

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

April 27, 2010

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. Bogin, Environmental Attorney, Mr. David Shaw,
School Attorney; Ms. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

A meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 in
the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mr. Rotondo at 7:02pm.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Bashford and passed 3-0, the Board moved to
enter into executive session at 7:03 pm for the purpose of discussing the employment of a
corporation and potential litigation issues.

Mrs. Marinaccio joined the meeting at 7:04pm

Mrs. Agona joined the meeting at 7:06pm

Mr. Shaw joined the meeting at 7:08pm

Mr. Bogin, Environmental Attorney, left the meeting after the executive session ended.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to
reconvene the public session at 8:14 pm and begin the regular business meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Marinaccio paid tribute to Mr. Peter Halstedt, former Board
Trustee who passed away. Mr. Halstedt served on the Briarcliff School Board from 1977- 1984.
Condolences were expressed to his family.

Student Recognition

The following students received certificates of recognition:

BHS Distinguished Students of the Month for March 2010:

Sadie McMurrin, Sarah Elkes, Joanna Chalsen, Daniel Prager

Qualified to Take the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam on April 24, 2010:

Emmett Goodman, Evan Camp

Selected to Perform with the All County Chorus on March 20, 2010 at SUNY Purchase:

Elementary:

Jillian Agona

Komal Keerthy

Kelly Hooper

Erynn Altabef

Kelly Monaghan

Nicole Nero

Daniella Volpacchio

Intermediate:

Sydney Agona

Julia Chatzky

Blake Elwood

Emily Martorano

David Herman

Jacob Herman

Trevor Jones

Jordan Ross

Essay Entitled “Brotherly Love” will be published in NPR’s next book, *This I Believe: On Love*.
Catherine Weiner

Acted in a Film called “Through Their Eyes” about date and domestic abuse, premiering on April 30 at Putnam Valley HS, and available to high schools in May:
Olivia Rerek

2010 Reflections Program State Winners:

Benjamin Young – Film (Kindergarten) – Advancing to National Competition
Benjamin Adler – Film (Sophomore) – Award of Merit
Lukas Arbogast – Film (Sophomore) – Award of Merit

Science Research Awards:

Gregory Ellson:

2010 National Award: INTEL STS Semi-Finalist – Shape Memory Polymer/Nylon Lycra Composites for Orthopedic Casts
2010 WESEF Awards: 4th Place in Category and US Metric Association Award
2010 NY State JSHS Award – American Chemical Society Award
2010 Westchester JSHS Award – 1st Place in Engineering – Speaker Category

Jovypeter Paily:

2010 National Award: INTEL ISEF Finalist – Role of MicroRNA-505 on GBMs in Nestin-Driven-tv-a Mice (representing Briarcliff at the Intel ISEF Engineering Fair in San Jose, CAa)
2010 WESEF Award: 1st Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award, Speaker Category: 1st Place in Biochemistry

Nisha Singh:

2010 National Award: Young Epidemiologist Scholar Finalist – Adolescent Responses to Gain and Loss Framed Smoking Cessation Videos
2010 WESEF Awards: The American Psychological Association Award and UPS Award
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 1st Place in Behavior – Poster Category

Michelle Neider:

2010 National Award: INTEL STS Semi-Finalist – Lucid Dreaming and Prefrontal Task Performance
2010 WESEF Award: 3rd Place in Category

Malcolm Reid:

2010 National Award: Young Epidemiologist Scholar Semi-Finalist – Effects of BMI and Bariatric Surgery on the Prevalence of Osteoporosis at Various Body Sites
2010 WESEF Awards: 2nd Place in Category and Phelps Memorial Hospital High Honors Award

Joy Li:

2010 National Award: Young Epidemiologist Scholar Semi-Finalist – Using a Molecular Diagnostic Test to Quantify the Level of Immunosuppression in Cardiac Transplant Patients
2010 WESEF Awards: 2nd Place in Category and Westchester Academy of Medicine Award

Evan Fader:

2010 WESEF Award: 3rd Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 1st Place in Environmental Science – Poster Category

Erica James:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 1st Place in Biology – Speaker Category

Justin Hsing:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 4th Place in Medicine – Speaker Category

Eve Josephson:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 1st Place in Behavior – Poster Category

Zhe (David) Shi:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 2nd Place in Behavior – Poster Category

Michael Spitalieri:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category and Mu Alpha Theta Award for Mathematics

Thomas Wen:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category and Mu Alpha Theta Award for Mathematics

Brianna Spencer:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category
2010 Westchester JSHS Awards: 2nd Place in Medicine – Poster Category

Brandon Epstein:

2010 WESEF Award: NOAA Award
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 3rd Place in Environmental Science – Poster Category

Kyra Socolof:

2010 WESEF Award: United States Army Award
2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 2nd Place in Medicine – Poster Category

Evelyn Rajan:

2010 Westchester JSHS Awards: Poster Category – 2nd Place Overall and 1st Place in Medicine

Katherine Underwood:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category

