

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by board vice president Peter Allen, in room 140 of Robert Morris School, with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by this opening statement:

STATEMENT RE: SUNSHINE LAW

This meeting has been advertised in two newspapers at least 48 hours prior to the meeting and has been posted in conspicuous locations including the borough hall and school buildings, which complies with state law governing meetings of school boards and other organizations.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Ambrose, Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, Mrs. Santora, Mrs. Sarboukh

ABSENT: Mrs. Bolmer

Also present were Dr. Carol L. Rosevear, Superintendent; Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and Jason Kries, teaching staff member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Motion to approve the agenda and addendum as distributed to board members.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2008 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Rosevear reported:

- Those who attended Techspo received valuable information which will benefit our school.
- Congratulated Jason Kries and Mike Riley on their wonderful and interesting presentation at Techspo
- Mentioned that Family Tools and Technology will be presenting at a future meeting
- Introduced Jason Kries, who gave a presentation on our 2007 Chess Club Trial Run, which included almost 300 games. Mr. Kries will be submitting a proposal, which the board will discuss at its next meeting
- Mr. Kries also presented on the workshop he ran with Mr. Riley at Techspo, which was about the free software Moodle.
- Also mentioned the implementation of Power Schools for attendance

- Called attention to the Patriot Press, which is especially informative this month.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No questions or comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter to Mrs. Leonhardt from Kevin Settembrino regarding toilet room renovations.
- b. Letter to RMS teachers and students from Dr. Rosevear regarding New Jersey School Board Appreciation Month.
- c. Letter of appreciation to Robert Morris PTA from Dr. Rosevear.
- d. Letter to Sharyn Weikel congratulating her on the successful kayaking program and thanking her for her presentation.
- e. Letter to Mrs. Leonhardt from Congressman Mike Ferguson regarding the board's NCLB resolution.
- f. Letter of resignation from substitute teacher Joseph Peterson, effective February 14, 2008.
- g. Letter of resignation from aide Lucia Palughi.

ACTION ITEMS

a. ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Motion to approve scheduling of annual school board election for Tuesday, April 15, 2008. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m

b. POSTING OF ELECTION NOTICES

In accordance with Statute (18A:14-6, amended), the Election Budget Notice must be posted on school houses located in the district. The board of education must also designate the public place(s) to post such notices. It is recommended that such notices be posted at the following locations:

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| 1. Borough Hall | 4. Krauszer's |
| 2. C-Town Market | 5. Jimmy's Deli |
| 3. Joe's Meat Market | 6. Main Street Liquors |

c. AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

It is recommended that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission be authorized to advertise for absentee ballots in the Courier-News. The cost is to be divided among participating districts.

d. DAY/TIME FOR DRAWING OF NAMES FOR POSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

The drawing of the names for ballot position shall be performed by the Secretary of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board of Education shall make public announcement at the drawing of each name, the order in which the name is drawn and the term for which the drawing is made. The drawing of names for ballot position will be held in the Board of Education Office on Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m.

- e. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2008-2009 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
It is recommended that the day/time of the public hearing on the 2008-2009 proposed school budget be scheduled for March 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- f. DATE OF ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING
All Type II boards of education, including regional districts, shall organize Annually on any day of the first or second week following the annual school election (18A:10-3). The dates for the annual organization meeting must be between Monday, April 21, 2008 and Friday, May 2, 2008. Motion to schedule the organization meeting of the South Bound Brook Board of Education for Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School.
- g. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF CLASSROOM AIDE
LUCIA PALUGHI
Motion to accept resignation of classroom aide Lucia Palughi effective January 31, 2008.
- h. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
JOSEPH PETERSON
Motion to accept resignation of substitute music teacher Joseph Peterson effective February 14, 2008.
- i. RESCHEDULE MARCH 27 MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
Motion to reschedule March 27, 2008 meeting (Public Hearing on School Budget) to Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at **7:00** p.m.

Motion to approve above Action Items, a through i.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOUND BROOK is meeting shortly. Mr. Allen will report back on the status. Also, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen discussed the freshmen's inability to take band at Bound Brook High School due to course/timing conflict.

OLD BUSINESS

- Toilet Room Renovations -- The timeline for the 7th grade wing toilet rooms was discussed. Measurements have already been taken.
- Budget – The current status of the budget was discussed, including the fact that this budget will see a tax decrease.

NEW BUSINESS

- “Meet the County Superintendent” invitation – no board members are available to attend.
- Mrs. Sarboukh questioned the status of Readers’ Theater. Dr. Rosevear will discuss the situation with the teacher involved.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Condolences were expressed to borough liaison Chris Shoffner on the death of her father.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mr. Ambrose

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary