

Present: Mrs. Janet Marinaccio, President; Mr. Guy Rotondo, Vice President;
Mrs. Stacy Agona, Mr. Eric Bashford, Mr. Krishnan Chittur

Also Present: Dr. Frances Wills, Superintendent; Mr. Raymond Kuntz, School Attorney
Ms. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

A meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Monday, August 10, 2009 in the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mrs. Marinaccio at 7:00pm.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 4-0, the Board moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation matters at 7:03pm.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 4-0, the Board moved to return to public session at 8:16pm.

Mrs. Agona entered at 8:40pm.

Board President Remarks

Mrs. Marinaccio welcomed new Board Trustee, Mr. Krishnan Chittur.

Mrs. Marinaccio briefed the community regarding the search for an Interim Business Official. She announced that the Board would be appointing Ms. Ronnie Stowell to the position this evening.

Superintendent Remarks

Dr. Wills commented on opening of school activities and readiness for the start of school. Dr. Wills, announced that Mrs. Kim Izzarelli, community resident and district parent, will be hosting an AFS exchange student from Indonesia. The exchange student will be attending Briarcliff High School for the 2009-10 school year.

Approval of Board Minutes

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 4-0, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approve the minutes of the August 3, and August 5, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

The public was invited to comment or ask questions regarding work session items. There were no comments or questions made.

Personnel Work Session Items

The Board discussed the credentials of Ms. Ronnie Stowell and her appointment to the position of Interim Asst. Superintendent for Business & Technology.

The Board discussed the status of the RFP for School District Physician. The RFP has been reviewed by the school attorney and approved for dissemination.

Contracts/Grants

The Board discussed the following contracts scheduled for approval:

- Student information systems;
- Health services contracts for student attending schools out-of-district;
- Transportation contracts – The Board requested bidding process to be implemented for future transportation contracts;
- Personnel employment agreements, union contracts and vendor contracts – the Board requested that all contracts and agreements be posted on the district website
- An Efficiency Grant through BOCES to study cost sharing of services in transportation. The Board will authorize district participation if more the ½ of the component districts express desire to participate.

Policies

The Board conducted a first reading of policy # 6160 Code of Ethics for All District Personnel. A change in the dollar value of gifts an employee of the district may accept as a gift from a parent or community member is being examined.

Finance

The Board reviewed the following warrants for June 2009: Warrant #13 Fund A; Warrant # 12 Fund TA; Warrant # 8 Fund H.

Board Issues

The Board discussed the creation of district committees such as the formation of a Budget Advisory Committee and expanding on existing committees to address areas of transportation, healthcare and retirement, curriculum, enrichment and facilities.

The public was invited to comment and/or ask questions regarding resolution items considered for approval. There were no comments or questions presented.

Resolutions

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

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Ms. Ronnie Stowell, subject to the approval of Commissioner, as interim Assistant Superintendent of Business and Technology, under the Section 211 waiver as of August 24, 2009 per contract at a rate of \$950 per day and also approves that Ms. Stowell be covered under the District's School Board/Public Officers Legal Liability insurance. As required by state law the resident taxpayers will be notified of Ms. Stowell's employment, her compensation package and her right to receive her pension while employed with the District.

Mr. Bashford made a motion to approve the consent agenda. This was seconded by Mr. Rotondo.

Mrs. Agona made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chittur, and failed 3-1, to amend the consent agenda by striking the appointment of the Audit Committee Chair pending discussion among the Audit Committee.

No votes – Mr. Rotondo, Mr. Bashford, Mrs. Marinaccio

Aye vote – Mrs. Agona

Abstention – Mr. Chittur

Mr. Rotondo repeated his motion, seconded by Mr. Bashford to approve the consent agenda as listed.

Mrs. Agona made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Marinaccio and passed 3-2, to amend the consent agenda by moving the appointment of the Audit Committee Chair from the consent agenda and listing it as separate resolution.

No votes – Mr. Rotondo, Mr. Bashford

Aye votes – Mrs. Marinaccio, Mrs. Agona, Mr. Chittur

Mrs. Marinaccio made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, second by Mr. Chittur and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Kirstin Etere as a Leave Replacement Teacher effective September 1, 2009 BA Step 1.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Cecil Bodelson to part-time as bus driver at an hourly rate of \$26.43 not to exceed 18 hours per week and \$30,000 yearly salary for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Christos Drosopoulos to a probationary position as .4 physical education teacher on assignment and .6 Athletic Director effective September 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year at MA 45 Step 8 with addition of the athletic director stipend and up to 10 days in the summer at a total salary of \$114,771.50, subject to completion of all NYS certification requirements.

