
Present: Mr. Sal Maglietta, President; Mrs. Jennifer Rosen, Vice President; Mrs. Dina Brantman, Mr. Jonathan Satran

Absent: Mr. Michael Haberman

Also Present: Mr. Neal Miller, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Stuart Matthey, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Dr. Kusum Sinha, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment and H.R.; Mr. David Shaw, School Attorney; Juanita Brockett, District Clerk

The Briarcliff Manor Board of Education held a meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013 in the Middle School Theater and was called to order by Mr. Maglietta at 7:35 P.M.

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to immediately adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing Taylor Law negotiations.

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to adjourn executive session and return to public session at 8:06 P.M.

(Mr. Satran returned to public session at 8:07 P.M.)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Abigail Kuhn was presented with a certificate of recognition for her role in leading STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for Girls Initiative at the Middle School.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Miller and Mr. Matthey presented a budget update for the 2013-14 school year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting held on February 12, 2013 as presented.

WORK SESSION

The 2013-14 School Calendar was discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the Board moved to approved the following consent agenda items:

- a. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the unpaid child care leave of absence requested by Rebecca Lotierzo, effective September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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- b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby accept the resignation of Jessica Loprieno as Marine Biology Club Advisor effective March 12, 2013.
 - c. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the co-curricular appointment of Mary Yulo as Marine Biology Club Advisor, effective March 13, 2013 through June 30, 2013.
 - d. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Jacquelyn Curtis, who has Music Initial Certification, to the position of per diem Substitute Teacher.
 - e. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the appointment of Jacquelyn Curtis to the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher at the Todd School at the rate of \$120/day.
 - f. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the probationary appointment of Christopher Gravius to a 1.0 School Monitor position effective February 27, 2013 at Step 1 of the SRP contract.
 - g. RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby declare the list of textbooks appended to this agenda as surplus and directs the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to dispose of them in the safest, least expensive and environmentally friendly manner.
 - h. RESOLVED, that that Board of Education does hereby accept the Claims Audit report for January 2013.

1. ACTION ITEMS

2013-14 School Calendar

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2013-2014 school year as presented to the Board and referenced within the contents of these minutes.

BFPA Fundraiser Proposal

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the following resolution was TABLED.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the Fundraiser Proposal submitted and presented by the BFPA.

WPSBA By-laws Amendment

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the 2013 proposed amendment to the bylaws of Westchester Putnam School Boards Association (WPSBA).

Resolution on High Stakes Testing

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0,

WHEREAS, our nation's and New York State's future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, citizenship and lifelong learning, and strengthens the nation's social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, our nation's school systems have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality and equity in U.S. public schools by hampering educators' efforts to focus on the broad range of learning experiences that promote the innovation, creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and deep subject-matter knowledge that will allow students to thrive in a democracy and an increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, it is widely recognized that standardized testing is an inadequate and often unreliable measure of both student learning and educator effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the over-emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in too many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing love of learning, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession, and undermining school climate; and

WHEREAS, high-stakes standardized testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, and especially for low-income students, English language learners, children of color, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the culture and structure of the systems in which students learn must change in order to foster engaging school experiences that promote joy in learning, depth of thought and breadth of knowledge for students; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Briarcliff Manor School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the State legislature, and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems in this state, including the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; and

RESOLVED, that that Briarcliff Manor School District calls on the U.S. Congress and Administration to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act"), reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

Architectural Contract

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to continue with its field remediation activities related to the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) order on consent #20010816-113,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve a rider to the previously approved contract with the architectural firm Fuller & D'Angelo, PC to provide architectural and engineering services in relation to the following work:

- Energy efficient lighting replacement and retrofits
- Construction documents for the implementation of remedial work in accordance with NYS DEC order on consent and approved Remedial Action Plan for the areas known as the Softball Field, Practice Field and West Slope Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the rider to the contract between the District and Fuller & D'Angelo, PC. A copy of such contract shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to transfer necessary funds from the Property Loss and Liability Reserve Fund to the capital fund to pay for these architectural services.

Village Fuel Contract

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, the following resolution was TABLED.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute an Inter-municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Briarcliff Manor for the School District to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel from the Village, for the period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, a copy of which agreement shall be incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting.

HDR

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education does hereby approve the proposal in the amount of \$29,940 from HDR Architecture & Engineering, P.C. for providing environmental consulting work associated with the softball field remedy implementation during construction.

WHEREAS, the District's Environmental Consultant, Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR), has been retained by the District to meet the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) order on consent #20010816-113, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to continue with its field remediation activities related to the order on consent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts HDR's proposal to provide environmental consulting work associated with the softball field remedy implementation during construction as set forth in detail in HDR's January 24, 2013 letter, at an estimated cost of \$29,940. A copy of this letter is incorporated by reference within the minutes of this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to transfer the sum of up to and including \$29,940 from the Property Loss Reserve Fund to the capital fund to pay for the costs associated with this activity.

Capital Project Closeouts and Interfund Transfers

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve an interfund transfer of \$88,093 from the Capital Fund to the Debt Service Fund in order to close out the completed 1999-00 Todd Elementary/HS School Additions and Alterations Project.

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mrs. Brantman and passed 4-0, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby approve an interfund transfer of \$160,227 from the Capital Fund to the General Fund in order to close out the following completed projects:

- (1) 2006-07 Prop 2 - Todd Windows; Water Main; MS/HS Rescue Windows; Restrooms; Boiler Room Sink project \$160,226
- (2) 2002-03 Health & Safety Project \$1

On motion by Mrs. Rosen, seconded by Mr. Satran and passed 4-0, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 P.M.

**RIDER TO OWNER / ARCHITECT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BRIARCLIFF MANOR UFSD
AND
FULLER AND D'ANGELO, P.C. ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS**

DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2012
REVISED JANUARY 23, 2013

Article 1 (1.1) Add the following: "The project will include the following:

- Energy efficient Lighting Replacement and retrofits at the Briarcliff High/Middle School and Todd Elementary School.
- Construction documents for the implementation of remedial work in accordance with New York State DEC Order of Consent and approved Remedial Action Plan for the areas known as the Softball Field, Practice Field and West Slope Area, including any additional ancillary construction required or requested.

All other provisions of the contract dated November 29, 2012, shall remain in effect.

OWNER:
Briarcliff Manor, Union Free School District

BY: _____

Dated: _____

2-25-13

ARCHITECT:
Fuller and D'Angelo, P.C.

BY: _____

Dated: January 23, 2013

John. D'Angelo, ARA, LEED AP