

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
BROOKHAVEN AND SMITHTOWN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL PLAN AND BUDGET
MARCH 6, 2012

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 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Members present: John Diviney, President
Jonathan Kornreich, Vice President
Deanna Bavlnka, Trustee
Inger Germano, Trustee
Irene Gische, Trustee
Jeffrey Kerman, Trustee
Susanne Mendelson, Trustee

Members absent: All were present

Also present: Neil Lederer, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Cheryl Pedisich, Deputy Superintendent
Jeffrey Carlson, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
Gary Dabrusky, Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Resources
Andrea Wilson, District Clerk
Ashley Gabriele, Student Representative to the Board
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Diviney called the meeting open at 6:30 pm.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Mrs. Gische motioned to move into Executive Session at 6:31 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (d) discussions regarding proposed litigation (Tax Cap appeal); (e) collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law (TVSAA); (f) medical, employment history and appointment of a particular person(s) (retired clerical worker, teacher/para retirement requests, AP exam coordinator, Section 913 Examination), seconded by Ms. Mendelson, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Pedisich and Dr. Dabrusky entered the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Dr. Kerman entered the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Mr. Kornreich motioned to exit executive session at 8:03 pm and return to the public meeting after a brief recess, seconded by Mrs. Germano, and carried by consensus.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION Mr. Diviney reconvened the Board into public session at 8:10 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA Addition: Item I – UPSEU Agreement

BOARD RECOGNITION Mr. Diviney presented the New York State School Board's recognition of completion to Ms. Mendelson

Ms. Mendelson is the recipient of the Level 2 "Board Excellence Award" for participation in the New York State School Boards Association leadership training, earning 150 points in leadership development training under NYSSBA's School Board U - Learning for Leaders Program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Marla Gorman, District resident presented comments regarding the Student Government as an instructional class.

Jacob Rothstein, student WMHS presented comments regarding the impact of the 2012-13 Budget on students and the community.

Sabrina Ferretti, Student Government President, Gelinas JHS presented comments regarding Student Government as an instructional class.

Meredieth Lemkin, Student Government WMHS presented comments regarding Student Government as an instructional class.

Jim Molinari, District resident presented comments regarding ½ day kindergarten.

MINUTES AND BIDS

Minutes of February 14, 2012

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the minutes of its February 14, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Dr. Kerman, seconded by Mrs. Gische and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to accept the minutes as presented.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Preliminary Review of Financial Plan and Budget 2012-2013

Mr. Carlson presented the Preliminary Review of the Financial Plan and Budget for 2012-2013.

Items discussed were as follows:

Major factors influencing the Budget:

- Rollover budget would have increased tax levy by 11%
- State aid reduction of \$853,000 in Governor’s budget proposal
- Federal Jobs Fund grant ending June 30, 2012 (\$1,200,000)
- Tax “cap” legislation

Tax levy legislation:

- Commonly referred to as the “two percent tax cap” – Is not a cap or two percent
- Determines the % of voter approval required for budget to pass – Above cap 60% and at or below 50% +1
- Refers to the increase to the tax *levy* – not tax rate

Because of the reduction in state aid, our limit for a simple majority is an increase to the tax levy of 2.99%

Budget Reductions:

- Retirement system cost less than initial estimate - \$1,000,000
- Renegotiated copier contract - \$150,000
- Reductions to supplies, equipment, contracted services - \$500,000
- Separate proposition for capital project - \$190,000
- Retirement incentives - \$800,000
- Security - \$100,000
- Refinancing of bonds - \$150,000

Other Potential Reductions:

- Occ Ed – incoming Juniors - \$300,000
- Athletics - \$130,000
- Security at elementary schools - \$120,000

Gap in \$ for various tax levy % increases:

<u>Levy increase</u>	<u>Required cuts</u>
3%	\$6,560,000
4.5%	\$4,650,000
5.5%	\$3,980,000

Required cuts by position type to reach tax levy of (with % of total FTE):

<u>FTE</u>		<u>3%</u>	<u>4.5%</u>	<u>5.5%</u>
650	Teachers/Paras	65 (10%)	46 (7%)	35 (5%)
33	Administrators	4 (12%)	3 (9%)	3 (9%)
206	Monitors/SEA’s	30 (15%)	30 (15%)	20 (10%)
146	Teaching Assts	11(8%)	11 (8%)	9 (6%)
94	Clerical	5 (5%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)
90	M&O	5(5%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)

Impact of Budgetary Reductions:

- All grade levels and subject areas will be affected
- To get tax levy to “cap” would require consideration of half day kindergarten, eight period day at secondary schools, and elimination of JHS athletics

Discussion and questions ensued after the presentation.

REPORTS

Student Representative Report

Ms. Gabriele reported on various events at Ward Melville High School (Bugs Bunny Breakfast, One Dollar One Day fund raiser), encouraging community and staff participation.

Report of Board of Education Sub-Committees

Teaching & Learning

Ms. Mendelson presented the Teaching & Learning report. Items discussed:

- Proposed course description presentation
 - International Baccalaurete (IB) Program
- Discussion ensued, with consensus to move forward with a plan of implementation. (Time line, cost, phase in time)

Policy

Mrs. Gische presented the policies for consideration.

INFORMATION
ITEMS TO THE
BOARD

Policy

4321-Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89(Draft 1-revision); 5405-Student Wellness(Draft 1-revision); 5420-Student Health Services(Draft 1-revision)

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education accept the following Policies as delineated below:

4321 – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA and New York's Education Law Article 89 – First Reading (*Draft 1-revision*)

Motion was made by Dr. Kerman, seconded by Mrs. Gische, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to adopt Policy 4321 at the first reading.

5405 – Student Wellness – First Reading (*Draft 1-revision*) – **tabled**

Discussion ensued and the Board by consensus tabled Policy 5405 for further revision by the Policy Committee.

5420 – Student Health Services – First Reading (*Draft 1-revision*)

Motion was made by Dr. Kerman, seconded by Mrs. Gische, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to adopt Policy 5420 at the first reading.

ITEMS FOR
BOARD ACTION

Eastern Suffolk
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IV Consortium
Funds for New
York City Field
Trip

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Motion was made by Mrs. Bavlnka, seconded by Mrs. Gische, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to approve both Perkins IV fund utilizations.

Personnel Action -
Education Law
§913 Examination

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Randall Solomon as a school medical inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the fitness of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to perform his duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule "A" to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Randall Solomon at a date and time to be scheduled.

Motion was made by Dr. Kerman, seconded by Mrs. Gische, opposed by Mr. Diviney and Mr. Kornreich, abstention by Ms. Mendelson, and did not carry by a 4-2-1 vote.

UPSEU Employee
Agreement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between the Board of Education and the employee identified on Confidential Schedule "B."

By consensus the Board deferred action and lay the motion on the table for discussion in executive session after the conclusion of Public Participation.

OTHER ITEMS
OF INTEREST

Mr. Lederer reported that administration hosted a successful Real Estate Breakfast for local real estate brokers to provide information about the District. Mr. Lederer hoped that it would become an annual event and that more Real Estate brokers would attend next year.

Ms. Mendelson reported that she would be attending the New York State School Board Association's (NYSSBA) State Issues Conference on March 12, 2012. This will be an opportunity to lobby to the state legislature on behalf of the District and other districts state wide.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Forrest McMullen, District resident, presented comments regarding the budget, reductions and funding.

Minutes of March 6, 2012

MOVE INTO
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Mr. Diviney motioned to move into Executive Session at 9:48 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law (f) personnel matters for particular person(s) (§913 Examination), motion carried by consensus.

MOVE OUT OF
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 9:49 pm.

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Motion was released from the table and put to a vote. The motion carried with a 7-0-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, motion was made by Dr. Kerman, seconded by Mr. Diviney, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
District Clerk