

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened at 6:40 p.m. by board member Sharlene Sarboukh 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, Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Sarboukh and Mr. Stys. Mrs. Bolmer arrived at 6:43 p.m. and Mrs. Santora at 7:10 p.m.

ABSENT: Mr. Ambrose

Also present were: Dr. Carol L. Rosevear, superintendent; Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Mrs. Wendy Stein, Director, Special Services; and PTA members Mrs. Carlton, Mrs. Seyffart and Mrs. Hlavaty.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for School Board Appreciation Dinner provided by PTA.

MOTION: Mrs. Esposito SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh VOTE: 4-0

NOTE: Mrs. Bolmer arrived at 6:43 p.m. and Mrs. Santora at 7:10 p.m., and they acted on all remaining business of this meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mr. Allen SECOND: Mr. Stys VOTE: 6-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

MOTION: Mr. Stys SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh VOTE: 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — DECEMBER 15, 2005 (Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2005 Regular Meeting and the December 15, 2005 Closed Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer VOTE: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Strategic Planning — Dr. Rosevear discussed creation of a 3-5 year strategic plan, involving representation from all the town’s stakeholders. Tentative date is March 18 for a planning meeting.
- Dr. Rosevear mentioned all the wonderful thank you’s from the school for School Board Appreciation Month. Also, the PTA showed their gratitude with a home cooked Italian feast. Notes, posters and gifts were received from the students of Ms. D’Alessandro, Ms. Barber, Mrs. Kordell, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kroll, Ms. Pfister, Ms. Bisco, Ms. Romeo, Ms. Apice, Mrs. Yarashas, Mrs. Sabatino, Mrs. Burkhardt, Mrs. Klimas, Ms. Peck, Mrs. Wanzie, Ms. Bennet, Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Krier, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ostrowski and Mrs. Steeber.
- “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers” (page included in packet) listed Bonnie Coddington.
- Carole Larsen, NJSBA, presented the results of the South Bound Brook Board of Education self evaluation. She pointed out eight areas of strength and indicated the board shows very positive growth. There are also five areas which have room for improvement. Items of value for the board evenly matched with those items the board does well. There was also a strong match between the board’s impression of their performance as a whole and each individual’s performance. As a whole, Ms. Larsen indicated the board of education is functioning at a high level, and the evaluation was very consistent among all members

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Staff members in attendance included Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Turbowitz, Ms. Weikel, Mr. Vindas, Mr. Budd and Mrs. High. Mr. Warrelmann represented the borough council. Mrs. Stein thanked Mrs. Esposito for her positive words regarding the oversight of our children’s safety.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**
Motion to approve payment of bills per warrant listing dated January 19, 2005 in the amount of \$350,553.68 as well as payrolls for December 2005 in the amount of \$177,573.15 (December 15) and \$182,685.38 (December 31).
- b. **BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT**
Motion to approve Board Secretary’s Report dated November 30, 2005 indicating a cash balance of \$889,836.20.
- c. **TREASURER’S (CONSULTANT) REPORT**
Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report dated November 30, 2005 indicating a cash balance of \$889,836.20.

Motion to approve the above consent items, a through c.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of resignation from Janine Gregory, Lead Literacy Teacher.
- b. Letter of resignation from Kathryn Bisco, classroom aide.
- c. Letter from Senior Citizens thanking Ms. Asher and others involved with the Christmas party they enjoyed.
- d. Letter from Holly Graff indicating that she will no longer provide substitute service after June 30, 2006.

ACTION ITEMS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Motion to open for discussion Action Items A-I.

a. **NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2006 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The South Bound Brook Board of Education is one of more than 600 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The South Bound Brook Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the South Bound Brook Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2006 as SCHOOL BOARD

RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the South Bound Brook Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

b. APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Motion to approve the following substitute teachers for the 2005-2006 school year (September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006):

Alexis Krongold, Edison
Elizabeth Paterno, South Bound Brook

c. RESIGNATION OF JANINE GREGORY, LEAD LITERACY TEACHER

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Janine Gregory, Lead Literacy Teacher, effective immediately. Ms. Gregory is currently on a leave of absence.

d. RESIGNATION OF KATHRYN BISCO, CLASSROOM AIDE

Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kathryn Bisco, Classroom Aide. Effective date is January 19, 2006.

e. EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSROOM AIDE ALEXIS KRONGOLD

Motion to employ Alexis Krongold as a teacher aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Her salary will be \$12,420 prorated from start date (January 20, 2006) through June 30, 2006.

f. TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS FOR 2005-2006

Motion for inclusion in the minutes to accept the following costs for out-of-district placements for the 2005-2006 school year (prorated November 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006):

<u># STUDENTS</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
1	SCTI Alternative School	\$12,050.00 (prorated)
1	Katzenbach School	24,546.00 (prorated)

g. RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE EDUCATIONAL RISK INSURANCE CONSORTIUM-NORTH

Motion to adopt the attached resolution to join the Educational Risk Insurance Consortium-North (New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group) for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009.

h. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS WITHIN 2005-2006 SCHOOL BUDGET

Motion to approve the following transfers in the 2004-2005 school budget, made to reallocate salary expenditures:

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT:
11-120-100-101 (1-5 Sal)	11-110-100-101 (K Sal)	\$23,000.00
11-120-100-101 (1-5 Sal)	11-130-100-101 (6-8 Sal)	7,000.00
11-209-100-101 (BD Sal)	11-204-100-101 (LLD Sal)	54,500.00
11-209-100-101 (BD Sal)	11-215-100-106 (Other Inst)	18,275.00
11-000-222-101 (Lib Sal)	11-000-221-104 (Other Prof)	7,000.00
11-240-100-101 (Bilingual)	11-190-100-106 (Other Inst)	7,000.00
11-000-219-800 (Spec Serv)	11-000-230-331 (Legal)	4,722.00

i. **ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) TITLE III FUNDING**

Motion to accept \$500 for Title III Supplemental Allocation for FY2006.

Motion to approve above Action Items a-i:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION — Mrs. Esposito reported that Bound Brook is pursuing realignment of grades allocation into their various buildings.

FINANCE COMMITTEE — A meeting is scheduled for 6:00 Wednesday, January 25.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Sarboukh discussed Pomptonian's issues with their handling of lunch accounts which need re-funding. The board requested the presence of Rich Ward at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM, Somerset County School Boards Association, Wednesday, March 29, 7 p.m. — Mrs. Sarboukh will attend.
- ◆ Standardized testing — Dr. Rosevear discussed full testing of students using NJPASS as an analysis tool for our students' strengths and weaknesses.
- ◆ Substitute Service — Dr. Rosevear commended Ms. Graff for her superlative handling of this very difficult task. The district is currently investigating various replacement options.
- ◆ Facilities — Mrs. Leonhardt reported on various problems with the building ventilators. Mrs. Bolmer questioned the status of our ant problem, and Mrs. Leonhardt responded that the problem seems to be under control.
- ◆ Dr. Rosevear reiterated to the board that they are a committee of the whole. While they do have ad hoc committees, in general the board does their business all together.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Mrs. Turbowitz, representing the RMEA, thanked the Board of Education for their exemplary service to the district.

Terry Warrelmann questioned the status of the lighting correction. Dr. Rosevear reported

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that the first step will be installation of new lights in one classroom. Upon acceptable lighting measurements in that room, the remaining light fixtures will be manufactured and installed. Mr. Warrelmann also reported that he was reappointed liaison to the Board of Education from the Borough Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mrs. Esposito

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary