffolk Counselor's Association (W.S.C.A.). The award acknowledges him for the outstanding support he plays in helping counselors to provide excellent services to their students.
- Mr. Minton's ninth period Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics class recently participated in a Mock Congressional Hearing Competition called *We the People*. The competition gave the class a chance to demonstrate their knowledge of the Constitution and issues affecting the U.S. government such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion. The class participated in the regional level competition and was chosen to move on to the state level.
- Dogwood Elementary third grade teacher Aija Haynes and Dogwood librarian Sheila Cavooris were awarded the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation Grant Award. The grant, which is in the amount of \$500, will be used to implement a project developed by these teachers.
- Smithtown Middle School held its annual Geography Bee. Joseph Feldman of Great Hollow MS, John Toscano of Accomsett MS, and Matthew Ostroy of Nesaquake MS were named the winners.
- Mrs. Kazarian's fourth grade class had the opportunity to send much-needed items to service men and women in Iraq. A school-wide drive at Branch Brook Elementary netted hundreds of items, which were then packed by the students. A grant from Newsday's "FutureCorps" covered the shipping charges.

B. Approval of Biennial Review of the District's Shared Decision Making Plan in Compliance with the Commissioner's Regulation

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

approves the District's Shared Decision making Plan as required by the Commissioner's Regulations and as revised by the District School Improvement Team.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

C. Committee on Preschool Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox 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 P310877, P310376, P310870, P310898, P310873, P310883 and P310456 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 P310234, P310364, P309708, P310575, P309696, P310475, P310794 P309490, P310363 and P309783 be approved.

D. Committee on Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron 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 cases 306274, 301384, 307598, 306756, 310840, 154520, 308047, 306274, 304635, 308233, 310327, 309522, 310789, 310881, 302592, 302031, 309487, 310872, 310623, 304706, 307966, 306784, 308005, 310821, 190799, 310349, 301944, 309929, 307683, 161260, 309254, 173875, 304012, 192399 and 310806 be approved.
2. Sub-Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 302920, 197059, 304692, 308835, 200186, 200193, 200860, 200251, 307252, 308908, 301380, 191349, 153630, 152870, 303098, 201026, 300848, 302306, 200444, 300673, 159340, 301950, 302482, 306600, 185929, 173466, 304485, 300153, 303838, 306517, 307329, 306949, 306436, 303356, 304352, 303329, 301900, 300996, 302014, 301896, 200750, 302243, 300813, 304582, 304973, 184849, 172586, 173988, 305987, 303937, 306698, 200636, 303709, 304174, 303880, 308490, 173558, 305263 and 306546 be approved.

E. Adoption of 2010-2011 School Year Calendar

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the attached 2010-2011 school district calendar be adopted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

F. Calendar for February and March 2010 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board.

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

INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving Instructional Items A-C on a consent motion.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

A. Overnight Field Trip Request – Smithtown High School East AP Government – March 5-6, 2010 – We the People State Level Competition – Albany, NY – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 30 students from Smithtown High School East AP Government to compete in the *We the People* State Level Competition at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, NY. Students will depart March 5, 2010 and return March 6, 2010.

B. Overnight Field Trip Request – Smithtown High School West DECA – March 9-12, 2010 – DECA State Conference Competition – Rochester, NY - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 52 students from Smithtown High School West DECA to compete in the DECA State Conference Competition at the Rochester Convention Center in Rochester, NY. Students will depart March 9, 2010 and return March 12, 2010.

C. Overnight Field Trip Request – Smithtown High School East DECA – March 9-12, 2010 – New York DECA State Conference Competition – Rochester, NY - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 62 students from Smithtown High School East DECA to compete in the DECA State Conference Competition at the Rochester Convention Center in Rochester, NY. Students will depart March 9, 2010 and return March 12, 2010.

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

1. Ian Frenk identified himself as a student at HS West. He stated that the substitute teacher his class has is doing a wonderful job and he requested that she be kept on the job.
2. Sandra Frenk, Ian's mother, also spoke highly of the substitute teacher and echoed Ian's request that she be kept on the job.
3. Frederick Schlomann thanked the District for providing him with the past two year's audit reports. He questioned the difference between salary and benefits estimates and actual spending. Mr. Schlomann also asked for an explanation of what would occur if the teachers' contract is not settled before it expires.
4. Pam Farino asked for clarification regarding the Facilities 5-Year Plan. Mrs. Farino expressed concern regarding the number of facilities projects that are in need of funding; expressing disappointment that the turf fields are funded.
5. Marjorie Chin stated that she would hold her comments until information regarding transportation is provided at the 2/24 Business Affairs Committee meeting.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS**Finance**

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Knox approving AMENDED Finance Items 1 – 7 on a consent motion.

Discussion

Item #5 – Mr. Carlin asked for clarification. Ms. Niles explained that this resolution covers a reduced rate.

