
Present: Mr. Guy Rotondo, President; Mrs. Rosella Ranno, Vice President;
Mr. Eric Bashford, Mr. Sal Maglietta, Mrs. Jennifer Rosen

Also Present: Mr. Neal Miller, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Stuart Matthey, Asst.
Superintendent for Business & Technology; Mr. John Alecci; Mr. David Shaw,
School Attorney; Mr. Michael Bogin, Sive Paget Riesel, Mr. Michael Musso,
HDR; Mr. John Eberlin & Mr. Ron Tetelman, Eberlin & Eberlin Landscape
Architects; Ms. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

The Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, February 27, 2012 and was called to order by Mr. Rotondo at 6:31pm.

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mrs. Ranno and passed 3-0, the Board moved to immediately adjourn into executive session at 6:32pm for the purpose of discussing Taylor Law negotiations and to seek legal counsel.

Mrs. Rosen arrived at 6:40 p.m.
Mr. Maglietta arrived at 7:00 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mrs. Rosen and passed 5-0, the Board moved to return to public session at 7:47 pm.

STUDENT/FACULTY RECOGNITION

The following individuals received certificates of recognition:

Completing Doctoral Studies in Educational Technology:

Dr. Tracy Campanile
Dr. Stephanie Muson

Westchester Rockland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium Winners, February 4, 2012:

Chetan Khanna – 2nd Place – Behavior (Powerpoint Group), Advancing to State Competition
Steven Kalayam – 1st Place – Environmental Science (Poster Group)
Jenny Yang – 1st Place – Biochemistry (Poster Group)
Nicholas Poulton – 2nd Place – Biology (Poster Group)
Jeffrey He – Best Display Poster

Regional Mathcounts Competition Winners, Pace University, February 4, 2012:

Team Members – Team Ranked 5th Place:

Sophie Underwood – Top Scorer, Advancing to State Competition
Karthik Rao – Ranked 6th
Matthew Kanovsky , Matthew Neuendorf, Benjamin Shi, Matthew Tu, Feroze Mohideen
Farhaanah Mohideen, Anoushka Chaudhari, Thomas Praeger

Team Won 1st Place in the FIRST Lego League Robotics Challenge Local Competition on January 28, 2012 and advanced to Regional Championships:

Georgia Burkard, Hunter Burkard, Sajan Bar, Eli Karp
Weston Cooper, Cynthia Constantinou, Isaac Reisman, Michael Gorlin

**Honors Choir Students – selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association
Eastern Division Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, February 15-18, 2012**

Madeline Albert, Jillian Agona, Kelly Hooper, Komal Kerthy
Benjamin Kupka, Sophia McGlew, Caroline Pennacchio

1. PRESENTATIONS

Fields Remediation Update

Mr. Michael Musso discussed approvable NYSDEC options for the remediation of the practice fields. Two-dimensional poster boards and cross sections displays of the three most widely used options were provided.

Ad Hoc Facilities Committee Report

Committee Co-Chairs, Mrs. Dina Brantman & Mr. James Sabatier provided a brief summary of the comprehensive work done by the Ad Hoc Facilities Committee and the recommendations resulting from such work. The complete report of each sub-committee can be found on the district website.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of January 23, 2012 Board of Education meeting as presented.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the minutes of February 13, 2012 Board of Education meeting as presented.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mrs. Rosen and passed 5-0, the Board moved to amend consent agenda item “c” to correctly reflect Ian Drivers’ BFPA grant award.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, the Board moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.

a. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept, with thanks, the BMEF grants award to the following:

Kathleen Hall	Attendance at the Int’l Reading Assoc. Conference	\$1,500
Julie Gallagher, Amanda	Explore Learning Gizmo Subscription	\$1,500

Schwartz, Susan Howard		
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- b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept with thanks, the donation of \$350.00 from the Alumni of Briarcliff High School Classes of 1960 & 1961, into the Denise Natter Scholarship fund in memory of Sandy Racioppo.
- c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept with thanks, the following BFPA grant awards:

Dr. John Banks	To subsidize High School Choral & Band trip	\$1,600
Michael Fraoli	To purchase 32" TV, wall-mount & other equipment for Smart Music program at Todd	\$400
Wilma Messenger	For wireless microphones for the Middle School Musical	\$600
Ian Driver	For rental of overhead projector for High School musical production	\$1,500
Diane Mallet	Subsidize annual 5 th grade theater trip to Broadway	\$1,680

- d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation, with appreciation, of Karen Farrell, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2012.
- e. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation, with appreciation, of Carmelyn Peborde for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2012.
- f. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Tanisha Williams as School Lunch monitor at the annual salary rate of Step 1 of the School Related Professional contract effective January 11, 2012.
- g. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates the positions of 2.0 Full Time Equivalent Teaching Assistants, effective February 1, 2012.
- h. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the three year probationary appointment of Shannon Fennell to the position of Teaching Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area, effective February 7, 2012 in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment approved by the Board of Education for Teaching Assistants.
- i. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the three year probationary appointment of Brittany Doino to the position of Teaching Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure area, effective February 13, 2012 in accordance with the terms and conditions of employment approved by the Board of Education for Teaching Assistants.

