
Present: Mrs. Jennifer Rosen, President; Mrs. Dina Brantman, Vice President;
Mr. Michael Haberman; Mr. Paul Wasserman

Absent: Mr. Jonathan Satran

Also Present: Mr. James Kaishian, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Stuart Matthey, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Dr. Kusum Sinha, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment and H.R.; Mr. David Shaw, School Attorney; Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

The Briarcliff Manor Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014 in the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mrs. Rosen at 7:04 P.M.

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman, and passed 3-0, the Board moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Taylor Law negotiations, the employment history of a particular person, potential litigation matters and to seek legal counsel.

Mr. Haberman arrived at 7:20 P.M.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman, and passed 4-0, the Board moved to return to public session at 8:05 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS: Mr. Kaishian provided a preview of the 2014-15 budget.

The following work-session items were discussed:

- Veteran's Exemption
- Gap Elimination Resolution
- Teaching Assistants
- Long Range Planning Committee
- Snow Days

The following policy work-session items were discussed:

- Public Participation at Board Meetings # 1230
- 2nd Reading: Soliciting Funds for Non-School Purposes #1511
- 2nd Reading: Student Records # 7260
- 2nd Reading: Student Records Access -7261
- 2nd Reading: Execution of Policy: Administrative Regulations # 1420
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The following financial work-session items were reviewed:

- Change order credit
- Budget transfers requiring pre-approval
- Budget transfers through Feb. 4, 2014
- Financial reports for Dec. 2013: Treasurer's Report, 2nd quarter Appropriation Status Report: funds A, C, F, H, V, and 2nd quarter Revenue Status Report: funds A, C, F, H, TE, V

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- General Fund expenditure and revenue reports for January 2014
 - Middle School Student Activity Treasurer’s Report for the 2nd quarter of 2013-14
 - High School Student Activity Treasurer’s Report for the 2nd quarter of 2013-14

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held in January 27, 2014 as amended to reflect Mr. Wasserman’s mention of a possible small conflict of interest with a food service provider being discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to amend the consent agenda by removing items “g” and “j” to be voted on separately.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approve the following consent agenda as amended.

- a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Rebecca Lotierzo, Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2014.
- b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Brittany Doino, Teaching Assistant, effective February 6, 2014.
- c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Lina Spiniello, Lunch Monitor, effective January 31, 2014.
- d. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following individual to a 1.0 Probationary FTE Teaching Assistant position in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant for a probationary appointment to commence on February 11, 2014 and to expire on February 10, 2017, in accordance with the BTA contract:

Name	Certification
Daniel Anderson	Initial Social Studies Grades 7-12

- e. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the Health Services Contract with the Bedford Central School District in the amount of \$2,951.61 for 3 Briarcliff students, who attend private schools in the Bedford Central School District.
- f. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby adopt policy on “Soliciting Funds for Non-School Purposes” as amended.

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- g. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby adopt policy on “Student Records” as amended. (*voted on separately*)
 - h. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby adopt policy on “Student Records Access” as presented.
 - i. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby adopt policy on “Execution of Policy: Administrative Regulations” as amended.
 - j. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$37,759.20 to cover new data drops throughout district and miscellaneous work on SmartBoards. (*removed to be voted on separately*)
 - k. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$11,000 to cover funds needed to pay ACL for repairs to HVAC equipment.
 - l. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the CSE/CPSE/504 Committee Recommendations for the month of January 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

Student Records Policy

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman, the Board moved to TABLE the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby adopt policy on “Student Records” as amended.

Budget Transfer

On motion by Mr. Haberman seconded by Mrs. Brantman, the Board moved to approve the following resolution as amended:

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$37,759.20 to cover new data drops throughout district and miscellaneous work on SmartBoards, the same constituting an ordinary contingent expense of the district.

