

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
BROOKHAVEN AND SMITHTOWN

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 15, 2011

Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Three Village Central School District of Brookhaven and Smithtown held at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York 11790 on March 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm prevailing time.

There were present: John Diviney, President  
Frank McIntosh, Vice President  
Jonathan Kornreich, Trustee  
Susanne Mendelson, Trustee  
Diane Peritore, Trustee  
Glen Whitney, Trustee

There was absent: None were absent

There were also present: Neil Lederer, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Cheryl Pedisich, Asst. Supt. for Educational & Pupil Personnel Services  
Jeffrey Carlson, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
Kenneth Bossert, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Edward F. Sallie, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
Andrea Wilson, District Clerk  
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Diviney called the meeting open at 6:13 pm.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. McIntosh motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:14 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (h) the proposed sale or lease of real property (Nicolls Road – Real Estate Company Interviews), seconded by Mrs. Peritore, and carried by a 4-0-0 vote.

Ms. Mendelson entered the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Dr. Whitney entered the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:05 pm for a brief recess.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION Mr. Diviney reconvened the Board into open session at 8:12 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA Addition: Item IIIa – REPORTS – Board Member Conference Report.

#### REPORTS

Board Member Conference Report Ms. Mendelson presented her conference report for the New York School Board Association's 2011 State Issues Conference.

The conference was productive and discussions included:

- Legislative and regulatory tools to rein in local costs while providing education for students.
- Convey destructive impact of state aid cuts and costly mandates to state legislature.
- Preparation for lobbying of state representatives

Ms. Mendelson reported that she spoke directly with local representatives Senator John Flanagan, Chair of the Education Committee and Assemblyman Steve Engelbright as well as Assembly Majority Leader Sheldon Silver and Senate Minority Leader Suzi Oppenheimer and that the representatives were receptive to the concerns presented to them.

Feedback included that the unfunded mandates were now under consideration and that the funding of 4201 schools from local school districts as proposed by Governor Cuomo would not be supported.

Ms. Mendelson encouraged District residents to write to their state representatives and voice their concerns regarding the proposed cuts in educational funding.

Minutes of March 15, 2011

2011-2012  
BUDGET

Revenue Sources

Mr. Diviney opened with a review of the previous meeting's discussion.

Mr. Carlson presented a summary of the discussion:

Usage of a combination of reserves and fund balance in an amount of \$1.5 million.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- Credit Rating
- Tax Levy
- Discussion ensued with consensus to allow a slight increase over the 3% tax levy proposed by the Board last year. A determination would be made at the conclusion of the budget workshops.

Program  
Reduction Review

Level 1 and 2 Program Reductions submitted by Administration

Elementary and secondary school reductions:

Level 1: \$3.7 million

Level 2: \$3.1 million

Total: \$6.8 million in reductions

Discussion ensued regarding the individual program reductions presented by Administration.

Next Budget Meeting to include:

- Electronic formatted information
- Revise listing of reductions
- Incorporate Board suggestions
- Discuss item by item
- Tax Levy

OTHER  
RELEVANT  
ITEMS

Mrs. Peritore thanked Mr. McMullen for his hard work concerning a recent submission of program suggestions to the Board.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Ms. Meyer presented comments regarding budgets for the next two years.

Mr. Kerby presented comments regarding FOIL (freedom of information law) and LIFO (last in, last out).

Ms. Silverman presented comments regarding the kindergarten program.

Ms. Lisa presented comments regarding foundations and the ability to raise funds for District programs.

Ms. Liebowitz presented comments regarding bargaining units.

Mr. Singer made an inquiry regarding capital improvement projects.

Ms. Anderson presented comments regarding the kindergarten program.

Ms. Sarf presented comments on the ability to present public feed back to the Board regarding proposed budget reductions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, motion was made by Dr. Whitney, seconded by Mr. Diviney, and carried by a 6-0-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson  
District Clerk