

**BRIDGEHAMPTON U.F.S.D.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 11, 2010
Meeting Type: Board of Education Regular Meeting
Present: Elizabeth Kotz, Lillian Tyree, Carol Kalish, Joe Berhalter, Douglas DeGroot, Ronnie White
Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Superintendent, Dr. Chesterton, Business Administrator,
John Pryor, Principal, Joyce Manigo, District Clerk, Jeff Mongelli, School Attorney
Absent: Nicki Hemby

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Call to Order by the President upon her having ascertained the presence of a Quorum, Saluting the Flag and Roll Call at 7:07 P.M.
- B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Proposed BOE Agenda dated January 11, 2010.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: White Vote: 6-0

- C) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education dated on December 14, 2009, a Workshop Meeting dated December 23, 2009 and a Special Meeting dated January 6, 2010.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

- D) Invitation to visitors to address the Board of Education on agenda items
- E) Communications
- F) Board of Education Items
- G) Consideration of additional items for the Agenda

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Wellness Committee Meeting, January 12, 2010 at 12:00
- B. Budget Advisory Committee Meeting, January 12, 2010 at 8:15 AM
- C. Strategic Planning Council Meeting, January 12, 2010 at 3:00 PM in the Middle School
- D. Martin Luther King Day, District Closed, January 18, 2010
- E. Financial Aid Night, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 PM
- F. Third Annual Spanish Luncheon, January 22, 2010
- G. Board of Education Workshop Meeting, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM
- H. New York State Regents Exam, January 26 – January 29, 2010
- I. Second Quarter Ends, January 29, 2010
- J. Report Distribution, February 5, 2010
- K. Next Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM
- L. President's Day, District Closed, February 15, 2010
- M. Mid winter Recess, School Closed, District Open, February 16-19, 2010
- N. Other

III. REPORTS:

A) Report by Network & Systems Administrator - Steve Koepper, the district's Network & Systems Administrator gave a brief presentation to bring the Board of Education up to date on the new network system (Optimum Lightpath Fiber Network).

He explained that the new system was investigated due to a significant price increase by the old vendor (double rate) with no additional service. Due to physical geography, Lighpath was the only alternative that would give us increase service for the increase fee. It has turned out to be a good investment. By combining telephone services with internet connectivity, the pricing came into our budget and "was the right fit at the time." Some of the features included:

- The Internet Connection has increased in speed and capability (almost ten times previous capacity), had gone from 1.4mb to 18 mb, which will allow for video conferencing as well as other educational other opportunities in the future.
- High definition streaming video on demand from education outlets such as Discovery Channel, PBS and more.
- All voice telephone lines are included in the service

Mr. Koepper explained that the school's new system was like going from a two lane road to a twenty lane highway. He shared that the District had to make a switch after the cost from the old Internet System had doubled without supplying any additional services for the increased cost.

B) Superintendent's Report – Dr. Youngblood reported that for the past 1.5 months she and others had been exploring the idea of relocating the Pre-Kindergarten Program to the Bridgehampton Children's Museum of the East End. She acknowledged the Executive Director of CMEE, Steve Long and continued to share that as per Steve there are still many details that will need to be agreed upon by both Boards, his Board thinks it is a dynamite idea. Dr. Youngblood explained, due to having a Pre-K waiting list for the first time and the limitations of space in the district, the idea of possibly using the museum was exciting and a great option because of it being "a perfect fit". Mr. DeGroot pointed out that the Pre-K Program housed at the Museum could be like a Magnet School for children in other Districts and that could offset the cost of the program.

Lastly, Dr. Youngblood talked about a letter she received from New York State Dept. of Education, as did all Superintendents and Administrators (public and private), informing them that the NCLB Title IV, part A Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities Act State Grant portion of funding will be eliminated, effective for the 2010-2011. For Bridgehampton that would amount to approximately \$950.

C) Principal's Report – Mr. Pryor reported that the quest to expand the school day for the elementary students was in the works. The district has extended the after school programs to grades 2-6, with programs such as ice skating, bowling, drumming/bell music program, science lab and a homework club.

D) Interim Business Administrator's Report – Dr. Chesterton reported that he was still waiting for Whitson's management to respond with ideas for the food service program for the 2010-2011 school year. He said, information on the idea of collaborating with neighboring school district have been null. He announced that there would be a Budget Committee workshop meeting 1/15/10 at 8:15 AM.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Finance Matters

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts warrant #7 Fund F with 3 claims in the amount of \$5,348.54; and warrant #8 Fund T with 24 claims in the amount of \$88,159.07; and warrant #9 Fund T with 12 claims in the amount of \$87,220.90; and warrant #8 Fund C with 2 claims in the amount of \$13,351.02; and warrant #16 Fund A with 68 claims in the amount of \$93,240.47.

Motion: DeGroot Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

- 2) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Appropriation Status Report for the period 07/01/09-06/30/10.

Motion: DeGroot Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

- 3) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Revenue Budget Status Report for the period 07/01/09-06/30/10.

Motion: DeGroot Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

- 4) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2009.

Motion: Berhalter Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

- 5) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD accepts the Extra Classroom Activities Report for the month December 2009.

Motion: Berhalter Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

B) Personnel

- 1) **Resignations**
- 2) **Leaves**
- 3) **Assignments**

- a) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves Annette Rivera as Ice Skating Supervisor @ \$41.93 per hour for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: Berhalter Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

C) Use of Facilities

- 1) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the request by Ninfa Boyd on behalf of the PTO to use the Cafeteria on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 6:30-8:30 PM for a Parent Meeting for the Ski Trip.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: Kalish Vote: 6-0

