

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

June 8, 2010

Held in Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Rossi, President of the Board of Education. On motion by Mr. Carlin, seconded by Mr. Martella, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, particular personnel – tenure, particular personnel – leave of absence, and pending litigation. At 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Waldron and Mr. Saggese joined the Executive Session.

At 8:12 p.m. Mrs. Waldron moved, Mrs. Knox 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.
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.
Eugene Barnosky, Board Counsel
Visitors
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

I. OPENING CEREMONY - conducted by Mr. Rossi.

II. MINUTES - of the Regular Meetings held, May 11 and 25, the Annual Meeting held May 18, and the Special Meeting May 26, 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).

III. RECEIPT OF CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Claims Auditor's Report ending April 30, 2010 in the amount of \$13,884,250.62 be accepted.

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

Discussion

Mr. Carlin noted that the Claims Auditor's report shows that we have significant balances in the Bank of Smithtown. The Bank of Smithtown has reported losses for the last several quarters. He asked for an explanation on the repo accounts and the backing. Mr. Ehmann responded that Ms. Niles has assured him that there are adequate safeguards of the funds. Mr. Epstein added that generally for all of our accounts we are collateralized for about 105% of our balance. Those collateralizations are held by a third party, not by the Bank of Smithtown. We get a list of the market values of those collateralizations and they are updated daily. Mr. Carlin asked if we have specific guidelines; are they Smithtown guidelines or state guidelines with respect to what we accept as collateral. Mr. Barnosky stated that general municipal law in the state of New York controls the

regulations; it dictates precisely what kind of collateral is acceptable. Mr. Epstein stated that the Board will be sent an updated list on this item.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Letter to Board of Education from Mr. Robert Urbancik regarding security and Assistant Principal at HS East.
2. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Mr. Patrick Smith regarding invitation
3. Letter to Mr. Robert Rossi from Ms. Kathy Sullivan regarding invitation to Friends of Music Award ceremony.
4. Letter to Members of the Board of Education from Branch Brook PTA regarding beautification of school.

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.

V. OLD BUSINESS

TAS

Mr. Saggese asked for an update on the TAS consultant. Mr. Ehmann responded that a conference call was held with Mr. Mark Walsh from TAS. They will be sending us a proposal this week.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities

Mr. Liguori noted that there will be a Facilities Committee Meeting June 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Negotiations

Mr. Rossi reported that negotiations are ongoing. Mrs. Ricigliano stated that there will be about eight meetings in the next two weeks.

Policy

Mr. Martella reported that a Policy Committee meeting was held June 2nd during which NY State School Boards Association recommended and mandated policy adjustments were discussed. Some of the policies discussed are on the agenda tonight for first readings. After receiving the opinion of a committee on class ranking the District has decided to abandon class ranking. We believe that class ranking places our students at a competitive disadvantage. After back and forth discussion about Policy 4741 – Class Ranking, Mr. Saggese asked that the word seniors be removed from the first sentence. Mr. Rossi thanked the teachers and administrators for their work on the class ranking committee.

Athletic Council

Mrs. Waldron reported that every Smithtown varsity team, 57, qualified for the NY State Scholar Athlete team.

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron, seconded by Mr. Saggese to change the order of the Agenda, moving the Personnel section prior to the Superintendent's Report.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

XI. PERSONNEL

A. Certified – The following Certified Personnel Items were presented for the Board's approval (Attachment XI. A. 1-16):

1. Appointment of Substitute Teachers
2. Appointment of Probationary Administrator
3. Appointment of Instructional Specialist
4. Request for FMLA, Without Pay/Leave of Absence, Without Pay
5. Increase of Assignment/Additional Class(es)
6. Request Leave of Absence, Without Pay
7. Notice of Resignation(s)
8. Tenure Recommendation – Administrators
9. Tenure Recommendation – Teachers
10. Restoration to Former Tenure Area
11. Approval of Compensation for Summer CSE, SCSE and CPSE
12. Approval of Adult Basic Education Teachers
13. Abolition/Termination of Positions – Academic Intervention Tutors
14. Abolition/Excessing of Positions – Teaching
15. Appointment of Co-Curricular Activities Sponsors
16. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving the Certified Personnel Items 1-16, as detailed in the attached resolutions.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Mrs. Ricigliano congratulated the newly hired probationary administrator and introduced each of the employees who were receiving tenure.

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

Mr. Ehmann congratulated the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel on receiving tenure.

