

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

May 11, 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 employment and/or appointment of particular persons, and pending litigation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. and indicated that no motions had been made in Executive Session. Mr. Barnosky and Ms. Croker, Board Counsel, left the meeting.

At 8:15 p.m. at the conclusion of the Public Hearing on the Budget the Board reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin	Robert Rossi
Theresa Knox	Gladys M. Waldron
Scott Martella	

Members absent:

Louis Liguori	Joseph T. Saggese
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Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent
Mary Cahill, Asst. Supt.
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Rita Sheena, Board Counsel
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi before Public Hearing.

II. MINUTES - of the Regular Meetings held, April 13 and 27 and the Special Meetings April 20 and 29, 2010 were presented for approval.

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

III. RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Claims Auditor's Report ending March 31, 2010 in the amount of \$12,324,165.73 be accepted.

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter to Board of Education from Elizabeth Markow-Brown regarding retirement.

2. Letter to Board of Education from Mr. Aleci regarding invitation to Annual 4.0 Recognition & Service Awards ceremony
3. Letter to Board of Education from Mr. Aleci regarding invitation to Annual Rotary Renaissance breakfast.
4. Letter to Board of Education from Janet M. Winship regarding Assistant Principal for High School East.
5. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi, President, from Stephanie Messana regarding AP Music Theory reinstatement. (Similar letter sent to Mr. Joseph Saggese.)

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

V. OLD BUSINESS

Young Equipment Sales

The Superintendent supplied the Board a fact sheet regarding Young Equipment Sales which had been requested at the previous Board Meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs

Mr. Carlin reported that a Business Affairs Committee meeting will be held May 12th. After back and forth discussion it was decided that even though both Chairs are not available on the 12th the meeting will still be held that evening.

Facilities

Mrs. Waldron stated that the District needs to look into a plan for our septic system.

Mr. Rossi reported the following information from the Facilities Committee meeting was which was held May 6th:

- Health & Safety Report. BOCES reported that our district is ahead of the curve compared to all of the other districts regarding health and safety Mr. Rossi congratulated Mr. Piro and his staff for putting the District in a very good position.
- The District Fire Inspection Reports have been submitted to the State in a timely fashion.
- Mr. Piro requested that we hire a firm to scan some of our older building blueprints to save them from damage.
- Projects that are on hold: AMS ceiling and flooring replacements; HSE science labs; HSW toilet renovation
- Elevator Upgrades – we will be asked tonight to reject the bid on the elevator because we now know that this project can receive State aid.
- Currently in Design: HSW electrical service upgrade
- Projects that will be in construction: Mills Pond windows and unit ventilators; HSW fuel tanks, kitchen hood and chiller replacement; HSE re-refinish the gym floors to begin June 28th
- Projects currently bidding: GH cafeteria floor; HSE building upgrades, turf field, window bids; Tackan site improvements
- The Master Projects cost expenditures list shows that it is currently a million dollars under budget.

Mr. Carlin asked for clarification regarding the HSE science labs variance. Mr. Ehmann explained that the issue is that the construction that we have proposed has to be upgraded to the current fire codes and they want more fire walls constructed. We currently have fire doors in place. They want these fire walls constructed which they had not required when the Middle School was renovated into High School East. We appealed their decision and they referred it to their fire code department. There is a variance hearing in July where they will hear from H2M and we will present our case why we don't believe we need to construct those walls. If we receive the variance we will move forward with the project, if we don't receive the variance we have to revisit the project to see what the best move would be. If we receive the variance we will bid the job and then decide when the best time to start the construction would be as it relates to the students in the school. Best case scenario would be a spring semester construction calendar.

