

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by board president Peter Allen at 6:52 p.m. 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 and Mrs. Sarboukh.

ABSENT: Mrs. Bolmer and Mrs. Santora

Also present were: Dr. Carol Rosevear, Superintendent; Mrs. Stein, Director of Child Study Team; Mr. Butkus, Mr. Riley and Ms. Fallon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — DECEMBER 14, 2006 AND JANUARY 11, 2007

Motion to approve minutes of the December 14, 2006 regular meeting and closed session and January 11, 2007 special meeting and closed session.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Rosevear:

- ✓ Thanked the PTA for the wonderful dinner and gifts they graciously provided as a thank-you for our board of education. She called attention to the many varied and creative appreciation mementoes from our student body and their teachers. Thanks was also expressed to Mr. Butkus for his help with tonight's setup.
- ✓ Reported on the wonderful program was presented today by grades 2-4 in conjunction with our Artists in Residence.
- ✓ Discussed the January 18 bomb scare, which was followed by a fire alarm. Mr. Donahue is working closely with the police department. A debriefing meeting was held to discuss the matter with the teachers after school, and a letter was sent home with all students. The staff and the student body are commended for their actions and cooperation. Mrs. Stein reiterated the wonderful reaction by all.
- ✓ Explained that Mr. Donahue regrets his inability to attend tonight. He had an unavoidable family matter.
- ✓ Introduced Mr. Riley's presentation of KidBiz 3000. The presentation demonstrated

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 2007 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.

APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS FOR THE 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion to approve the following substitute teacher for the 2006-2007 school year (September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007):

Jerold Mayer
Joseph Peterson

TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT FOR 2006-2007

A motion is necessary for inclusion in the minutes to accept the following cost for out-of-district placement for the 2006-2007 school year (December 11, 2006 through June 30, 2007):

<u># STUDENTS</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
1	Somerset Secondary Academy	\$35,895.00*

*pro-rated

Motion to approve action items a-c.

MOTION: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen

SECOND: Mr. Allen

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 5-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEGOTIATIONS: A special full board meeting is scheduled for January 25 at 6:30 p.m.
FINANCE: Mr. Ambrose reported on the very preliminary Finance Committee meeting. The next meeting is tentatively set for 5:30 on February 1. Discussion centered on the efforts to get the budget passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Leonhardt reminded those board members up for re-election to have their petitions signed and handed in.

Mrs. Leonhardt reported that Technica will be returning the fix the power cords. In addition, some lights need their top fixed. This will also be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

- ✓ SCSBA program on Tuesday, January 30, "Best Practices in Fiscal Management." Please let Mrs. Leonhardt know if you want to attend.
- ✓ Mrs. Leonhardt asked the board if they would be comfortable occasionally having their packets come home with their oldest child. All members agreed.
- ✓ Mrs. Sarboukh reported that a South Bound Brook police officer approached her concerning the PBA's potential support of a particular item/event for the school.
- ✓ Community Survey – Discussion centered on the results of the community survey. Currently they are coming in slowly and we hope to receive a larger number.
- ✓ Mrs. Esposito mentioned that a new representative to Bound Brook Board of Education will be needed for the new board term.
- ✓ Mrs. Leonhardt reported on the planned implementation of multiple stops for the Vo-Tech bus. This will result in an earlier pickup for some students. Discussion also centered on whether some students have to go too far for the Bell and High Streets stop.
- ✓ Discussion centered on the receipt of a tuition bill for a student in Somerset Academy. It was suggested that we contact Bound Brook, stating the facts and mentioning that if these actions continue we will consider asking them to reimburse our legal fees.
- ✓ Mr. Ambrose mentioned the program "Study Island," which covers more aspects of the curriculum than KidBiz 3000. Dr. Rosevear will investigate.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:23 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 18, 2007 to discuss
 - Administrators' Negotiations
- 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

