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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, Ms. Juanita Brockett,  
District Clerk

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A meeting of the Briarcliff Manor Board of Education was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 in the  
Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mr. Rotondo at 8:03pm.

**Student Recognition**

The following students received certificates of recognition:

*BHS Distinguished Students of the Month for April 2010:*

Lukas Arbogast, Clara De Frutos, Olivia Tane, Jackson Yurch

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner in the “Write On! Wetlands Challenge” National Writing Competition for his story,  
“Austin the Alligator”(to be published):*

Edwin Zhou

*1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner in the Gilda’s Club of Westchester “It’s Always Something” Teen Essay Contest:*

Elizabeth Kanovsky

*Selected to perform a violin concerto in the OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans) WHV  
(Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter) Rising Stars concert:*

Charles Fu

*Their film “Bad Romance” selected to be shown at the first annual Dobbs Ferry Student Film Festival*  
Margaret Chalsen, Brian Cipollina, Justin Yamet

*Editorial Staff of The Briarcliff Bulletin, HS newspaper, won First Place Award from the American  
Scholastic Press Association:*

Jeffrey Zalesin (Editor-in-Chief)

Noah Gordon (Assistant Editor-in-Chief)

Evan Fader (Design Consultant)

Rebecca Gans (Copy Editor)

Erica Miller (Features & Focus Editor)

Jacqueline Parisi (Features & Focus Editor)

Madeline Berkman (Assistant Features & Focus Editor)

Joy Li ( Arts Editor)

Alexandra Coffey (Sports Editor)

Josh Suknonnik – Best Cartoon Award, October 2009 Issue

Mathfax 2009-2010 Winners:

Grade 3:

Andrew Kanovsky - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Andrew Birnbaum - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Andrew Van Camp - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Joseph Boyle - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Benjamin Cooper - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Grade 4:

Farhaanah Mohideen – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Carolyn Santangelo – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Eli Karp – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Jonathan Gold – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Grade 5:

Sophie Underwood – 1<sup>st</sup> Place; 1<sup>st</sup> in division and 2<sup>nd</sup> in nation  
Anoushka Chaudhari – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; 2<sup>nd</sup> in division  
Matthew Tu – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (4<sup>th</sup> grader who participates in grade 5 Mathfax)

Public Hearing on Storm Water Management

Janinne McColgan of AKRF Engineering presented an overview of the Storm Water Management program.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Public Hearing and regular Board of Education meeting held on May 10, 2010.

Tenure Appointments

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board confers tenure on Christina Franchi in the tenure area of Elementary Education, effective September 1, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board confers tenure on Michael Cushen in the tenure area of Mathematics, effective September 1, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board confers tenure on Kate Stocker in the tenure area of Music, effective September 1, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board confers tenure on Carol Conti in the tenure area of Science, effective September 1, 2010.

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona and passed 5-0, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board confers tenure on Diana Nelson in the tenure area of Foreign Language, effective September 1, 2010.

The Board took a 5 minute break to congratulate newly tenured teachers. A reception hosted by the Briarcliff Teachers' Association (BTA), was held in the Middle School Cafeteria for family and friends.

Work Session Items

- Dr. Wills provided an update on the Principal search process. An "All Call" and survey document went out to the community for participation. A forum will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> for interested community members at 7pm at the Todd Multi-purpose room to discuss and begin the process.
- Dr. Wills discussed options for the Driver's Ed program which had been taught by Mr. DeCurtis who is retiring in June 2010.
- Mrs. Stowell explained the costs differences between the Briarcliff Schools and the Blind Brook Schools transportation program.

At 9:25pm, on motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Chittur, and passed 5-0, the Board moved to take a 10-minute recess requested by Mrs. Marinaccio.

Financial Work Session

- The Board received and reviewed the following April 2010 Warrants: Warrant #10 Fund A; Warrant #10 Fund TA
- The Board received and reviewed the Financial Reports for April 2010
- Tax Certiorari Settlements- Moving forward resolutions will not include names of individuals.

Policy Work Session

- A 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Fixed Assets Policy was conducted. A 3<sup>rd</sup> reading will follow at the next Board of Education meeting and possible adoption.
- A 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Investment Policy was conducted. A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will follow at the next Board of Education meeting and possible adoption.

**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 budget transfer in the amount of \$1,844.50 to cover cost of athletic fees.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board to execute a software license agreement with EDGE Document Solutions LLC for the Educator's EDGE High School Reporting System, for the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at an annual fee of \$550.00.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Joseph Veteri as School Monitor effective May 21, 2010.

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Debra Cagliostro as Elementary School Principal in the District effective the close of business on June 30, 2010, consistent with the understandings expressed in a letter from the Superintendent of Schools to Mrs. Cagliostro dated May 7, 2010.

RESOLVED it resolved that Board hereby appoints Beth Sims of Shaw Perelson May and Lambert to investigate a Title IX complaint student number 26.

**Action Items**

BMEF Grants

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accept with thanks, the following grants from the Briarcliff Manor Education Foundation (BMEF) for the 2010:

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| James Boylan & Debbie Conroy                            |          |
| Probeware and Sensors for Science at Todd               | \$ 2,272 |
| James Boylan & Debbie Conroy                            |          |
| Smart Document Cameras for use with Smartboards at Todd | \$ 1,750 |

BOCES Contract

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2010-2011 Initial Contract of Services with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES.

Adelaide Environmental

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

RESOLVED, that the Board President is authorized to execute an Agreement with Adelaide Environmental Health Associates, Inc. for 3-Year AHERA Asbestos Re-inspection and Management Plan services, at a fee of \$2,495.00. Said agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the Minutes of this meeting.

Tax Certiorari

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Jonathan and Wendy Gottlieb v. Town of Mount Pleasant and the Briarcliff UFSD in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment.

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consents to the settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Lawrence and Mandy Schilsky v. town of Mount Pleasant and the Briarcliff UFSD in accordance with the terms of the Consent Judgment.

Search Committee Resolution

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

RESOLVED, that the Briarcliff Board of Education establishes an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of participating in the search for the Todd Elementary School Principal. The committee shall consist of representation from parents, the building staff, including teachers, office, teacher aides, and other professional staff, and administrators, including the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Superintendent of Schools, and two members of the Board of Education. The Committee shall exist in an advisory capacity.

Duties will include:

Reviewing community input from a survey and forum to establish criteria for screening and interview questions, examining resumes, recommending candidates to be interviewed, collectively preparing a set of questions to be used in interviewing candidates, providing input on strengths and weaknesses of candidates for consideration of Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education, reviewing writing sample.

All Committee members will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement and review interview guidelines required for the hiring process. It is recognized that participation will require a significant time commitment; meetings may be held in late afternoon or evenings or on the weekends given the number of evening events that occur at the end of the school year. Applications will be accepted until May 19.

Adjournment

On motion by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mrs. Agona, and passed 5-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07pm.