

BRIARCLIFF MANOR BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING February 11, 2010
MINUTES

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

Also Present: Dr. Frances Wills, Superintendent; Mrs. Ronnie Stowell, Interim Asst. Sup't for Business & Technology; Mr. Michael Bogin, Sive Paget & Riesel P.C., Environmental Counsel

Absent: Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

A special meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the District Office Conference room and was called to order by Mrs. Marinaccio at 6:40 pm

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to appoint Dr. Wills as Clerk Pro Tem.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford, and passed 4-1, the Board moved to entered into executive session at 6:42pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular corporation.

Mrs. Agona voted nay.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur, and passed 4-1,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education does hereby authorizes its President to execute a professional services agreement with the environmental consulting firm of HDR Engineering & Consulting, to perform those services described in the District's Request for Proposals (RFP) document for such services and for a sum of money not to exceed \$40,156, that stated in said firm's RFP response; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the professional services agreement shall be subject to review by District legal counsel and environmental law counsel prior to its execution.

Mrs. Agona voted nay.

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

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester intends to submit an application for funding under the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program offered by the New York State Department of State, and

WHEREAS, funding will be requested to conduct feasibility study and prepare an implementation strategy for the sharing of GIS services between the County and local governments with the ultimate goal to reduce the unnecessary purchase of GIS software and hardware components by local governments, and

WHEREAS, the Briarcliff Manor School District is one of the five Westchester County local governments selected to participate as a co-applicant in the grant program,

WHEREAS, the proposed grant request is for \$32,222 with a ten percent local match of \$3,222 to be provided by Westchester County. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the School District of Briarcliff Manor fully supports the goals and objectives contemplated by application for funding under the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program to be submitted by Westchester County, and further

RESOLVED, to authorize the use of appropriate School District staff to carry out the goals and objectives of the project upon award of a grant.

On motion by Mrs. Agona, seconded by Mr. Rotondo and passed 5-0 the Board moved to return to public session at 7:30pm

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the unpaid leave of absence requested by Middle School Asst. Principal, Nadine McDermott from February 23, 2010 through June 30, 2010 contingent on her interim appointment in another district as curriculum administrator.

Mr. Rotondo read the following statement regarding an RFQ for legal counsel:

At the February 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting, consensus was reached that the District would solicit quotes from legal counsel to review if the District had any legal recourse with regard to the fields matter.

District Policy 5202 draws the distinction between requirements for an RFP and those for an RFQ. The RFQ is less formal.

Shaw, Perelson will provide a summary that the District can provide to potential law firms. Shaw, Perelson will also suggest potential law firms to approach. The Board of Education directs the District follow-up with Shaw Perelson no later than February 12, 2010 to receive this information. The Board of Education directs the District to begin soliciting quotes immediately.

It is noted that a Board resolution is not required to commence this RFQ. However, a Board resolution will be required should the Board later decide to retain counsel.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.