Catherine Weiner:

2010 WESEF Award: 4th Place in Category

Danielle Dzbanek:

2010 WESEF Award: The American Psychological Association Award

Jane Zhang:

2010 WESEF Awards: United States Army Award

Peter Flynn:

2010 WESEF Award: United States Army Award

Alexander Fisch:

2010 WESEF Award: United States Navy/Marine Award

Hao (Maria) Hao:

2010 WESEF Award: Phillips Award for Exceptional Research

Leila Khalili:

2010 WESEF Award: George D. Yancopoulos Young Scientist Award

Marisa Borelli:

2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 3rd Place in Behavior – Poster Category

John Molino:

2010 Westchester JSHS Award: 3rd Place in Behavior – Poster Category

Jose Montiel:

2010 WESEF Award: Visual Impact Award

Christian Montiel:

2010 WESEF Award: Visual Impact Award

Meredith Davis:

2010 WESEF Awards: Visual Impact Award

Alison Meyers:

2010 WESEF Award: Visual Impact Award

Public Hearing on Tax Exemptions

A public hearing on tax exemption for senior citizens & eligible persons with disabilities was held.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur, and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approved the minutes of the April 12, 2010 as presented.

Agona abstained because she wasn't present for the entire meeting.

Budget Advisory Committee

Mr. Rotondo discussed a Budget Advisory Committee renewal mandate. The work of the Committee will be renewed for the 2010-11 school year by a resolution at a future meeting. There will be an "All Call" for participation forthcoming.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following teachers as advisors for the Art & Music Festival for the 2009-10 school year:

John Brooks	BMS
Paul Villanueva	Todd School
Susan Tresca	Todd School

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Lisa Scialabba as Modified Softball coach for spring 2010.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of the following Substitute teachers: Zorielle Rodriguez and Brenda Paulenoff.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$30,456 to cover environmental consultant fees for HDR.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the budget transfer in the amount of \$25,000 to cover special education settlement agreement file BRI 6.192.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the architectural services contract with Fuller and D'Angelo, PC, for Todd school toilet and classroom renovations; storage building and window replacements at the High/Middle School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the health services contract with the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns for 27 students attending the Hackley School. at \$646.00 each for a total of \$17,442.00.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve the contract with FCD Educational Services Inc. to provide substance abuse prevention education program at the Middle School. The total cost for the program is \$3 ,500.

Action Items

BOCES Budget Vote and Board Elections

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approve the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Administrative Budget for the 2010 – 2011 School Year in the amount of \$8,365,686.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorize the District Clerk to cast one vote for Mr. Thomas Knight as Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Board Member effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorize the District Clerk to cast one vote for Mrs. Joan Austin as Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Board Member effective July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.

Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur and passed 5-0,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adopted the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, as amended, regarding the granting of a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of real property situated in the School District and owned by a person or persons 65 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend such previous resolution consistent with such law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, after having conducted a public hearing and giving the public an opportunity to be heard, hereby establishes the maximum income eligibility limits for the partial real property tax exemption applicable to otherwise qualified taxpayers over the age of 65, regarding assessment rolls prepared on the basis of the taxable status date occurring after January 1, 2010, as follows:

Annual Income Range	Exemption Percentage
\$0 to \$29,000.00	50% exemption
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45% exemption
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40% exemption
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35% exemption
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30% exemption
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25% exemption
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20% exemption
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15% exemption
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10% exemption
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5% exemption

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby provides that any individual, otherwise qualified pursuant to the provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, shall be entitled to such real property tax exemption if he or she becomes 65 years of age after the taxable status date and before December 31st of the same year.

Tax Exemptions for Persons with Disability

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Agona and passed 5-0,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adopted the provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law which would grant a partial exemption from taxation for school district purposes of real property situated in the School District and owned by an eligible person with a disability; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend such previous resolution consistent with such law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, after having conducted a public hearing and giving the public an opportunity to be heard, hereby adopts the provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and hereby establishes the maximum income eligibility limits for the partial real property tax exemption applicable to otherwise qualified property owners with disabilities regarding assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring after January 1, 2010, as follows:

Annual Income Range	Exemption Percentage
\$0 to \$29,000.00	50% exemption
\$29,000.01 to \$29,999.99	45% exemption
\$30,000.00 to \$30,999.99	40% exemption
\$31,000.00 to \$31,999.99	35% exemption
\$32,000.00 to \$32,899.99	30% exemption
\$32,900.00 to \$33,799.99	25% exemption
\$33,800.00 to \$34,699.99	20% exemption
\$34,700.00 to \$35,599.99	15% exemption
\$35,600.00 to \$36,499.99	10% exemption
\$36,500.00 to \$37,399.99	5% exemption

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45pm and enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Taylor Law negotiations, and the employment history of particular individual.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to return to public session and adjourn the meeting at 11:35PM.