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Present: Mrs. Jennifer Rosen, President; Mrs. Dina Brantman, Vice President;  
Mr. Paul Wasserman, Mr. Jonathan Satran,

Absent: Mr. Michael Haberman

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

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The Briarcliff Manor Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 in the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mrs. Rosen at 7:45P.M.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to immediately adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular persons, Taylor Law negotiations and to seek legal counsel.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran, the Board moved to adjourn executive session and return to public session at 8:10 P.M.

Briarcliff student resident and high school senior, Jacob Herman, was selected by Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES as Student of Distinction for his outstanding leadership skills, academic progress and community spirit and presented with an award.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to commence the budget public hearing at 8:15 P.M. The minutes of this hearing are attached.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to adjourn the public hearing and return to regular session at 8:27 P.M.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on Monday, April 20, 2015 as presented.

#### **Consent Agenda**

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to amend the consent agenda and TABLE the resolution to extend the probationary term of Employee No. 05112015.

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

#### **Donations/Grants**

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following 2015 BMEF Grants and Initiatives Funded:

Grant #	Applicant Name	Grade School	Project Title	\$ Approved
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2015.1	Wilma Messenger	All	Handbell Refurbishment	\$4,140
2015.2	Debbie Wohlberg, Debbie Ciardullo, Audrey Curley	Todd	Boogie Boards	\$1,000
2015.3	Paul Villanueva	5th	Artist in Residence "Day in Clay" Program	\$4,190
2015.5	Nathan Heltzel	BHS	Guidance Direct	\$1,460
2015.6	Nina Marcel and Jeremy Shulman	BHS	BHS Bruin Yearbook	\$1,416
2015.7	Michael Diamente	BHS	Electric Car Project-Batteries	\$580
2015.8	Roxanne Ritacco	BHS	Exhibition Materials	\$428
2015.9	Jennifer Murphy	BHS	School Store by Finance Club	\$750
2015.10	Madeline Greenberg	BHS	Weather Station Update	\$3,625
2015.11	Audrey Curley & Katie Hall	Todd	Alternative & Ergonomic Seating Options	\$12,132
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,721</b>

Personnel

- (a) RESOLVED that, the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of, with appreciation of her service to the District, Ms. Carmen McCallum, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2015.
- (b) RESOLVED that, the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of, with appreciation of her service to the District, Ms. Brittany Martin, Teaching Assistant, effective June 30, 2015.
- (c) RESOLVED that, the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation, with appreciation of her service to the District, Jennifer Figueroa as school lunch monitor effective May 13, 2015.
- (d) RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Ms. Lisa Harth Josephberg to the position of Substitute Nurse.
- (e) RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the request of Jessica Loprieno to extend her current child care leave to unpaid leave effective June 8, 2015 through June 30, 2015.
- (f) RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Ms. Emily Cozzi to the position of Long Term Substitute Teaching Assistant in the Middle School Guidance Department for the 2014-2015 school year.

- (g) RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to sign an Agreement extending the probationary term of Employee No. 05112015 a pedagogical employee, for a twelve month period, through August 31, 2015. A copy of said Agreement, as presented to the Board at this meeting, shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting. [TABLED]
- (h) RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the creation of a stipend position for teacher mentoring at the rate of \$1,350 effective July 2015.
- (i) RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following substitute teachers: Jessica Iannuzzo and Cathy Reilly.

Surplus Textbooks

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby declare the following list of textbooks and/or workbooks as surplus and directs the Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations to dispose of them in the safest, least expensive and environmentally friendly manner.

TITLE	EDITION	ISBN	QTY
Chemistry the Central Science	Seventh Edition	0-13-533480-2	5
Chemistry the Central Science	Eighth Edition	0-13-013310-1	26
Chemistry the Central Science	Eighth Edition	0-13-050987-6	17
Chemistry the Central Science	Ninth Edition	0-13-048450-4	1

Budget Transfer

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$24,000 to cover projected In-District transportation costs through June 30, 2015.

Claims Audit Report

RESOLVED that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby accept the Claims Audit report submitted for March 2015.

Athletic Mergers

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the following athletic mergers:

Modified Girls Soccer	Briarcliff & Pocantico Hills
Modified Girls Softball	Briarcliff & Pocantico Hills

**Action Items**

**Resignation of Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment and Human Resources**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dr. Kusum Sinha, with appreciation of her years of services, effective June 30, 2015.

**Resignation of Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Stuart Matthey, with appreciation of his years of services, effective July 5, 2015.

**School Pass Arrival/Dismissal/ Attendance Program – 2 Physical Sites (K-12)**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Service Agreement with MHR Technologies, Inc. for SCHOOL-PASS for the period from May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 (subject to the ability to terminate annually) and authorizes Board President to execute such documents on behalf of the District.

Year	Setup Fee	Service Fee	Annual Total	Payment Schedule
Year 1	\$1,800	\$3,800 (Elem) \$3,800 (MS/HS)	<b>\$9,400</b>	\$9,400 due 30 days after signing through June 30, 2016
Year 2	\$0	\$3,800 (Elem) \$3,800 (MS/HS)	<b>\$7,600</b>	\$7,600 due Jul 1, 2016
Year 3	\$0	\$3,800 (Elem) \$3,800 (MS/HS)	<b>\$7,600</b>	\$7,600 due Jul 1, 2017

**Self Insured Dental Renewal 2015-16**

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran 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 fee proposal of April 1, 2015 with J.J. Stanis & Company, Inc., for the administration of the school district's self-insured dental plan for the 2015-16 school year.

**Todd athletic Field Renovation**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously awarded the Todd Athletic Field site work as part of the \$10.525 million voter approved capital project to Sport-Tech Construction Corp. in the amount of \$343,000;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an Agreement between Owner and Contractor with Sport Tech Construction Corp.,

dated March 23, 2015 for site contractor services in relation to the Todd Athletic Field. A copy of such contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

StormWater Management Consulting 2015-16

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran 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 proposal for environmental consulting and engineering services for compliance with the District’s MS4 Permit NYR20A507 for stormwater discharges to CFE Consulting Services, LLC in an estimated amount of \$9,000 including out of pocket expenses for the 2015-16 school year.

Change Orders – Landscape Unlimited Inc.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran 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 related to the Practice Field project for the site contractor Landscape Unlimited Inc. as follows:

Change Order #	Project #	Description	Amount
9	N/A	Re-Route of HS Parking Lot Drainage effecting Practice Field	\$30,000.00
		TOTAL	\$30,000.00

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Change Order #	Project #	Description	Amount
10	N/A	Installation of guardrail along Practice Field retaining wall.	\$24,750.00
		TOTAL	\$24,750.00

Edge Contract

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

RESOVLED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorize the Board President to execute a software license agreement with EDGE Document Solutions LLC for the Educator’s EDGE High School Reporting System, for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, at an annual fee of \$550.00.

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Budget Newsletter

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 3-1, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign the Board letter which accompanies the Budget Newsletter on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Wasserman voted Nay.

BOCES IPA

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Briarcliff School District desires to enter into a five 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.
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.

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 \$460,000 plus \$42,092 for applicable interest for a period of five years.

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WPSBA Resolution : 2015 APPR Plan Implementation

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

Whereas the Board of Education of the **Briarcliff Manor School District** has long supported high standards and accountability for our students and staff;

Whereas our district benefits from local control, opposes legislative remedies that assume that one size fits all, and has serious concerns about the new APPR plan;

Whereas the newly enacted State budget requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt regulations by June 30, 2015, thereby creating a truncated timeline, and assuring ongoing, piecemeal changes to APPR without adequate public consideration;

Whereas the State budget legislation threatens that state aid will be withheld unless local contract negotiations conclude by September 1 of this and each subsequent year – another virtually impossible deadline given the obligations of collective bargaining;

Whereas the parent opt-out movement has demonstrated that parents do not favor the proposed nexus of high stakes assessment and teacher evaluation and the labeling of teachers or children based on these assessments, and has further exposed issues related to the reliability, transparency and length of the tests;

Whereas it is in the best interest of the students, staff and public education in the state and in this school district that we develop and implement an appropriate APPR evaluation system, rather than the recently enacted system which relies on an untested, opaque value-added model (VAM), focuses on only three snapshots in time (assessment and 2 evaluations) out of an entire school year, uses a basic scoring grid rather than a matrix based on multiple measures, and relies on a SLO model for the majority of teachers; and

Whereas the current efforts in Congress to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) recognize the error of mandating that test scores be linked to teacher and administrator evaluations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the **Briarcliff Manor School District**:

1. requests that the Board of Regents convene a task force of qualified practitioners and independent experts to review the reliability, transparency, developmental appropriateness, and length of the state tests and to assure the validity of linking the tests to the proposed evaluation system,
2. requests that the Board of Regents, Commissioner of Education and State legislators allow that draft regulations be filed by the Commissioner on June 30, 2015, followed by a 90 day comment period and that the deadline for school district submission of modified APPR plans be moved to September 1, 2016, and
3. requests that the Board of Regents, Commissioner of Education and State legislators perform a detailed review of the evaluation proposal, gather input from qualified practitioners and independent experts, and reject the elements of the Cuomo Education



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Reform Agenda which place undue reliance on state tests and constitute inappropriate reforms to APPR. Our communities, teachers and students deserve nothing less.

Mr. Satran left the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

**The following work session items were discussed:**

- Memorial Day Wreath
- WPSBA Board of Directors Nominating Slate
- WPSBA 2015 APPR Implementation

**The following financial work session items were reviewed:**

- Claims Audit Report March 2015
- Budget transfers requiring pre-approval
- Budget transfers through April 30, 2015
- Financial reports for March 2015: Treasurer's Report, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Appropriation Status Report: funds A, C, F, H, TE, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Revenue Status Report: funds A, C, F, H, TE, V
- March 2015 Warrants: #11 Fund A; #9 Fund TA; #9 Fund H
- General Fund expenditure and revenue reports for March 2015
- Middle School Student Activity Treasurer's Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014-15
- High School Student Activity Treasurer's Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014-15

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Wasserman and passed 3-0, the Board moved to add a resolution supporting the Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA) Slate of Officers and Directors.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Wasserman and passed 3-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the WPSBA 2015-16 slate of Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

On motion by Mrs. Brantman, seconded by Mr. Wasserman and passed 3-0, the Board moved to adjourn the public meeting at 9:10 P.M.