

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

July 30, 2008

Held in the Joseph M. Barton Bldg.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Carl E. Gianino, President of the Board of Education.

Members present:

Neil S. Carlin	Louis Liguori
Carl E. Gianino	Robert Rossi
Theresa Knox	Gladys M. Waldron

Members absent:

Joseph T. Saggese

Also present:

Edward Ehmann, Superintendent  
Mary Cahill, Asst. Supt.  
Joan Niles, Asst. Supt.  
Karen Ricigliano, Asst. Supt.  
Peter G. Albert, Board Counsel  
Visitors  
Mary Wilson, District Clerk

**OPENING CEREMONY** - conducted by Mr. Gianino.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Transportation Contract** – remained TABLED.

Discussion – Mrs. Waldron stated that she had believed that the purpose of this meeting was to see how negotiations were going with the bus contract. Mr. Carlin responded that he has Mr. Rossi's input and has spoken to Mr. Saggese about it. He had planned to meet with Mr. Saggese earlier this evening; but Mr. Saggese was not able to attend. Mrs. Waldron asked that this negotiation be moved along; stating that she did not want to wait another ten days. Mr. Rossi agreed that he also believed that this meeting had been scheduled to act on the bus contract. Mr. Ehmann stated that the administration will e-mail the Board an EXCEL spreadsheet. After that the Board can let the Chairs know where they believe we should approach this from and hopefully by August 12<sup>th</sup> this can be discussed in Executive Session. Mrs. Knox noted that the District should have a number and discussion with the bus company prior to the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Ehmann agreed that there is a need for the Chairs to meet Thursday, Friday or Tuesday to get this process moving.

**Branch Brook Contract** – remained TABLED.

Discussion – Mr. Ehmann reported that we are moving forward with our litigator, Frank Cara; he is negotiating with the two owners of Annex for a number to have them leave the job so that we can go to our second bidder. We toured the site with the second contractor; they are capable and they understand the challenges of the job. We officially denied Annex's Change Order Request, which requires them to go out and get equipment to do the job as specified. If they choose to do that, they have thirty days, but they have to fund it on their own. We are hopeful that they realize that it is better for them to just walk away.

Board Members expressed serious concern with the delay in getting this problem resolved and the health and safety issues involved. The administration noted that it has been very difficult working with Annex since they have not followed any of the protocols in the specifications.

After back-and-forth discussion Mr. Ehmann told the Board that he expects Mr. Cara to give him a number tomorrow that Annex will agree with to leave the job.

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

**Bid Recommendation**

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron seconded by Mr. Rossi that upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, be it RESOLVED, that the following bid recommendation is approved as submitted herein:

08-29 Removal of Temporary Classroom Units at Accomsett  
Elementary SED #58-08-01-06-0-029-019

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**PERSONNEL**

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

1. Appointment of Probationary Administrator(s)

MOTION by Mrs. Knox, seconded by Mr. Rossi approving the Certified Personnel Item 1 as detailed in the attached resolution.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mrs. Waldron seconded by Mr. Knox, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wilson  
District Clerk