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
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 2 – Trial Balance Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 3– Summary of Treasurer’s Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 4 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 5 – Schedule of Investments
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 7 – Budgetary Transfer Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 8 – Budget Status Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 9 – Cash Flow Report
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 10 – Report of Claims Auditor
12/31/09
- 11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 16 – Accomsett Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 17– Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 18– Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 19 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 20 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 21 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 22 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09
- 23 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
11/30/09 and 12/31/09

2. Budget Transfers – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following budgetary transfers of funds be approved for the 2009-10 school year:

FROM:	1620-465-53-0000	Equipment Repair	\$20,000.00
TO:	1621-570-53-0000	Veh. Maint. Supplies	\$20,000.00
FROM:	2110-201-51-0000	Equip. Instr.	\$25,960.25
TO:	2855-469-51-0000	Plant Project	\$21,387.00

2855-501-51-0000 Gen. Instr. Supplies \$4,573.25

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

08-09 Ext. Shelving
 10-01 Athletic Supply Items – Spring 2010

4. Report on Credit Card Usage, 7/1/09 – 12/31/09

REPORT OF CREDIT CARD USAGE

7/1/09 – 12/31/09

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Consumer Reports	7/31/09	Consumer Reports Online	\$ 19.00
Registration for D. Widmer for Smart Training Certification	7/31/09	Smart Training	\$ 999.00
Room deposits for 2 BOE members in NYC	09/29/09	Sheraton NY HTL	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
TOTAL			\$ 1218.00

5. Addendum to Contract with Metro Therapy, Inc. - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute an addendum to the contract with the following organization for the 2009-10 school year, to provide Child Find Special Education services at the rates indicated:

Metro Therapy, Inc.
 P.O. Box 6005
 Hauppauge, NY 11788

Child Find Special Education Services (Occupational/Physical Therapy, Speech, Resource Room & Counseling):
 \$45.00/30 min. per student for individual session
 \$30.00/30 min. per student for group session (2 – 5 students)

Child Find Absences:
 \$45.00/30 min. charged to SCSD for 1:1 missed session
 \$45.00/30 min. a small group of 2 students will revert to individual rate when 1 student is absent/missing

Child Find CSE Participation (In person or via teleconference)
 \$50.00/30 min. (includes presence @ meeting, input, IEP & goal development)

6. Contract for Language/Feeding 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 individual for the 2009-10 school year, at the rates indicated, to provide Language/Feeding services:

Christine Scovetta, SLP
 License #01294801
 46 Green Circle Drive

Pt. Jefferson, NY 11776

\$125.00 per evaluation
\$65.00/30 min. language/feeding session
\$80.00/45 min. language/feeding session

- 7. SEQRA Recommendation – Great Hollow Middle School – 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 Great Hollow Middle School, hereby determines that the proposed cafeteria flooring replacement is 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.

Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving Operations Item 1.

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:

	<u>Donated By</u>
\$238.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	Dogwood Elementary’s Activity Club
Latin Percussion LPA256 Aspire Series Timbale Set	Michael Mastrangelo 6 Norman Drive Shoreham, NY 11786
\$1729.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	Mt. Pleasant Elementary parents
\$9.70 donation	Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. 410 Dinnerbell Road Ohiopyle, PA 15470-1002
1 music stand, 1 Casio electric keyboard & stand, 1 Suzuki Q Chord QC-1 & Digital Songcard, 2 Sonor KS50, and 6 Remo paddle drums	St. Catherine of Siena Nursing Home 52 Route 25A Smithtown, NY 11787
\$70.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	St. James Elementary parents

PERSONNEL

Certified– The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment XI A 1-12):

- 1. Notice of Resignation
- 2. Appointment of Academic Intervention Tutor
- 3. Tenure Recommendation – Teacher
- 4. Increase of Assignment/Change of Status
- 5. Request for FMLA, Without Pay/ Leave of Absence, Without Pay
- 6. Appointment of Co-Curricular Activities Sponsors
- 7. Appointment of Substitute Teachers
- 8. Request for a Leave of Absence, Without Pay

9. Appointment of Probationary Teacher
10. Appointment of Part-Time Teacher
11. Coaching Assignments
12. Notice of Resignation of Administrator

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-12, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

Discussion

Item #12 – Mrs. Waldron spoke of the resignation of Mr. John Dolan stating that this is going to be a terrible loss to the District. John has a special gift in handling the children, in dealing with parents; and that gift is going to be sorely missed. He is upbeat, professional, and positive, with a go-to attitude. He is going to be severely missed in Smithtown.

Mr. Rossi noted that people were in attendance this evening to speak on behalf of John Dolan. Mr. Rossi stated that it is an uncomfortable situation because everybody knows Mr. Dolan did an excellent job with our children. Sometimes things happen. Many of us have left our positions for other positions for whatever reason that has come to us. Unfortunately, here in Smithtown, John has decided that he might have a better position in Sachem. We are going to be very sorry that he is gone. I have faith in the administration to make sure that this situation gets rectified and that we are able to move on. John has made his own decision; as upsetting as it is to the District and everyone here. I do wish John the best and hope he performs as well in Sachem as he did here. I hope it works out for John.

Mr. Ehmann stated that at some point in our lives, our professional careers, we have to reflect on what is best for our families and what we feel is best for us. In this particular situation, John has obviously done that. We have nothing but the highest regard for him; we feel that his performance has been outstanding. We were lucky to have him for the ten years and we wish him the best.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano congratulated a teacher on receiving tenure and another on a probationary appointment.

Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board, also congratulated the teacher on receiving tenure.

Classified - The following AMENDED Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval (Attachment XI B 1-7):

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

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW BUSINESS – none.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk