
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; Mrs. Ronnie Stowell, Interim Asst. Sup't for Business & Technology, Mr. David Shaw, School Attorney; Mr. Michael Bogin, Environmental Counsel, Ms. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

A meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mrs. Marinaccio 8:05pm

Mrs. Marinaccio read a written statement prepared by the school attorney related to the Fill for Field issue.

Dr. Wills read her written statement regarding her understanding and knowledge related to the Fill for Field issue.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010 Board of Education meeting as presented.

The Board discussed and amended district goals for the 2009-10 school year.

The Board discussed the appointment of an environmental firm to conduct re-testing of the fields. A special meeting will be held before the end of the week to review, discuss and appoint the environmental firm who responded to the RFP.

Mr. Bashford recommended pursuing the collection process against Whitney Trucking Company related to the Fill for Fields issue. The Board will discuss hiring a firm to follow through with the judgment.

Mr. Chittur made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 3-2, to amend the consent work session portion of the meeting and table discussion of staff leave replacement appointments to executive session. Mrs. Marinaccio and Mrs. Agona voted nay.

The Board received and reviewed the following financials: Warrant #7 Fund A \$ 715,531.39; Warrant #7 Fund TA \$ 2,451,641.92. Mr. Bashford questioned a transaction for the purchase of a replacement vehicle for the district. On advice from counsel, Mr. Bashford, made a motion to table further discussion on this particular item to executive session. This motion was seconded by Mr. Chittur and passed 5-0.

Mr. Rotondo questioned a voided check for \$11,905 to the district's former CPA firm. Mrs. Stowell will follow-up and get back to Mr. Rotondo with an explanation.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur and passed 4-1 the Board moved to revised the consent agenda by tabling the following resolutions for discussion in executive session. Mrs. Agona voted nay.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Michael Pagano, as Middle School Social Studies teacher, effective February 8, 2010 at \$120 for first 23 days and BA1 effective March 18, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Karen McCarthy to additional .2, High School English effective February 1, 2010. (leave replacement for Samantha Fishman Relles)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Robert Kane to .8, leave replacement High School English effective February 1, 2010. (leave replacement for Samantha Fishman Relles)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Kirstin Ettore to an elementary school leave replacement teaching position effective February 25, 2010. (Special Education leave replacement for Deborah Ciardullo)

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur and passed 4-1, the Board moved to approved the following consent agenda as amended. Mrs. Agona voted nay

After executive session, Mrs. Agona stated that she would revoke her previous vote on the consent agenda and vote yes.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Jason Maas, teacher, effective June 30, 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Desmond Groarke as MS Student Gov't Advisor for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year to replace former MS School Gov't Advisor on FMLA.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the unpaid educational leave of absence requested by Kathleen Hall, (per Article XVIII, Section I of the Briarcliff Teacher's Association contract) effective September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the unpaid educational leave of absence requested by James Tranchida, (per Article XVIII, Section I of the Briarcliff Teacher’s Association contract) effective October 2, 2010 through May 9, 2011.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the health services billing from the Bedford School District in the amount of \$957.08 for one Briarcliff resident student attending private school in that district.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the health services billing from the White Plains School District in the amount of \$3,866.05 for 5 Briarcliff resident student attending private school in that district.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the 30-day emergency transportation contract with the Briarcliff Bus Company to provide transportation for a special education student to and from Four Winds Hospital at \$190/day for 30 days in the amount of \$5,700 effective February 1, 2010.

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 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:

Art Supplies	Custodial	Microcomputer
General School Supplies	Supplies	Software
Office Supplies	Custodial Paper	Microcomputer
Fine Paper Supplies	Supplies	Hardware
Audio Visual Supplies &	Lumber Supplies	Office & Classroom
Equipment	Laser & Ink Jet	Furniture
	Toners	Graphing Calculators

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect until August 2011 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.

Action Items

Board Goals

Mr. Rotondo made a motion to adopt the board goals as discussed and amended, seconded by Mr. Chittur. After further discussion ensued, Mr. Rotondo moved to withdraw his motion and moved to table to the next meeting. This was seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 4-0. Mr. Chittur abstained.

Special Education Tuition Contracts

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following special education tuition contract with Valhalla UFSD for two students to attend the following programs at Todd School: This contract has been reviewed by the District's attorney.

One student	Primary Development Class	\$59,034
One student	BEARS Program	\$59,034

Intel Grants

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept with gratitude an educational award from Intel in the amount of \$2,000, granted for Briarcliff High School's two semifinalists named in the 69th annual Intel Science Talent Search. This award recognizes excellence in teaching and school support of individual student research. This year's semifinalists are Gregory Thomas Ellson and Michelle Kate Neider. The funds shall be used to support excellence in science, math or engineering education at the High School and will be placed in the Special Aid Fund.

BFPA Gift Donation

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept with gratitude the following donation from the Briarcliff Friends of the Performing Arts: Two Yamaha Clavinova Electric Pianos (with locks); Two Dollies (for transport of pianos). The pianos will be used by students in MS and HS Music Theory classes as well as the High School Band and Chorus. Value: \$6,286.00

Revision of Financial Information

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to sign the Request for Revision of Financial Information (FP-FI) for the Todd Roof Project (0002-011)

Citrix Online LLC

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the Master Subscription Agreement with Citrix Online LLC, for remote online access service products (such as GoToMyPC Service), for the period from February 12, 2010 and terminating on February 11, 2011, and authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on behalf of the School District. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

Recognition of Briarcliff Educational Support Team

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

RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education hereby recognizes the Briarcliff Educational Support Team/BTA/NYSUT as the employee organization that represents a negotiating unit comprised of clerical and technical personnel in the positions of Account Clerk, Senior Account Clerk, Bookkeeper, Clerk, Payroll Clerk, Computer Aide, Data Analyst, Licensed Practical Nurse, Office Assistant, Office Assistant Automated Systems, Senior Office Assistant Automated Systems, Secretary, Secretary to School Administrator, Secretary to School Principal, Secretary to Director of Facilities and Typist, employed by the District on a full or part time basis, but excluding the Secretary to Superintendent, Data Base Manager, Assistant Director of Facilities, Operations & Maintenance, Campus Security Supervisor, School District Treasurer, Senior Office Assistant Automated Systems (Human Resources), District Office Secretary (Office of Human Resources), Secretary to Business Official, District Office Secretary (Office of the Superintendent) and all other employees, also excluding substitute and per diem employees.

Submittals to SED

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and Board President to submit to the Office of Facilities and Planning of the NYS Education Department Scope of Project submission documents regarding the new storage building, Todd Elementary school classrooms and restrooms and middle school windows as present to the Board at this meeting.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur and passed 5-0, the board moved to adjourn into executive session at 11:45pm for the purpose of discussing the employment history of particular individuals and to receive legal counsel from school attorney. The Board may take action upon return to public session. .

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to return to public session at 12:20am.

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

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Mr. Chittur abstained

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Mr. Chittur abstained

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Mr. Chittur abstained

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On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the public session at 12:29am.