Negotiations

Mr. Rossi stated that we are continuing our negotiations. We had a meeting May 3rd; there will be another meeting May 18th. Tomorrow night the public will be able to provide input at the Business Affairs Committee meeting.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- On April 20th, the Board of Education adopted a budget of \$211,486,370 for 2010-2011. The public will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 18th, to vote on the proposal, which is \$226,370 more than the 2009-2010 budget, less than a quarter of a percent increase.
- Due to school closings during the winter snowstorms, there will be a number of calendar changes in May. School will be closed for all K-12 students on May 12. On May 17, school will be closed for K-5 students, but will be in session for all secondary students. School will be in session for all K-12 students on May 28.
- The topic of the May 12th Business Affairs Committee meeting will be *Public Input into Negotiations*. It will be held at 7 p.m. at NYA and members of the community are welcome to contribute their ideas.
- High School West's school newspaper, *The Bull's Eye*, has won First Place in Newsday's 2010 School Journalism contest in the Typography and Layout category for high school newspapers.
- Anthony Aprile, a 10th grader at High School West, scored in the top 20 percent in the National Financial Literacy Capability Challenge.
- Fourth grade Smithtown Elementary student, Sarah Adamo, won First Place for her grade level in the Suffolk Reading Council Creative Writing Contest for a poem she wrote.
- The Smithtown Teachers' Association held a fundraiser in support of cystic fibrosis and in memory of, a former Accomsett Elementary Teacher, Jennifer Giegerich.
- Twenty four high school students have been chosen to participate in a Healthcare Career Exploration Internship Program with St. Catherine of Sienna Hospital and Nursing Home.
- Two Smithtown High School seniors, Nicole Paolillo of SHS East and Danielle Ferrante of SHS West, have been awarded the NYS PTA Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education. The purpose of this award is to assist outstanding students in preparing for the teaching profession.
- High School East seniors, Francis Pinter and Lucas Spangher were selected as winners of a National Merit Scholarship.
- Seniors Francis Pinter, Alexander Spangher and Lucas Spangher were selected as winners of the 2010 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship.
- Taylor Medwig, a sophomore at SHS East, won first place in ASHG's (American Society of Human Genetics) National DNA Day Essay Contest.
- Joshua Weiss, a student at SHS East, was one of three high school students who participated in the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's "Partners for the Future" program. The students worked throughout the school year in biomedical laboratories that are part of the CSHL Cancer Center – a National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center.
- The Smithtown Teachers' Association for the second year in a row won the NYSUT Community Service award for the STA's commitment to the Smithtown community and students. The STA has supported many charities this year such as: Smile Train, Smithtown Children's Foundation, Special Olympics, Hope Children's Fund and many others.

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 (5-0).

1. Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for cases 310593, 200980, 310861, 308519, 308554, 309379, 308233, 308308, 305731, 200809, 190799, 310381, 305396, 305165, 306386, 309894, 307415, 310365, 305136, 306501, 309672, 308136, 311411, 307579, 309082, 309113, 304157, 308990, 309181, 173247, 311258, 310687, 311415, 311384, 303542, 308504, 304622, 307329, 305960 and 311422 be approved.
2. Sub-Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 307996, 308198, 308036, 308531, 306790, 301049, 200077, 200141, 308034, 192639, 190649, 300732, 188509, 162940, 181578, 190569, 176708, 303243, 306978, 304954, 307146, 304012, 301038, 302075, 305882, 302079, 304704, 306271, 306321, 304321, 303987, 303988, 305619, 303569, 304805, 303824, 305081, 179757, 150480, 150860, 308434, 152020, 184709, 304603, 306829, 305500, 305863, 303685, 306757, 307973, 300931, 301040, 306849, 300984, 155890, 186069, 200736, 151510, 197599, 300722, 301889, 300258, 302840, 301883, 306707, 301601, 183348, 154750, 197179, 161180, 306062, 307272, 309456, 303811, 300518, 305905, 305518, 162694, 154860, 188029, 302046, 304781, 303487, 303485, 304025, 300626, 302423, 302845, 301534, 309690, 200152, 300322, 200524, 300303, 301752, 302389, 301803, 302375, 300483, 200545, 200401, 200400, 200762, 200763, 200582, 308389, 308390, 200149, 304289, 300692, 308602, 308603, 308618, 309785, 305370, 306676, 309310, 306795, 306983, 200353, 307986, 200600, 301643, 159340, 190049, 306803, 306023, 154520, 304781, 308778, 305367, 300993, 304790, 305643, 308022, 304680, 304850, 304837, 305965, 306817, 309279, 304861, 304948, 302306, 310486, 183817, 303672, 307312, 302344, 187449, 308835, 200650 and 304527 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 (5-0).

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 P311416, P311398, P311434, P311369, P311194, P311388, P311357A, P311357, P311210, P311346, P311395A, P311395, P311381, P311376 P311326 and P311394 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 P309250, P309670, P310467, P310474, P310421, P310596, P310827, P310883A, P310883, P309476, P310882A, P310882, P309291, P309181, P308136, P309887 and P309672 be approved.

D. Calendar for May and June 2010 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board. Mrs. Waldron asked that the Superintendent announce that Legislator Kennedy will be holding a Ground Water Flooding Meeting at Branch Brook Elementary School on May 27th.

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

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

A. Overnight Field Trip Request – Smithtown High School East Varsity Girls' Volleyball – September 10 – 11, 2010 – Minisink Valley Volleyball Tournament – Slate Hill, NY

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 12 students from Smithtown High School East to compete in the Minisink Valley Volleyball Tournament in Slate Hill, NY. Students will depart September 10, 2010 and return September 11, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

IX. Audience - Mr. Rossi welcomed the members of the audience and called speakers to the podium from the sign-in sheet.

1. Lorena McAleer stated that well advanced orchestral students at HS West are not being challenged with the proper music. She requested that the teachers who would be most able to instruct advanced students be given those classes. Ms. McAleer also expressed her displeasure with the cancelling of Music Theory.
2. Pam Farino asked for clarification regarding certain budget location codes. Ms. Farino stated that even though it is touted that we have had three years of property tax relief the reason is that we have been pre-paying our taxes for about seven years. Ms. Farino asked for clarification between co-curricular and extracurricular. Ms. Farino questioned, in these economic times, the appropriateness of purchasing new carpeting in offices when it is not necessary.
3. Kathy Weber stated that her daughter is in the 9th grade orchestra. Ms. Weber suggested that the utilization of talent in the District is not on target. She asked that the Board bring back the orchestra teacher instead of having her teach chorus in the middle school.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving Amended Finance Items 1 – 10 on a consent motion.

Discussion

Item #'s 7 & 10 – Mr. Carlin asked for clarification on the “at no cost to the District” statement on these two resolutions. The answer was that these are in fact free to the District.

Item #5 – Mr. Martella asked if this item is fully funded with stimulus dollars. The answer was yes.

Item #6 – Mr. Rossi asked if there is a cap on the amount to be spent for this service. The answer was that this is a pass through cost for a consultation.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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
03/31/10
- 2 – Trial Balance Report
03/31/10
- 3 – Summary of Treasurer’s Report
03/31/10
- 4 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report

- 03/31/10
- 5 – Schedule of Investments
03/31/10
- 6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
03/31/10
- 7 – Budgetary Transfer Report
03/31/10
- 8 – Budget Status Report
03/31/10
- 9 – Cash Flow Report
03/31/10
- 10 – Report of Claims Auditor
03/31/10
- 11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 16 – Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 17 – Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 18 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 19 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 20 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 21 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10
- 22 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
03/31/10

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

10-07	Home Economics
10-08	Health Office Supplies
10-10	District Wide Elevator Upgrades
10-11R	Landscaping & Pruning
10-13	Floor & Ceiling Tile
10-17	Musical Instrument Rental

3. Budgetary 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:	See attached	\$51,527.40
TO:	See attached	\$51,527.40

4. Contract for Piano Accompanist - 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, as a Piano Accompanist, for the 2009-10 school year, at a rate of \$150.00 for two rehearsals and one performance:

Sarah Khan

170 Park Row
Apt. 17E
New York, NY 10038

5. Contract for Multisensory Workshops - 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, to present three Multisensory Workshops on the basis of a Multisensory Structured Language Program, for elementary teachers (general education, special education and reading), two days per workshop, five hours each day, at the rates and days indicated:

L & M Educational Consulting
905 Main Street
Pt. Jefferson, NY 11777

Workshop 1 – May 17, 2010, 2nd date TBA @ \$3,000.00 + \$12.00 per participant for materials

Workshop 2 – Dates TBA (no later than 6/30/10) @ \$3,000.00 + \$12.00 per participant for materials

Workshop 3 – Dates TBA (no later than 6/30/10) @ \$3,000.00 + \$12.00 per participant for materials

The funds for this workshop will be paid for through the ARRA 611 funds.