Southern Westchester Cooperative Bid

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services, adopting this Resolution to bid jointly in those supplies, commodities, materials and equipment set forth below.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District agrees to participate with other school districts of the Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York adopting this in the joint bidding of:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Art Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
2. General School Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
3. Office Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
4. Fine Paper Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
5. Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
6. Bakery Goods	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
7. Cafeteria Food Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
8. Custodial Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
9. Trash Liners	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
10. Custodial Paper Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
11. Lumber Supplies	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
12. Laser & Ink Jet Toner, OEM	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
13. Laser & Ink Jet Toners, Compatibles	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
14. Microcomputer Hardware	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
15. Office & Classroom Furniture	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
16. Graphing Calculators	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until: June 30, 2015, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is agreed that the specifications as presented will be used, and that this Board agrees to bid its required amount of said commodities jointly with other participating school districts in Southern Westchester and the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The recommendation of the Purchasing Steering Committee will be considered when this Board acts on the purchase of said Commodities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Journal News in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 to the General Municipal Law.

Change Order – Subolo Contracting Co.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following change order items related to the \$10.525MM capital project for the general contractor Subolo Contracting Corp.

Item #	Project #	Description	Amount
A	66-14-02-02-004-012	Credit Change Order for door in-fills at the HS	(\$1,500.00)
		TOTAL	(\$1,500.00)

Southern Westchester BOCES IPA

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Briarcliff School District desires to enter into a four year contract with the Southern Westchester BOCES in order for the lower Hudson Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ), both parties are in agreement on the following:

1. Computer services to be rendered through Southern Westchester BOCES will require the purchase of hardware and software.
2. As part of this service agreement, Southern Westchester BOCES will obtain financing through an installment purchase agreement, for the purchase of equipment and software necessary to deliver the computer services.
3. The Briarcliff School District hereby agrees to pay the total contract cost to the Southern Westchester BOCES. The District further acknowledges its responsibility for the 60 payments to the Southern Westchester BOCES to cover principal and interest.
4. In the event that the Briarcliff School District desires to prepay the outstanding balance prior to the completion of the term of this agreement, any applicable penalties and/or interest charges will also be a liability to the School District.

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5. The equipment is the property of the Southern Westchester BOCES. Upon final payment of the Installment Purchase Agreement, the District shall have continued use of the equipment for the next ten years at no cost, with or without the purchase of services through the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center. In the event the district is not purchasing services through the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center, the District will be billed the annual insurance premium on the equipment. At the conclusion of the ten-year period, the District may purchase the equipment at fair market value.
 6. It is further agreed that the district will pay all BOCES invoices in full and within 30 days of the invoice date. Appropriate credits and/or charges for any given billing period will be applied to the subsequent month's invoice.
 7. NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Briarcliff School District agrees to enter into a contract with the Southern Westchester BOCES, for the provision of said services to the District, as noted in Schedule A in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 plus \$21,962 for applicable interest for a period of four years.

Gap Elimination Resolution

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

WHEREAS, The NYS Deficit Reduction Assessment was originally instituted (in 2009) to reduce the State's \$10 Billion deficit, and

WHEREAS, For the past three years this reduction has gone under the name Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and has lowered state aid in our area by 16% on average by taking \$586 Million of owed State Aid education monies and re-allocating it to other areas of the State Budget, and

WHEREAS,, This State strategy to "seize" education dollars has happened at the same time that State-imposed financial demands on our school district have continued to grow, common core standards and new high-stakes assessments have been implemented, and the local tax levy has been capped, despite minimal State mandate relief and

WHEREAS, The NY State Budget now projects a \$2.2 Billion surplus while schools across the state have already cut 10,000 teachers in addition to other personnel, programs & services which support our students,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We the People demand an end to this grievous wrong by eliminating the GEA deduction from the final State Aid calculation for every school district in NYS. The NYS constitutional right of our

children to a “sound basic education” has been seriously compromised for too long. Eliminate the GEA and Restore our School Aid.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Haberman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 P.M.