

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School by Peter Allen, vice president, 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. Bolmer, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, Mrs. Santora
ABSENT: Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Sarboukh

Also present were: Dr. Carol Rosevear, Superintendent; Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; and Kevin Settembrino of Buck Simpers Architects.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as distributed to board members.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose SECOND: Mrs. Santora VOTE: 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 19, 2007 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2007 regular meeting and December 19, 2007 closed session.

MOTION: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer VOTE: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

PRESENTATION BY ARCHITECT -- Kevin Settembrino of BSA&A presented plans and an estimate for renovations of the boys' and girls' toilet rooms in the 7th grade hallway.

Dr. Rosevear reported:

- Last Sunday the children's art show was held at the Environmental Education Center. Morgan Tomaro, Sebastian Marquez, Mary Le, Daniel Lopez and Alexandra Thiessen had their work displayed.
- Training is under way for Power Schools, our student information system. Feedback has been very positive.
- Sharyn Weikel has been selected by radio station WMGQ, Magic 98.3, as a "Teacher Who Makes Magic," an award program designed to recognize and honor outstanding teachers. A segment of the radio program announcing Ms. Weikel's nomination and many accomplishments at Robert Morris School was played for the board. A banquet will be held on March 20 for all honorees.
- The Courier News article highlighting our exemplary QSAC scores was discussed.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC AND PUBLIC HEARING OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR'S CONTRACT

Members of the public are invited to submit public comments regarding the proposed adoption of the Business Administrator's employment agreement. The Board, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)*, the *Open Public Meetings Act*, shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public; however, the board will give all comments appropriate consideration.

Please be aware that the subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public.

No comments or questions at this time.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:35 P.M.

RESOLVED by the South Bound Brook Board of Education as per Chapter 231, P.L. 1975:

- a. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on January 10, 2008 to discuss:
Business Administrator's 2007-2008 contract
- b. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately 30 minutes
- d. Action will be taken upon return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer VOTE: 5-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:52 P.M.

Motion to return to Open Session

MOTION: Mrs. Santora SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Proposed Improvement of NCLB memo from P. Leonhardt (see Action Item A)

ACTION ITEMS

- a. RESOLUTION REGARDING NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND
WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*, which applies to all school districts and schools within states that accept federal Title I dollars; and

WHEREAS, the South Bound Brook Board of Education supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the

achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

WHEREAS, the South Bound Brook Board of Education continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the South Bound Brook Board of Education has had five years of operational experience in implementing NCLB; and

WHEREAS, the South Bound Brook Board of Education has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local school boards, and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006 the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; and

WHEREAS, in January 2007 Representative Don Young (R-AK-AL) introduced legislation, the *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648*, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and has strong bipartisan support from the bill's co-sponsors: Representatives Mike Ross (D-AR-4), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Todd Platts (R-PA-19), Steven Rothman (D-NJ-9), and Jo Bonner (R-AL-1) ;now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the South Bound Brook Board of Education urges Senator Bateman and Assemblywoman Coyle and Assemblyman Biondi to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the South Bound Brook Board of Education seeks the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the New Jersey Senate and State Assembly in encouraging Senator Bateman and Assemblywoman Coyle and Assemblyman Biondi to co-sponsor H.R. 648, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the New Jersey U.S. congressional delegation, the governor, the members of the New Jersey Senate and State Assembly, local public governing officials, and Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy.

b. RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
FOR PATRICIA LEONHARDT AS SCHOOL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted *P.L.2007, c.53, An Act Concerning School District Accountability*; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act amended *N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11* to require boards of education to provide public notice of proposed action 30 days prior to the renegotiation, extension, amendment, or alteration of an employment contract with the superintendent of schools, assistant superintendent of schools, or school business administrator, and to provide 10 days advance notice of a public hearing prior to any such action; and

WHEREAS, the South Bound Brook Board of Education desires to enter into a renegotiated employment agreement with its School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the required 30 day and 10 day advance public notice was provided to the public via posting in the office of the Board Secretary located at 122 Elizabeth Street, South Bound Brook, New Jersey on December 4, 2007, and on the district's public website on December 4, 2007; mailing on December 4, 2007, to the district's official newspaper, the Courier-New, for publication non December 9, 2007, and filing on December 4, 2007, with the clerk of the Borough of South Bound Brook for public posting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has held the public hearing on January 10, 2007 in accordance with its advertised notice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bound Brook Board of Education hereby approves the employment agreement with Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 as set forth on the attachment for Board members and on file in the office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and authorizes and directs its President and Secretary to execute same on behalf of the Board.

c. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY GUIDE FOR THE POSITION
OF SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 18A:29-4.1* authorizes a board of education to adopt a one, two or three year salary policy, including salary schedules, for full-time teaching staff members; and

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Lih-Thiessen relayed that Mayor Terry Warrelmann has requested a joint meeting with the borough council and the board. Dr. Rosevear will follow up.
- Mr. Ambrose discussed the status of the Gifted and Talented program.
- Mrs. Bolmer thanked the board for the fruit basket sent on the passing of her mother-in-law. She also mentioned that some automated external defibrillators (AED's) are being recalled for update. Mrs. Leonhardt will pursue. Additionally, there was discussion of the training of staff and students in first aid and CPR.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen

SECOND: Mr. Ambrose

VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary