

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
BROOKHAVEN AND SMITHTOWN

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL PLAN/BUDGET

MARCH 5, 2013

Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Three Village Central School District of Brookhaven and Smithtown held at R.C. Murphy Junior High School, Stony Brook, New York 11790 on March 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Jeffrey Kerman, President
Jonathan Kornreich, Vice President
Deanna Bavlnka, Trustee
William F. Connors Jr., Trustee
Inger Germano, Trustee
Irene Gische, Trustee
Susanne A. Mendelson, Trustee (as of 6:55 p.m.)

Members absent: All were present

Also present: Cheryl Pedisich, Superintendent
Jeffrey Carlson, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
Kevin Scanlon, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services
Gary Dabrusky, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Kathleen Sampogna, District Clerk
Yaela Collins, Student Representative to the Board
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER Dr. Kerman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION On motion by Mrs. Gische, seconded by Ms. Bavlnka and carried by a 6-0-0 vote, the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:02 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law 105 (f) to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) and collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION The meeting reconvened into open session at 7:35 p.m. Yaela Collins led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA Addition of Item B – Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer 2012-2013, and Board of Education Member recognition.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

Preliminary Review of Financial Plan and Budget 2013-2014 Mr. Carlson presented the preliminary Financial Plan and Budget for 2013-2014.

OTHER RELEVANT ITEMS

Board Member Recognition Dr. Kerman presented Susanne Mendelson with a certificate from New York State School Boards Association for earning the Board Mastery Award, which recognizes extensive time and effort spent on expanding knowledge and skills.

REPORTS

Student Representative Report Yaela Collins reported that Student Government has hosted several events over the past few weeks, and is working on several upcoming events.

ITEMS FOR
BOARD ACTION

Appointment of
Impartial Hearing
Officer

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be it RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer in the matter of Case No. 1691.

On motion by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Gische, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Forest McMullen indicated he was concerned that the Board had not asked any questions regarding Mr. Carlson's presentation.

Britt Halverson spoke regarding the preliminary budget and possible areas where cuts can be made.

Linda, a parent with children at Mount, Minnesauke, and Gelinas, spoke regarding bussing and asked that the routes be looked at carefully to reduce costs.

Maryanne Harkins spoke regarding the Student of the Month program at Mount.

Claudia Pepe spoke regarding the budget and asked the Board to look at what the vision is for all students in the district.

Melanie, a parent with children at Arrowhead, asked about the Board's effort in working with legislators to obtain additional school funding.

Ms. Mendelson noted that Board members and Administration members have met with local legislators and elected officials, but the overwhelming response from the New York State government is that changes in funding for Long Island school districts will not be made any time soon.

Trisha Sunferry asked that cuts to theatre arts and guidance be reconsidered.

Ms. Bavlnka reported on district events, including Setauket School's elementary band being chosen to perform at a New York Mets game, Ward Melville High School's FBLA team competing and ranking in competitions held at Molloy College, Isabelle Scott becoming a regional spelling bee champion and advancing to compete in Washington DC, a basketball game between the Harlem Wizards and the Minnesauke Faculty All Stars sponsored by the Minnesauke PTA, upcoming performances of Guys and Dolls at Murphy Junior High School, and the TVTA Dick Dawe dinner which raised over \$6,000.00 to support scholarships.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mrs. Gische, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Sampogna
District Clerk