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

1. Appointments
2. Change of Status
3. Change of Status – Reason(s)
4. Leave of Absence Unpaid
5. Leave of Absence – Reason(s)
6. Retirements
7. Resignation
8. Correction from prior Board Meeting
9. Summer School Program

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- The SHS East Academic Team last night defeated Kings Park HS and won the *Suffolk County Championship* in Cablevision/News12's The Challenge. The team consists of Zachary Greenberg, Patrick Kelly, Sanjay Palat, Nicole Tchrowski and Alternate Stephanie Chocko and their club advisors are Michael Zartler and Kimberly Craig. The Challenge is an award-winning, televised academic quiz show for high schools in the tri-state area. It tests students' knowledge of history, arts and literature, science and math.
- Smithtown High School students won nine of 10 prizes in the Annual Science and Society Essay Contest, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory. The winners were: First Place Neema Patel, Second Place Aaron Rosenthal, and Third Place John Dodaro. Honorable Mention was received by Alexandra McHale, Samantha Mellone, Emily Mancini, Brian Ralph, Peter Ren, and Tyler Terbush.
- The Smithtown Music Department had 14 performing groups participate in the NYSSMA Major Performing Group Assessments.
- The Smithtown Teachers' Association adopted another local hero. Former 2003 Smithtown graduate SPC Michael Gehrt, is bravely serving our country in the Armed Forces. The STA is sending him supplies to support him during his service.
- GHMS eighth grader Rebecca Stein was named as the Third Place winner for grades 6-8 Poetry in the recently held Creative Writing contest sponsored by The Suffolk Reading Council.
- Kevin Brant, Thomas Arnold and Daniel Arnold have scored 100 and are in the top one half percent of the state on the WISE (Working in Support of Education Foundation) Financial Literacy Exam administered in the Introduction to Financial Management course in the Business Department. Jordan Stevens, George Farrell, and Anthony Aprile earned the honor of Financial Scholars by scoring 95 or better on the exam. The students will be honored at an awards ceremony in New York City at the Museum for Financial History on Wall Street in June.
- Congratulations to SHS West students Eric Caruso and Brian Ralph for qualifying to take the American Invitation Mathematics Exam. The AIME is a contest to select students to represent the United States on an international team.

B. 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 310893, 308559, 303608, 301426, 311522, 303542, 306561, 301617, 301704, 303837, 307601, 306953, 303577, 309268, 305823, 310465, 310637, 309704, 306938, 307050, 308084, 160790, 308134, 189029, 308879, 309364, 306327, 307474, 307912, 201097, 311338, 304427, 300646, 304160, 301472, 311425, 310335, 310212, 309213, 311386, 308750, 308532, 172927, 311448, 306951, 311466, 308490, 308143 and 311146 be approved.
2. Sub-Committee on Special Education - RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Special Education for cases 304186, 307952, 308600, 309158, 308619, 304578, 308492, 305623, 306140, 305747, 305874, 306747, 307667, 307951, 308251, 307717, 305512, 307349, 308514, 306910, 306784, 173008, 201000, 160320, 187449, 185499, 306991, 309798, 310519, 308647, 305230, 304218, 302737, 305830, 302689, 302446, 302417, 302120, 307315, 308024, 301507, 187409, 307281, 308620, 309220, 305255, 304494, 304133, 304134, 174846, 306496, 310581, 305176, 307438, 309391, 307966, 307948, 306948, 307879, 150370, 191069, 305801, 303127, 303190, 304951, 308597, 200162, 308614, 310814, 310820, 185199, 301336, 308021, 306600, 307187, 304115, 306729, 310403, 306079, 306939, 306940, 303923, 304973, 304636, 309260, 156200, 303924, 308443, 307767, 306519, 301017, 306876, 304131, 307043, 306856, 305036, 307201, 303720, 307033, 306517, 200334, 306652, 305051, 305253, 3300, 308327, 175935, 301354, 192179, 301491, 201093, 191859, 304365, 300340, 301847, 301078, 200623, 302031, 302753, 300277, 159870, 303580, 310521, 310629, 305687, 303934, 309322, 305736, 302935, 301380, 303282, 303272, 305138, 309690, 310438, 301979, 200251, 310617 and 305966 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 (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 P311527, P311460, P311249, P311505, P311487, P311486, P311478, P311458, P311525, P311524, P311469, P310485, P311325, P311385, P311400A, P311400, P310838 and P311387 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 P309905, P310557A, P310557, P310822, P310811A, P310811, P309250, P308663A, P308663, P309450, P308562, P310509A, P310509, P309710 P310818, P309674, P310815, P309761, P309784, P310475A, P310475, P310575, PP310356, P309895, P310651, P309917, P308512A, P308512, P309689, P308924, P309693A, P309693, P310289A, P310289, P309691, P309364, P309612A, P309612, P310829, P309733A, P309733, P311187A, P311187, P310708A and P310708 be approved.

D. ESL Summer Enrichment Program

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron 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 2010.

Funding via Title III LEP Grant

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

E. Revised Policy 4741 – Class Ranking – Board of Education Policies – First Reading

– The revised Policy 4741 – Class Ranking – Board of Education Policies was presented for the Board's information and discussion. A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the June 22, 2010 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 July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting.

F. Revised Policy 6600 – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting – Board of Education Policies – First Reading

– The revised Policy 6600 – Fiscal Accounting and Reporting – Board of Education Policies was presented for the Board's information and discussion. A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the June 22, 2010 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 July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting.

G. Proposed Policy 8635 – Information Security Breach and Notification – Board of Education Policies – First Reading

– The proposed Policy 8635 – Information Security Breach and Notification – Board of Education Policies was presented for the Board's information and discussion. A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the June 22, 2010 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 July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting.

H. Calendar for June and July 2010 - The calendars were reviewed and amended by the Board.

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

- J. Proposed Policy 8630 – Computer Resources and Data Management – Board of Education Policies – First Reading** – The proposed Policy 8630 – Computer Resources and Data Management – Board of Education Policies was presented for the Board’s information and discussion. A second reading, with any revisions deemed appropriate, will occur at the June 22, 2010 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 July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Discussion

Mr. Carlin stated that sometimes less is more and questioned the necessity of adding policies. Mrs. Knox responded that the Policy Committee chose to use simplified policies and the computer policies were being added on advice of the auditors. Mr. Martella added that Mr. Nolan had helped with changes to the computer policy. Mr. Saggese questioned why the Audit Committee had not been involved with a recommendation by the auditors. After back and forth discussion it was decided that this would be discussed at the Audit Committee Meeting June 14th.

VIII. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

- A. Academic Intervention Services Plan – Adoption of June 2010 Revision** – upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the Academic Intervention Services Plan, Revised June 2010, to allow Smithtown Central School district to conform to New York State Education Department mandates.

Discussion

Mr. Saggese stated that at the previous Board Meeting it was requested that the Board be provided with the names of the surrounding school districts that were used for comparison. Mrs. Cahill agreed to provide the names of the districts. She also will be sending the BOE the history of the Title I Grant and the enrollment patterns over the last ten years.

B. School Report Card

Mrs. Cahill announced that this evening’s presentation would be the 2008/2009 New York State District Report Card. Ms. Bradshaw, Director of Curriculum, used a PowerPoint presentation to summarize the Report Card. The results again showed the District compared very favorably to the State results.

Discussion

After comments from Mr. Carlin and Mr. Rossi Ms. Bradshaw agreed to provide the Board with a performance index from year-to-year.

Mr. Rossi, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Mrs. Cahill and Ms. Bradshaw for the presentation.

- C. Overnight Field Trip Request – High School East and West Varsity Girls’ Golf – June 11-13, 2010 – New York State Girls’ Golf Championship – Delhi, NY** - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 2 students from Smithtown High School East and West Varsity Girls’ Golf to compete in the New York State Girls’ Golf Championship at SUNY Delhi in Delhi, NY. Students will depart June 11, 2010 and return June 13, 2010.

D. Overnight Field Trip Request – High School East Academic Quiz Bowl – June 13 - 15, 2010 – National Academic Championship – Schiller Park, IL - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that permission is granted for 7 students from Smithtown High School East Academic Quiz Bowl to compete in the National Academic Championship at Four Points by Sheraton in Schiller Park, IL. Students will depart June 13, 2010 and return June 15, 2010.

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

1. Adrienne Menghi requested that her child be allowed to start Kindergarten this September even though his birthday is December 2nd.
2. Pam Farino suggested that the Board use more specificity when declaring that they are going into Executive Session.

X. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

A. Finance

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron approving Finance Items 1 – 5 on a consent motion.

Discussion

Item #1

Mr. Saggese asked that the BOE receive more information on the projected fund balances. Mr. Ehmann agreed to send the information to the Board electronically.

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
04/30/10
- 2 – Trial Balance Report
04/30/10
- 3– Summary of Treasurer’s Report
04/30/10
- 4 – Treasurer’s Monthly Report
04/30/10
- 5 – Schedule of Investments
04/30/10
- 6 – Collateralization of Bank Balances
04/30/10
- 7 – Budgetary Transfer Report
04/30/10
- 8 – Budget Status Report
04/30/10
- 9 – Cash Flow Report
04/30/10
- 10 – Report of Claims Auditor
04/30/10
- 11 – Smithtown High School East Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 12 – Smithtown High School West Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 13 – Accomsett Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10

- 14 – Great Hollow Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 15 – Nesaquake Middle School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 16– Branch Brook Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 17– Dogwood Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 18 – Mills Pond Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 19 – Mt. Pleasant Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 20 – St. James Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 21 – Smithtown Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10
- 22 – Tackan Elementary School Extra Classroom Activity Account
04/30/10

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

- 10-22 Cafeteria Floor Replacement at Great Hollow MS
SED# 58-08-01-06-0-027-016
- 10-24 Athletic Supplies – Fall 2010-2011
- 10-25 Chiller Water Treatment Service
- 10-26 Installation of Cesspool
- 10-27 Public Address & Intercom System Service & Maintenance
- 10-28 Project Adventure – High School West

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:	2250-501-51-0000	Gen. Instr. Supplies	\$90,000.00	
TO:	2110-481-51-1200	Textbooks New		\$90,000.00
FROM:	2250-501-51-0000	Gen. Instr. Supplies (Insurable)	\$60,000.00	
TO:	2250-501-51-0501	Gen. Instr. Supplies		\$60,000.00
FROM:	See attached		\$205,704.47	
TO:	See attached			\$205,704.47

4. Agreement with The OMNI Group - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the Smithtown Central School District is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with The OMNI Group to manage the School District's complete compliance and remitting services for its tax shelter annuity programs, per the BOCES RFP#008-29 Cooperative Bid, at a fee of \$24,628.00 for the 2010-11 school year.

5. Agreement with SCOPE Education Services - upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute an agreement between the Smithtown Central School District and SCOPE Education Services for the Summer Explorations Program at Nesaquake Middle School for the period of July 6, 2010 through July 30, 2010.

B. Operations

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

1. Additions 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 organizations, having made formal application, are hereby approved for applying to use school facilities of 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.

2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Accompsett Elementary PTA
 Boy Scout Troop 349
 Nesconset Fire Department
 St. James Elementary PTA
 St. James/Smithtown Little League/St. James Athletic Association
 Smithtown High School West PTSA
 USA Wrestling – Smithtown Wrestling Club

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

\$100.00 donation for the Smithtown Elementary Library	Patricia and Arthur Faverio 67 New Mill Road Smithtown, NY 11787
\$210.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	High School East parents
\$320.00 for the Early Childhood Account at High School East	High School East parents
\$2,007.40 donation for the purchase of a Jaypro Volleyball System for Great Hollow Middle School	Long Island Volleyball Club, Inc. 34 Maple Glen Nesconset, NY 11767
\$60.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	Mt. Pleasant Elementary parents
\$651.00 to fund field trips for the 2009-2010 school year	St. James Elementary parents
\$1,000.00 scholarship donation	Suffolk County Chapter of the New York State Association for Superintendents of School Building & Grounds, Inc. P.O. Box 1252 Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
\$500.00 for the Edward V. Viscount III Memorial Scholarship Fund	Village of the Branch Soccer Club Village of the Branch Board 11 Miami Court Hauppauge, NY 11788

Bike rack for Mt. Pleasant Elementary

Mt. Pleasant PTA

3. 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:

Kenro model 7100 process camera, SCSD # 001410; 2 darkroom sinks,
SCSD #'s 001411 and 001412 in the Print Shop

Attached list of equipment at H.S. East Cafeteria & Great Hollow Commissary
Incline Bench, Flat Bench and Squat Rack at High School West

2 large room dividers, 5 overhead projectors, 6 overhead projector carts, 78 We the
People books, 28 fourth grade NY State Gooks, two sided white board easel,
and 4 wooden cubbies at Mills Pond Elementary

XII. NEW BUSINESS – none.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mrs. Waldron that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson
District Clerk