**BRIARCLIFF MANOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2012

- j. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers: Adriana MacGilvray and Corey Stahl.
- k. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following coaches for the spring 2012 season:

COACHING ASSIGNMENT	COACH	NEW	INCUMBENT	STIPEND
Varsity Softball Head	*Casey Killard	X		\$6,502.00
Varsity Softball Assistant	Andrea Thau		X	\$5,338.00
Junior Varsity Softball Head	*Katrina Lynch	X		\$4,528.00
Modified Softball Head	Heather Schrammel	X		\$3,153.00
Varsity Baseball Head	John Consorti		X	\$7,478.00
Varsity Baseball Assistant	John Schrader		X	\$5,338.00
Junior Varsity Baseball Head	Nicholas De Santo		X	\$5,206.00
Modified Baseball Head	*Corey A. Stahl	X		\$3,153.00
Varsity Girls Lacrosse Assistant	*Chelsea Robinson	X		\$4,504.00
Junior Varsity Girls Lacrosse Head	*Jessica Zimmerman	X		\$4,208.00
Modified Girls Lacrosse Head	Samantha Fortier-Vieni		X	\$3,600.00
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Head	Louis Rosten		X	\$7,119.00
Varsity Boys Lacrosse Assistant	Paul Bordonaro		X	\$5,179.00
Junior Varsity Boys Lacrosse Head	Dillon Clark		X	\$4,839.00
Modified Boys Lacrosse Head	Daniel Perito	X		\$3,153.00
Varsity Co-Ed Golf Head	Michael Perricone		X	\$5,338.00
Varsity Boys Spring Track Head	Sean Ryan		X	\$7,243.00
Varsity Girls Spring Track Head	Patrick McGrath		X	\$7,243.00
Varsity Spring Track Assistant	Daria Anuszkiewicz	X		\$4,600.00
Modified Track Head	Brendan Coxen		X	\$3,600.00
Varsity Boys Tennis Head	Luis Jimenez		X	\$5,135.00
Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Head	Donald Hamlin		X	\$3,861.00

1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the following volunteer coaches for open gym:

Softball	Andrea Thau, Casey Killard, Katrina Lynch
Lacrosse	Jessica Zimmerman, Chelsea Robinson

- m. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Health Services Contract with the Bedford Central School District in the amount of \$871.62 for 1 Briarcliff student attending The Rippowam-Cisqua School.
- n. RESOLVED, that Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$27,788 to cover additional costs incurred by HDR related to the November 17, 2011 public presentation to summarize the fill investigation activities to date at the HS/MS site.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Tenure Recommendation

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby, confer tenure upon Sondra Dolman in the tenure area of Speech and Language effective March 9, 2012.

School Related Professionals (SRP) Waiver

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby waives for the 2011-12 school year, Article X, E., c., located in the agreement between the Briarcliff Manor Union Free School District and the Briarcliff School Related Professionals BTA that states, "The employee gives written notice to District, five (5) months in advance of the actual retirement date," and, instead, will accept three (3) months advance notice of the actual retirement date, as a condition for the District to provide the stated retirement benefit.

Abolishment of positions

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 3-2, it is

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby abolishes 27.0 FTE Teacher Aide positions effective close of business day on June 30, 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the teacher aides whose positions will be abolished, as listed in a memo from the Superintendent of School to the Board dated February 23, 2012,

shall be exceeded in accordance with the procedures set for in the SRP Collective Bargaining Agreement and given prompt notice of this resolution by the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Maglietta and Mrs. Rosen voted Nay.

Creation of Teaching Assistant positions

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 3-2, it is

RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby creates 27.0 Teaching Assistant positions effective September 1,2012 and directs the posting, as well as advertising, these positions, with the requirement of teacher certification as a job qualification.

Mr. Maglietta and Mrs. Rosen voted Nay.

RFP for Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum Instruction & Human Resources

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 3-2,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorize the Superintendent and Asst. Superintendent for Business & Technology to begin the process of preparing and issuing an RFP for a professional search firm to assist the Board Of Education in the recruitment of an Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment and Human Resources.

Mr. Maglietta and Mrs. Rosen voted Nay.