6. Contract for Consultant 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, during the 2009-10 school year, to provide Child Find Consultant Services at a rate of \$500.00 per day, up to 3 hours:

GWJ Consultants Ltd
92 Stuart Avenue
Amityville, NY 11701

7. Contract for Fitness Presentation - 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 Fitness and Teamwork through video games, to the District Physical Education Teachers, on May 12, 2010, at no cost to the District:

Mr. Darren Ginas
iGame4
P.O. Box 749
Mt. Sinai, NY 11766

8. Health Service Contract – Syosset Central School District - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the attached disclosure and consent dated March 31, 2010 from Lamb & Barnosky, LLP, is hereby approved and the President of the Board is hereby authorized to execute same.

9. Appointment of Board of Registration Officials – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the attached list of Board of Registration Officials, as selected by the District Clerk of the Board of Education, are appointed at the rate of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per sixteen-hour day.

10. Contract for Health Presentation - 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 “Energy Drinks A New Eye Opener” to the District Health Teachers, on May 20, 2010, at no cost to the District:

MaryAnn Birmingham
 Suffolk County Department of Health Services
 225 East Rabro Drive
 Hauppauge, NY 11788

B. Operations

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

1. Addition to List of Organizations Approved to Use School Facilities, 2010-11 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 2010-11 school year, subject to all School District policies, rules and regulations, Standard Uniform Practices, and contract provisions:

- Cub Scout Pack 68
- Dynamics Twirling Org.
- Long Island Rebels
- Long Island Volleyball Club (LIVBC)
- Mills Pond Elementary PTA
- Nesconset Elementary PTA
- St. James Plaza Nursing Facility
- Smithtown Fire Department, Inc.
- Smithtown Hurricanes
- Smithtown Township Lacrosse
- Smithtown Township Lacrosse GALS, Inc.
- The Sparklers

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:

	<u>Donated By</u>
\$504.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	Accompsett Elementary parents
\$421.00 to provide program enhancement supplies for the PE Department and Library	Accompsett Middle School PTA
\$375.69 to provide program enhancement supplies for the counseling center	Accompsett Middle School PTA
Kousa Dogwood tree and perennial flowers to be planted outside the Print Shop at New York Avenue	Joan Pisano 23 Clearbrook Drive Smithtown, NY 11787
\$1,248.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	St. James Elementary parents
\$1,000.00 Model Schools Integration Award for Louise Prescott, Library Media Specialist at Mills Pond Library	Western Suffolk BOCES P.O. Box 8007 Huntington Station, NY 11746-9007
\$50.00 for the Nicholas J. Zauner Memorial Scholarship Fund	Steve & Susan Ryan 15 Mike Lane

Smithtown, NY 11787

\$50.00 for the Nicholas J. Zauner
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Elliott & Nancy Kigner
24 Howell Drive
Smithtown, NY 11787

3. Designation of Canvassing Committee - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that MARY WILSON and CATHERINE QUINN be and hereby are designated to serve as a Canvassing Committee to cast and canvass such ballots offered by voters, pursuant to Education Law Section 2019-a, at the Annual Election to be held on the 18th day of May 2010, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that said Canvassing Committee shall meet on the 19th day of May 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at the Offices of the District Clerk, 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, New York, for the purposes of the casting, canvassing, and tallying of said ballots.

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Certified – The following Amended Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment XI. A. 1-9):

1. Appointment of Substitute Teachers
2. Appt. of Instructional Specialist
3. Extension Leave of Absence Without Pay
4. Request for FMLA Without Pay/Leave of Absence Without Pay
5. Notice of Retirement(s)
6. Request for Leave of Absence, Without Pay
7. Notice of Resignation(s)
8. Tenure Recommendation – Teacher
9. Termination of Probationary Employee(s) - WITHDRAWN

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-9, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano recognized the retirees.

Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, also congratulated the retirees.

B. Classified - The following Amended Classified Personnel Items were presented for the Board’s approval (Attachment XI. B. 1-9):

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. Retirements
8. Resignation
9. Election Worker(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mrs. Knox approving the Classified Personnel Items 1-9, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano recognized the retirees.

Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, also congratulated the retirees.

Mrs. Ricigliano congratulated the teacher who received tenure this evening.
Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, also congratulated the teacher on receiving tenure.

XII. NEW BUSINESS – none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk