

Bridgehampton School District
Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education
Revised – Minutes

Date: April 28, 2008
Meeting: Board of Education Workshop Meeting
Present: James Walker, Elizabeth Kotz, Susan Hiscock, Carol Kalish, Joseph Conti,
Rick Delano (8:15)
Dr. Dianne B. Youngblood, Superintendent, Mr. Jack Pryor, Principal, and Michelle Romanosky, Business Administrator, Joyce Manigo, District Clerk
Absent: Joseph Berhalter

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Board President, James Walker called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM upon his having ascertained the presence of a Quorum, Saluting the flag and Roll Call.
B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Proposed BOE Agenda, dated April 28, 2008.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

II. OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy #5152.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: Tabled

- B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Open Campus Privileges Policy #5181.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- C) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of the Student Conferences, Workshops, and Retreats Policy #5810 & 5810-R.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Conti Vote: 5-0

- D) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the third reading of Purchasing Policy #6700, 6700-R, 6700-E.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

- E) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the second reading of the Communication Among Individual Board Members Policy #2710.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 5-0

III. REPORT:

- A) Petition Submitted on April 21, 2008 – Mrs. Kathryn Degroot, a member of the school’s Audit Committee and parent of four children that attends Bridgehampton School along with Superintendent Dr. Dianne Youngblood presented an analysis on how much it will cost to tuition the Bridgehampton High School students out to neighboring districts and different options of the costs that could be considered. Her presentation showed that there would not be financial savings to the district and a more probable tax increase over a period of years. The cost would

also depend on what the other districts charged per student and the number of students we send, explained Mrs. DeGroot. The analysis also showed that the Bridgehampton UFSD test scores proved to be as good as or better than the surrounding districts, especially in the elementary and middle school levels. The enrollment in Bridgehampton shows every indication of rising again over the next 10 years based on the Kindergarten enrollment records. After a brief question and answer session the Board Members voiced their opinions about the petition and decided to reject Mr. Berhalter's second petition with the following resolution.

(Mr. Delano entered the meeting at 8:15 PM)

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD rejects the petition submitted on April 21, 2008, by Joseph Berhalter to, "Make Bridgehampton a Pre-K through 8, and phase out the High School starting with the 08-09 8th grade. Tuition out the 08-09 8th grade to one of three neighboring school districts for the 9th grade. The High School would continue for the next three years, dropping a class each year. The appropriation required is \$660,150 for the 09-10 Budget Year," due to inaccurate and insufficient financial analysis of the proposal.

Motion: Hiscock

Seconded: Kalish

Vote: 5-1

(Nay- Conti)

- B) Current Non-Resident Students K-8 – Mr. Walker shared that the Board is waiting for the Attorney's opinion regarding this issue. Mr. Conti asked Mr. Walker if he could read a statement for the record, He stated that he believed that failing to charge non-resident students tuition, is a disservice to the taxpayers of Bridgehampton because the district was educating non-resident children and receiving no revenue. He shared that the district was cited by the New York State Comptroller's Office on this very issue. They said, "District officials should follow the adopted non-resident policy and charge appropriate tuition for non-resident students". Mr. Conti continued by stating, "The real issue is that public school districts are only required to educate those students living in their district. By not charging a reasonable and fair tuition, we are depriving taxpayers of revenue and not living up to our fiduciary responsibility," Mr. Conti concluded.
- C) 11th Grade Presentation – Mr. Ken Giosi and Mrs. Mary Johnsen, Teachers of the Bridgehampton School along with 11th grader Pablo Londono gave a presentation on a field trip that he and his classmates will be taking on Sunday May, 2008 to the Special Olympics at the William Floyd High School. He shared that Special Olympics in the New York area serves nearly 40,000 athletes with disabilities , providing them with year round sports training and competition. The students participating will be able to give support to those who are physically disabled, gain a better understanding of those who are disabled and their struggles through everyday life and provide about 8 hours of community service.

IV. Use of Facilities (Consent Agenda for items IV 1-3)

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Gymnasium) request from Elizabeth Alves for a Family Health Fair on October 4, 2008 at 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Motion: Hiscock

Seconded: Kalish

Vote: 6-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (Middle School or Library) request from Elizabeth Alves for a Nutrition Program on June 3, 2008 at 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Motion: Hiscock

Seconded: Kalish

Vote: 6-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton U.F.S.D. approves use of building (entire building, café , classrooms, fields & middle school) request from Aleta Parker (PTO) for Open House/Picnic May 29, 2008 at 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education adjourns the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion: Kalish Seconded: Hiscock Vote: 5-0