RESOLVED, that the Board amends the salary of Christina Franchi from BA Step 5 to MA Step 5. (Master Degree obtained)

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Phyllis Aufiero as 1:1 special education aide for extended year (6 weeks) for July & August 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Bill Foglia as 1:1 special education aide for extended year (6 weeks) for July & August 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Michelle McNeight to position as extended year (6 weeks) special education reading and math teacher for July and August 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Melissa Magliulo to position as extended year (6 weeks) special education reading and math teacher for July and August 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Lori Whitman to the stipend position of .25 Technology Coordinator in the amount of \$1,505.75 for Todd School for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment Cheryl Paulenoff to the stipend position of .25 Technology Coordinator in the amount of \$1,507.75 for Todd School for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment Melissa Brennan to the stipend position of .50 Technology Coordinator in the amount of \$3,011.50 for the MS/HS for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Ian Driver to the stipend positions as Director of the High School Fall Drama and Spring Musical at a stipend of \$10,582 for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Ian Driver to the stipend position as Director of the Middle School Spring Musical in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Karen Gisondi as Subcaller for the Todd School substitute registry for the 2009-10 school year

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Dominick Alecci to the stipend position Auditorium Production Manager at an hourly rate of \$20/hr not to exceed \$16,000 for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Peter Rubeo to the stipend position of substitute production technician at \$22/hr for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Barbara Watters to the stipend position as CPSE administrative/clerk in the amount of \$9,785 to be funded through federal funds, effective July 1, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Erica Beasley to the stipend position of Special Education Data Compliance Coordinator in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded through federal funds effective July 1, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Blanche Graff to the stipend position as substitute part-time clerk at an hourly rate of \$16/hr for the 2009-10 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Sandra Racioppo, High School Student Information Systems, effective July 1, 2009 in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2009/2010 school year (federally funded)

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Michael Inglis to an additional .05 FTE science teaching assignment for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Neil Chervin to an additional .05 FTE science teaching assignment for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Kim Dyer to an additional 0.1 FTE science teaching assignment, for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Theodore Sandomenico to an additional 0.1 FTE for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Joseph Piacquadio to a probationary position as Custodial Worker/Grounds Keeper, at Step 1, for the 2009-2010 school year.

RESOLVED that the Board approves the appointment of the following special education subcommittee chairs for the 2009-2010. Federally funded.

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| Gilian Goldman | CPSE & Grades K-4 | \$9,000 |
| Barbara Katz | Grades 5 - 7 | \$4,500 |
| Elissa Novick | Grades 8 | \$1,500 |
| Cathy Freeman | Grades 9-12 | \$6,500 |

RESOLVED that the Board approves the appointment of the following Fall Coaching assignments for the 2009-2010 school year:

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| Varsity Girls Soccer Head Coach | Owen Scully |
| Varsity Girls Soccer Asst. Coach | Mary Kate Burke |
| JV Girls Soccer Head Coach | Brian Byrnes |
| Modified Girls Soccer Head Coach | Paul Bordonaro |
| Varsity Volleyball Head Coach | A J Thau |
| Varsity Volleyball Asst. Coach | Eileen DeLalla |
| JV Volleyball Head Coach | Cynthia Leite |
| Modified Volleyball Head Coach | Lori Galvin |
| Varsity Field Hockey Head Coach | Kelly Adams |
| JV Field Hockey Head Coach | Sarah Slocum |
| Modified Field Hockey Head Coach | Tina Nicodemo |
| Varsity Girls Tennis Head Coach | John Brooks |
| JV Girls Tennis Head Coach | Denise Hamlin |
| Varsity Cross Country Head Coach | Sean Ryan |
| Modified Cross Country Head Coach | Nathan Heltzel |
| Varsity Boys Soccer Head Coach | Brandon Beck |
| Varsity Boys Soccer Asst. Coach | Alex Torres |
| JV Boys Soccer Head Coach | Kevin Courtney |
| Modified Boys Soccer Head Coach | Vinny Magliulo |
| Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach | Samantha Boyer |
| Varsity Football Head Coach | John Consorti |
| Varsity Football Asst. Coaches | Larry Petriccione (1 of 2) |
| Modified 8/9 Football Head Coach | Don Hamlin |
| Modified 8/9 Football Asst. Coach | Paul Zeidan |
| Modified 7/8 Football Head Coach | Jamie Tranchida |
| Modified 7/8 Football Asst. Coach | Brendan Coxen |
| Varsity Girls Swimming/Diving Head Coach | Jane Robinson |

RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the resignation of Anthony Watters as teacher aide effective June 25th, 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the resignation of Katherine Hartman as teacher aide effective June 25th, 2009.

RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the resignation of Carla Simon as leave replacement teacher which would have become effective September 1, 2009.

RESOLVED that the Board approves the disposal of the following unused, out-of-date books

| <i>Items</i> |
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| “New York,” by Linda Biemer, published in 1988, 30 hard-cover books |
| Social Studies Textbook: “America’s Story,” published in 1990, 80 copies |
| “We the People,” Center for Civic Education, published in 1991, 57 soft-cover books |
| Math A Amsco |
| Algebra II Amsco (soft cover) |
| Understandable Statistics |
| NY Math A Sem. 1 & 2 |
| NY Math A Sem. 3 |
| NY Math A An Integrated Approach |
| Course III Amsco Int. Mathematics |
| Elementary Stats |
| Intermediate Algebra |
| Amsco’s Preparation for Regents Exam, Math A |
| Course II Amsco Int. Mathematics |
| Cruising Through the Math A Regents |
| Math A Green Topical |

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the disposal of the following damaged and unusable musical items

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| French Horn Single – F | Conn | 72393 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair | 1 |
| French Horn | Conn | 110803 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair | 1 |
| Tenor Trombone | Getzen | 14954 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair | 1 |
| Tenor Saxophone | Jean Baptiste | 902002 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair | 1 |
| Tenor Saxophone | King | 72699 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair | 1 |
| French Horn (Single –Bb) | Olds | Unknown “Fullerton, CA | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair Inappropriate for student use | 2 |
| Mellophone (Eb) | Ambassador By Olds | 274279 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair Inappropriate for student use | 1 |
| Mellophone (Eb) | Ambassador By Olds | 274275 | Poor condition Not cost effective to repair Inappropriate for student use | 1 |
| Record Collection (LP’s) Vinyl | Various works consisting of complete operas, ballets, symphonies, oratorios, jazz and pop including but not limited to composer/artist | Bach, Brahms Dvorak Gluck, Handel, Mahler, Mozart, Palestrina Rossini, Schubert, Strauss, Wagner, Basie, The Who, and Brubeck | Inappropriate for student use Most material available on CDs | Approx. 247 |

Action Items

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mr. Rotondo and passed 3-1, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board appoints Board Trustee, Mr. Guy Rotondo as the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Yea votes: Mr. Rotondo, Mrs. Bashford, Mrs. Marinaccio

Nay vote: Mrs. Agona

Abstention: Mr. Chittur

On motion by Mr. Bashford, second by Mr. Rotondo and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby accepts, with thanks, the donation of a seven man football blocking sled donating by the Valhalla School district.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, second by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves contract with The Learning Shop to provide, as needed, homebound instruction/emergency tutoring at the rate of \$65/hr.

On motion by Mr. Bashford, second by Mr. Rotondo and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent or her designee be authorized to sign the letter of agreement between Briarcliff Manor UFSD and Forme Rehabilitation, Inc. in the amount of \$23,000 for the 09-10 fiscal year. This was reviewed and approved by Council.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, second by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the following contracts for student information systems:

| Product | Bidder | Bid Amount |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Course Management System | Blackboard, Inc. | \$17,499.86 software platform and maintenance for the 2009-10 school year. |
| Student Information System | eSchoolData, LLC | 24,975.00 Student information system program and maintenance for the 2009-10 school year \$25,724.25 Student information system program and maintenance for the 2010-11 school year \$26,495.98 Student information system program and maintenance for the 2011-12 school year. |

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, second by Mr. Bashford and passed 5-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following out-of-district health services contracts:

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| White Plains School District <i>1 student attending Stepinac H.S.</i> | \$777.04 |
| New Rochelle School District <i>2 students attending IONA Prep</i> | \$1,391.63 |

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following in-district student transportation contract extensions for 2009-2010 school year with a true CPI of -.1%.

| Contractor | <i>Other In District Transportation Related Contracts</i> | | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Briarcliff Bus | 66 Passenger #1 Todd Bus K AM-PM | \$ | 38,997.32 |
| | 66 Passenger #2 Todd Bus L AM-PM, | | |
| Briarcliff Bus | HS-MS Bus 11 AM-PM | \$ | 72,376.14 |
| Briarcliff Bus | 66 Passenger #3 HS-MS Bus 12 AM-PM | \$ | 31,847.96 |
| Briarcliff Bus | Todd Mini Bus M AM & PM | \$ | 26,763.61 |
| Briarcliff Bus | Middle/High Mini Bus 13 AM & PM | \$ | 26,763.61 |

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following in-district transportation related contracts:

| Contractor | <i>Other In District Transportation Related Contracts</i> |
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| Briarcliff Bus | Contract for Maintenance of Vehicles (2009-2010: \$92.41/hr + Parts) Briarcliff Bus provides all service on our buses and oversees the DOT inspections. |
| Briarcliff Bus | Contract for Substitute Drivers (2009-2010: \$86.63 per route) Briarcliff Bus will provide a substitute driver for the District, if one of our District bus drivers is unable to drive his/her route. |
| Briarcliff Bus | Contract for Field and Athletic Trips (attached is a list of possible trips) Briarcliff Bus Company provides transportation for all our athletic teams. For field trips, whenever possible, In-District bus drivers will provide the transportation during school hours; however, Briarcliff Bus will provide service for trips to New York City and trips of a like distance, and also trips that extend beyond the school day. |

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following out-of district transportation contract extensions:

| Transporter | Private School | Yearly Cost |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Chappaqua Transportation | Cisqua School, Mt. Kisco | \$ 24,600.00 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | Deutsche Schule New York (German School) | \$ 26,873.10 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Harvey School, Mt. Kisco | \$ 13,811.20 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Iona Prep, New Rochelle | \$ 18,304.00 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | Montessori Children's Room (Armonk) | \$ 25,924.05 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Sacred Heart, Greenwich, Ct | \$ 16,099.20 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Soundview Preparatory, Yorktown | \$ 25,920.00 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | St. Augustine, Ossining | \$ 18,720.00 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | School of the Holy Child | \$ 24,725.25 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | Solomon Schecter HS, Hartsdale | \$ 30,727.24 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Windward School, White Plains | \$ 17,368.00 |

| Transporter | Special Education Placement School | Yearly Cost |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Briarcliff Bus* | Bronxville High School | \$ 28,363.61 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | Columbus Elementary School, Thornwood | \$ 23,961.02 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Fox Lane Middle School, Mt. Kisco | \$ 15,891.72 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | New England Center for Children, Mass. | \$ 9,152.00 |
| Chappaqua Transportation | Pleasantville MS/HS School | \$ 10,976.18 |
| Briarcliff Bus* | Summitt School, Nyack | \$ 41,454.50 |

* Represents the true CPI of -.1%

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following contract bid award for out-of-district private school student transportation

| School | TLC Transportation Corp of Westchester Yonkers, NY |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Eagle Hill School, Greenwich, CT | \$27,312.32 |
| Masters School, Dobbs Ferry, NY | \$31,749.14 |
| Stepinac High School, White Plains, NY | \$23,860.80 |
| Villa Maria Education Center, Stamford, CT | \$34,420.88 |

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves the following contract bid award for out-of-district special education student transportation

| School | Briarcliff Bus Company, Scarborough, NY |
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| Bedford Road School Pleasantville, NY | Route: \$21,900 Attendant: 9,800 Total: \$31,700 |
| Devereux-Millwood School, Millwood, and Transportation to Physical Education Class at Briarcliff High School | \$23,900 for the 09-10 school year \$95 per run to Briarcliff High School The scheduling of the physical education classes will be determined in September. |
| Irvington Middle School and Irvington High School | \$35,000 |
| Pocantico Elementary School with Attendance | Route: \$23,900 Attendant: 9,800 Total: \$33,700 |
| BOCES Regional High School, Tech Sessions, and Walkabout, Yorktown | \$95 per run to BOCES Basic route to and from school will be \$190/day x 184 days = \$34,960; Plus \$95 for each route to BOCES tech as required. The scheduling will not be determined until students request transportation. |
| West Patent School, Bedford | \$26,900 |

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

RESOLVED that the Board adopts policy on Budget Transfers # 5320 as revised.

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

RESOLVED that the Board approves budget transfers made from July 3, 2009 through July 24, 2009.

Public comments and questions were heard from the audience.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:55pm and entered into executive session to discuss particular personnel and potential litigation matters.

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mrs. Agona, the Board moved to adjourn from executive session and return to public session at 10:50pm.

On motion by Mr. Bashford, seconded by Mrs. Agona, the Board moved to adjourn public session at 10:55pm.