

BRIDGEHAMPTON U.F.S.D.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Date: April 3, 2006
Meeting Type: Board Budget Workshop Meeting
Present: Bruce Dombkowski, Susan Hiscock, John Wyche, James Walker
Dr. Youngblood, Superintendent, Mr. Pryor, Principal
Michelle Romanosky, Bus. Admin.
Mr. Paul Rodgers, Architect and Southampton Press Rep.
One community members
Absent: Tamara George-Turner, Elaine Parks, Elizabeth Kotz

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Bruce Dombkowski, President of the Board of Education.

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Call to Order by the President upon his/her having ascertained the presence of a Quorum and Roll Call at 7:10 PM

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The meeting began with an overview of the budget presented by Dr. Youngblood. She gave the Board a review of the budget line by line, and asked if there were any questions. Dr. Youngblood then presented five different budget scenarios for the Board to review.

After a brief discussion the Board agreed on a zero budget increase. The Board felt that they would give back \$250,000 to the residents from the fund balance and \$250,000 from the Tax Reduction Reserve that will reduce the taxes. Michelle Romanosky, the Business Administrator added, that State Aid could possibly increase by \$98,000 and the assessment increase would help decrease the Property Tax Levy.

Dr. Youngblood also shared that since the Board agreed only to give the residents \$250,000 back, they should consider increasing the amount to be established in the Capital Reserve Fund. The Board agreed that it would also decrease the amount needed for the construction project when it was approved.

Paul Rodgers gave an update on the roofing bids. He shared that there were two bidders for the roofing project. One he could vouch for, which was the Statewide Roofing. He knew about their work and they were highly recommended from other school districts that used them in the past and they were credible. Their bid came in higher than the other. He also shared his concerns about the second bidder, KOKO Contracting. He found that the contract was questionable; they weren't as credible as Statewide. Their references dated as far back as 1998, which was out of date range of the stipulations. Mr. Rodgers again stated that even though KOKO was the lower bidder, he recommended the higher bidder for their credibility. Mr. Dombkowski and the entire Board agreed that they should probably go with Statewide roofing, but he wanted to be sure on how they had to reject the lower bidder. He suggested that Dr. Youngblood or Paul Rodgers contact Tom Volz, for clarity and the legal procedure.

Dr. Youngblood announced that she and some of the staff had met with the Public Relations Firm: Zimmerman/Edelson.