BOCES Cooperative Bids

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mrs. Ranno and passed 5-0,

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 Board of Education does hereby approve the school districts' participation with Southern Westchester Board of Educational Services, Westchester County, New York in the joint bidding of:

	Please check Either	
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. Art Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
2. General School Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
3. Office Supplies	<u>X</u>	___

4. Fine Paper Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
5. Audio Visual Supplies & Equipment	<u>X</u>	___
6. Bakery Goods	<u>X</u>	___
7. Cafeteria Food Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
8. Custodial Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
9. Trash Liners	<u>X</u>	___
10. Custodial Paper Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
11. Lumber Supplies	<u>X</u>	___
12. Laser & Ink Jet Toners	<u>X</u>	___
13. Microcomputer Hardware	<u>X</u>	___
14. Office & Classroom Furniture	<u>X</u>	___
15. Graphing Calculators	<u>X</u>	___

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until June 2013.

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.

HDR Contract Proposal

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts Henningson, Durham & Richardson Architecture & Engineering, P.C.'s (HDR) proposal to provide a Risk Assessment Memorandum in connection with the practice field and softball field remediation as set forth in detail in HDR's February 7, 2012 letter, at an estimated cost of \$6,600. A copy of the February 7, 2012 letter is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0,

WHEREAS, the District's Environmental Consultant, Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR), has been retained by the District to meet the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) order on consent #20010816-113, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to continue with its field remediation activities related to the order on consent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts HDR's proposal for Softball Field Area Supplemental Investigation Activities as set forth in HDR's February 1, 2012 letter, at an estimated cost of \$11,400. A copy of the February 1, 2012 letter is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to transfer the sum of up to and including \$11,400 from the Property Loss and Liability Reserve Fund to the general fund to pay for the costs associated with the implementation of the Supplemental Investigation Activities and the District's continued field remediation activities.

Field Remediation Choice

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mrs. Rosen and passed 5-0, the Board moved to amend this resolution by removing the reference to "HS".

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mrs. Rosen and passed 5-0, the Board moved to approve the following resolution as amended.

WHEREAS, the District wishes to meet the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) order on consent #20010816-113, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to continue with its activities related to the order on consent, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education understands that soil testing on areas contiguous to the softball field has not been completed, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education understands that results of continued soil testing may be submitted after completion, to the New York State Department of Conservation (NYSDEC);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the Superintendent's recommendation to remediate the softball field using the natural turf option;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Hennington, Durham & Richardson Architecture & Engineering, P.C.'s (HDR) to complete and submit the official Remediation Action Plan for the Softball Field to NYSDEC on its behalf at its immediate convenience, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes HDR to submit additional soil testing results to NYSDEC, upon completion, in support of its Softball Field Remediation Action Plan.

SEORA

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, the Board moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education charged the Ad Hoc Athletic Facilities Committee (the "Committee") with assessing the conditions of the District's outdoor athletic facilities and making recommendations to the Board regarding a scope of items to be included in a capital

improvement project for the District's athletic fields, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has met its charge and assessed the conditions of outdoor athletic facilities throughout the District and found several of them to be poorly configured, have poor playing surfaces and/or have inadequate drainage, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has prepared recommendations to the Board for field reconfiguration, resurfacing and drainage improvements at several High School/Middle School campus and Todd Elementary School outdoor athletic facilities, and

WHEREAS, those recommendations are attached to and made part of this resolution, and include:

1. the installation of artificial turf on the High School stadium field, resurfacing the track and infield sections outside the playing surface and modifying the basketball courts;
2. installation of artificial turf at the High School baseball field and creating a rectangular field in the outfield;
3. improving drainage, installing an irrigation system and improving the grass surface of the lower soccer field and field hockey field at the High School and the Todd Elementary field; and
4. repairing the tennis courts surface,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will hereby consider the Committee's recommendations, as described in this Resolution, to resurface, repair and rehabilitate the identified outdoor athletic facilities (the "Project"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act statute and regulations ("SEQRA"), the Board of Education has determined that the Project is a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5 of Title 6 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations ("NYCRR") and not subject to SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, for its information, the Board of Education hereby authorizes Hennington, Durham & Richardson Architecture & Engineering, P.C.'s (HDR) to prepare an environmental assessment to evaluate the Project's potential for environmental impacts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review of the environmental assessment, the Board will determine whether the Project should be placed before the public for a referendum vote.

Tax Certiorari

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding with the identification number of Section 98.09, Block 1, Lot 44 in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment and authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute same:

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes in the approximate amount of \$47,384.89 as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding with the identification number of Section 105.13 Block 2, Lot 54 in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment and authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute same:

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes in the approximate amount of \$23,030.61 as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding with the identification number of Section 98.14, Block 1, Lots 1./0006, 1./0007, 1./0008, 1./0009, 1./0014, 1./0015, 1./0016, in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment and authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute same:

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that there is no refund of taxes associated with the terms of the Consent Judgment.

On motion by Mrs. Ranno, seconded by Mrs. Rosen and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 a.m.