

BRIARCLIFF MANOR UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Regular Meeting – Monday, April 11, 2011

Middle School Theater

7:00 pm

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance

It is anticipated that the Board will immediately adjourn into executive session to discuss particular personnel and potential litigation matters.

It is anticipated that the Board will return to public session at approximately 8:00pm to conduct the regular business meeting.

- Board President Remarks
 - Superintendent's Remarks
 - Asst. Superintendent's Remarks
1. Approval of the minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting held on March 21, 2011; the minutes of the special meetings held on March 22, March 28, April 2, April 3; the minutes of the work session meeting held on April 4, 2011.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approve the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year and attached to these minutes.
 - b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the extended childcare leave requested by Gwynne Whitman effective April 12, 2011 through Friday, December 23, 2011.
 - c. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of School Psychologist, Noreen Sabia effective April 8, 2011.
 - d. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Special Education teacher, Kym Trickel effective March 24, 2011.
 - e. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the amended appointment of Gail Watkins leave replacement elementary teacher at MA60, Step 4 effective December 24, 2010 through June 29, 2011. (Pro-rated)
 - f. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Raymond Gregg as JV softball coach for the spring season 2011.
 - g. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Thomas Behrens to the stipend position of JV Softball Coach for the spring season 2011. Stipend amount \$3,671.40.

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- h. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following open gym volunteers: AJ Thau, Eileen DeLalla, Lori Galvin, Desiree McKoan, John Consorti, Brandon Beck, Alex Torres, Paul Bordonaro, Sean Ryan, Nathan Heltzel.
- i. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following Election Inspectors for the May 17, 2011 Budget Vote and Board Elections: Marcia Seredynski, Mildred Gonzalez, Joan Beicke, Regina Timmons, Emily Paolantonio, Karen Bernson, Minah Shah & Annett Diaz at a rate of 10/hr.
- j. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the establishment of the Todd Video Booktalk Club to be included in the current list of co-curricular/extra classroom activities with an annual stipend of \$2,022 for a new appointee and \$2,293 for an incumbent appointee.
- k. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Tara Phethean, to the co-curricular stipend position as advisor to the Todd Video Booktalk Club. The stipend amount to be \$2,022 for the 2010-11 school year.
- l. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the payment of up to \$2,433.84 to The Town of Yorktown on behalf of employee Claude Alford for medical insurance coverage during the period January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011.
- m. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept, with thanks, the donation of two soccer goals by the BYSC AYSO at Law Field to be used by the AYSO programs during the Fall and Spring season. This was previously accepted by the Board on November 12, 2011 but the actual estimated value has been amended to reflect \$3,445.95.
- n. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the Special Education Committee Recommendations for CSE, CPSE & Section 504 eligible students for the months of January through March 2011.
- o. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$6,000 to cover additional health services expenses for Briarcliff students attending private schools.
- p. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$8,000 to cover costs associated with transportation consultant.
- q. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$ 128,385.00 to cover May & June 2011 interest payments on refunding bonds.
- r. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the health services contract with the Somers Central School District in the amount of \$1,553.80 for 2 Briarcliff Manor resident students attending non-public schools in Somers.

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- s. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the health and welfare services agreement between the Briarcliff Manor Schools and the following districts for students who reside in their resident districts and are attending non-public schools in the Briarcliff Manor UFSD for the period of September 7, 2010 through June 24, 2011:

School District	# of students	Payment to Briarcliff Manor
Bedford Central	4	\$ 3960.64
Carmel Central	1	\$ 990.16
Croton-Harmon	4	\$ 3,960.64
Greenburgh Central	3	\$2,970.48
Hendrick Hudson Central	3	\$2,970.48
Mt. Pleasant Central	15	\$14,852.40
Ossining UFSD	89	\$ 88,124.24
Pleasantville UFSD	1	\$ 990.16
Peekskill City Schools	1	\$ 990.16
Pocantico Hills	1	\$ 990.16
Putnam Valley Central	1	\$ 990.16
Somers Central	1	\$ 990.16
Tarrytown Schools	5	\$ 4,950.80
Valhalla UFSD	3	\$ 2,970.48
Yonkers Schools	1	\$ 990.16
Yorktown Schools	6	\$ 5,940.96

3. **ACTION ITEMS** - The Board welcomes public comments at this time. *(Please see Policy #2201 on last page of this agenda.)*

Proposed 2011-12 School Budget

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby adopt a School Budget for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$48,400,000., and ratify the Property Tax Report Card referenced therein.

BMEF Grant

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

Mary Yulo	symposium at Columbia University on “Learning and the Brain”.	\$ 279.00
Alicia Moraitis	What’s New in Children’s Literature Workshop	\$ 144.00

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Policy on Budget Transfers

2nd Reading and adoption of policy as amended:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby adopt Policy # 5320 regarding budget transfers, as amended.

Blackboard Contract

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the amendment to the previously approved Blackboard License and Services Agreement dated December 15, 2010 allowing Briarcliff Manor UFSD to provide access to the Blackboard Software, Blackboard Managed Hosting and Blackboard Mobile Service to other schools districts in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties.

Optimum Lightpath

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the five year Service Agreement with Optimum Lightpath, dated March 29, 2011, for Hosted Voice and Internet/Voice Bundle services effective July 1, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$9,131 per month.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the five year Service Agreement with Optimum Lightpath for a 10 Gig circuit between the Todd Elementary School and the Middle/High School Complex effective July 1, 2011 at a cost not to exceed \$6,500 per month.

BOCES IPA

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 (A) (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. 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, THERFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby 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 \$200,000 plus \$26,455 for applicable interest for a period of five years

4. **Public Comment**

The Board welcomes public comments at this time. (*Please see Policy #2201 on last page of this agenda.*)

Polling of the Board

Consideration of Executive Session Subject to Board Approval

Adjournment

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POLICY NO. 2201 – INTERNAL OPERATIONS

A. Community Participation at Board Meetings

1. Regular Meetings. The public will be encouraged to speak on Action Items before the Board votes. Comments must be specific to Action Items on the agenda. Community input will also be heard at the time designated on the agenda for this purpose. Comments must be relevant to the Briarcliff School District.
2. Public comments must only be made from the designated area.
3. The community will be requested to direct their questions or comments to the presiding officer, who will redirect them to the Administration if this is appropriate. Dialogue among members of the audience will be discouraged. Trustees are only to respond at the invitation of the presiding officer.
4. When new questions or items are raised by the community, the Board will not feel compelled to respond immediately, but will acknowledge the issue and consider it at a later meeting if this is appropriate.
5. Any person who is unruly will be asked to leave.
6. Speakers from the public will be given three (3) minutes each to speak, unless the Board votes to extend the per speaker time limit at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker will be allowed one opportunity to speak at each speaking segment of the meeting.