

Present: Mr. Charles K. Trainor, President; Mrs. June Monaghan, Vice President;
Mrs. Lisa Tane, Mrs. Stacy Agona; Mrs. Nina Quigley
Dr. Frances Wills, Superintendent; Dr. Bruce Watkins, Asst. Superintendent for Business
Ms. Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Trainor in the Middle School Theater at 8:05 p.m.

Superintendent's Remarks

In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Wills read a Proclamation from the Mayor of Briarcliff Manor and presented the Board with a plaque. Dr. Wills also read a Proclamation from New York State Governor, Mr. Elliot Spitzer and Co-Presidents of the BPTA presented each Board member with a gift.

Dr. Wills reported on the October 18th program on diversity.

Dr. Wills spoke about recent outbreaks of the MRSA infection and noted precautions that were being taken to reduce the risk of infections in our schools.

Board President's Remarks

Mr. Trainor announced the upcoming New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) National Convention on October 25 through October 27.

Mr. Trainor reported support from various school districts for the NYSSBA resolutions submitted by Briarcliff regarding energy conservation initiatives.

Mr. Trainor announced an invitation by Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES for the Board to visit their programs on November 13.

Presentations

Eric Knutsen, Director of Technology and Teacher, Nancy Lee gave a presentation on a proposed Singapore Exchange initiative.

It was the consensus of the Board to approve the proposal presented.

Student Recognition

The following students were recognized and presented with certificates of achievements:

Samuel Chalsen	Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition; College Board AP Scholar; NYSSMA Conference All State (Band); 2007 Area All-State Mixed Chorus
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William Cember	Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition; College Board AP Scholar with Distinction; NYSSMA Conference All-State (Clarinet, Symphonic Band); 2007 Area All-State Orchestra (Clarinet)
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Jamie Stone	Girl Scout Gold Award; Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition; College Board AP Scholar
Christian Contreras	2007-08 Scholar, National Hispanic Recognition Program (NHRP); NYSSMA Conference All-State (Jazz Tenor Sax, Jazz Ensemble and Clarinet, Symphonic Orchestra); 2007 Area All-State Band (Clarinet)
Maxwell Effron	Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition; College Board AP Scholar with Honor
Robert Fine	BHS Distinguished Student of the Month for September 2007; College Board AP Scholar with Distinction
Brendan Reilly	School of Orchestral Studies of the New York State Summer School of the Arts; 2007 Area All-State Orchestra (String Bass)
Alexa Cottrel	NYSSMA Conference All-State (Soprano, Chorus) Alternate; 2007 Area All-State Women's Chorus
Abigail Jablansky	NYSSMA Conference All-State (Violin, Orchestra) Alternate; 2007 Area All-State Orchestra (Violin)
Alyssandra Jaquith	2007 Area All-State Band (Bass Clarinet); BHS Distinguished Student of the Month for September 2007
Samuel Spaiser	College Board AP Scholar; 2007 Area All-State Orchestra (Violin)
Matthew Slutsky	2007 Area All-State Band (French Horn); College Board AP Scholar
Jason Tang	Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition; College Board AP Scholar with Honor
Katherine Underwood	2007 Area All-State Orchestra (Violin)
Laura Kim	“ (Cello)
Evan Arbogast	“ (String Bass)
Alice He	2007 Area All-State Band (Flute)
Charles Schulz	“ (Trumpet)
Noah Gordon	“ (Trumpet)
Matthew Cember	“ (Trumpet)
Nicholas Brucculeri	“ (Tuba)
Brett Lupi	“ (Timpani)
Sarah Crosswell	2007 Area All-State Women's Chorus
Kelly Ho	“
Samantha Kahn	“

Helaine Meyer	“	“
Suzanne Molino	“	“
Harrison Johnson	2007 Area All-State Mixed Chorus	
Chloe Effron	“	“
Steven Vaccarino	BHS Distinguished Student of the Month for September 2007	
Erica Goldstein	“	“
Jamie Forrest	Representing U.S.-Dance Team USA/Academy of Dance Arts at the World Showdance and Tap Championships in Riesa, Germany in November 2007	
Joshua Schwab	Semifinalist in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Competition	
Gabe Bender	College Board AP Scholar	
Hannah Berkman	“	“
Joshua Brickell	“	“
Brett Caesar	“	“
Lauren Freidhof	“	“
Rachel Har	“	“
Kelly Ho	“	“
Jacienta Paily	“	“
Taylor Smith	“	“
Alexandra Vitali	“	“
Christine Jordan	College Board AP Scholar with Honor	
Aaron Marcus	“	“
Adam Mortimer	“	“
Azure Nowara	“	“
Omair Sheikh	“	“
Megan Stoffer	“	“
Paul Zhuravlev	“	“
Vidur Mittal	College Board AP Scholar with Distinction	

Consent Agenda

On motion by Mrs. Monaghan, seconded by Mrs. Tane and passed 5-0, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board

Approved the Minutes of Board of Education meeting held on October 15, 2007 as presented.

Accepted the resignation of Margaret Groccia, teacher aide effective October 12, 2007.

Accepted the resignation of Eileen Gallagher as Advisor for the Middle School Service Club for the 2007-08 school year.

Personnel

On motion by Mrs. Monaghan, seconded by Mrs. Tane and passed 5-0, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board

Approved the appointment of Donald R. Arecco to a probationary appointment as Data Analyst effective October 15, 2007.

On motion by Mrs. Monaghan, seconded by Mrs. Tane and passed 5-0, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board

Approved the appointment of Rebecca Lotierzo to a 1.0 probationary position as Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2007.

Approved the appointment of Karen Kelly to the stipend position as Advisor for the Middle School Service Club for the 2007-08 school year.

On motion by Mrs. Monaghan, seconded by Mrs. Tane and passed 5-0, it was

RESOLVED, that the Board

Moved to waive the bidding process to approve contract with Eberlin & Eberlin to conduct emergency soil testing of the athletic field.

Information/Discussion Items

Dr. Wills reported that the athletic field was found suitable for playing by the engineering company Eberlin & Eberlin.

The Board conducted a 2nd reading and adopted amendments to the Audit Charter Policy # 2305 regarding Internal Operations.

The Board conducted a 1st reading of Business Operations Policy #s 5201, 5202, 5330, 5500, and 5610.

The Board conducted a 1st reading of Internal Operations Policy #s 2100, 2305 & 2400.

The Board received and reviewed the quarterly student activity account report.

The Board received and reviewed the Treasurer's Report on Appropriation & Revenue Status for September 2007.

Mrs. Tane gave an update on the Strategic Planning Survey Report.

Mrs. Tane reported on the Westchester Putnam School Boards resolutions meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Monaghan, second by Mrs. Tane, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

Future Board of Education Meetings:

Monday, November 5- Work Session, 8:00 p.m., Middle School Theater

Monday, November 19- Regular Session, 8:00 p.m., Middle School Theater

Dates To Remember:

11/6 Election Day & Parent/Teacher Conferences – No Classes for students

11/12 Veterans' Day – School Closed