

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School, by board president Nancy Santora, 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 and Mrs. Sarboukh.

ABSENT: Mrs. Esposito

Also present were Dr. Carol Rosevear, Superintendent; Mr. Donahue, Principal; Mrs. Stein, CST Director; Mrs. Leonhardt, Business Administrator; Ms. Weikel, staff member and Mrs. Vatalare and Mrs. Seyffart representing the PTA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and January 10, 2008 Closed Session.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Rosevear:

- Thanked the board for their hard work and commitment
- Read the School Board Recognition Month resolution
- Thanked the PTA for their wonderful food tonight and their work throughout the year on behalf of our school and its students
- Introduced Mr. Donahue, who also expressed his appreciation.
- Introduced Mrs. Stein, who expressed her gratitude to the board on behalf of the Special Ed staff and students
- Introduced Mrs. Leonhardt, who also reiterated her gratitude for their work which benefits the entire community
- Presented the various displays of gratitude from students, which included a scroll, letters, certificates, posters and even a song on tape.
- Presented a gift package to the board members on behalf of the administration, staff and students of Robert Morris School. Barbara Malone and Holly Graff were thanked for their contributions to our celebration of South Bound Brook board members.
- Introduced Ms. Weikel, who had an enjoyable show on the kayaking program, and presented a token of her appreciation for the board.

- Presented Mrs. Seyffart, who spoke of the PTA's activities. In addition, she and Ms. Weikel showed several items purchased by the PTA for the benefit of our Physical Education Department.
- Discussed the tentative 08-09 school calendar, which will be shown to the RMEA before formal presentation and adoption.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a. APPROVAL OF PAYROLLS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS
Motion to approve payment of bills per warrant listing dated January 24, 2008 in the amount of \$447,816.29 as well as payrolls for December 2007 in the amount of \$373,426.40.
- b. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT
Motion to approve Board Secretary's Report dated December 31, 2007, indicating a cash balance of \$1,355,329.53.
- c. TREASURER'S (CONSULTANT) REPORT
Motion to approve Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2007, indicating a cash balance of \$1,355,329.53.

Motion to accept above Consent Items, a-c.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer

ROLL CALL
VOTE 6-0:

ACTION ITEMS

- a. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2008 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 2008 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. MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS

Motion to approve the attendance of the following to attend workshops and to receive reimbursement for incurred expenses:

K. Hostinsky	2/28	\$160	Achievement Gap, W. Windsor, NJ
K. Hostinsky	2/29	\$140	Gifted Children, Princeton, NJ
S. High	2/22	\$125	Education Career Day, Rutgers
W. Stein	2/22	\$0	Education Career Day, Rutgers
S. High	2/6	\$0	Tech Assistance LRC-Central
A. Shearer	2/6	\$0	Tech Assistance LRC-Central

c. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CARRYOVER FUNDS NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) FISCAL YEAR 2007

Motion presented to authorize the School Business Administrator to apply for carryover funds in the amount of \$13,551.52 (Title I), \$661.57 (Title II-A), \$316.39 (Title II-D), \$189.00 (Title IV) and \$357.98 (Title V),

d. APPROVAL OF CSA EVALUATION INSTRUMENT

Motion to approve the NJSBA Chief School Administrator (CSA) Evaluative Instrument in the Evaluation of the CSA, based on the goals and objectives of the district and leadership skills.

Motion to approve above Action Items, a through d.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mrs. Santora

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Ambrose reported on the meeting on the preliminary budget, including the new state aid. As the Bound Brook High School tuition numbers are still not clear, the status of our budget is also not settled.

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION: Mr. Allen reported on the Bound Brook budget process.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Quinlan verified that our Automated External Defibrillator is not among those being recalled.

The board discussed Kevin Settembrino's offer to re-structure his fee.

AUTHORIZATION OF BID PROCESS FOR TOILET ROOM RENOVATIONS

Motion presented to authorize bid process for toilet room renovation. Architect to proceed with bid process for toilet room renovations, based on architect's new fee structure.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

- Mrs. Leonhardt reported that 2007-2008 is the last year for our food service contract with Pomptonian, per state mandate. We will begin the process shortly to accept proposals.
- Teachers Who Make Magic – Mrs. Lih-Thiessen will contact Donald Kazar to display Ms. Weikel's honor as a Teacher Who Makes Magic on the community sign on Main Street.
- Mrs. Santora reported on a Guide to Shared Services and Best Practices she received from NJSBA. It will be stored in the board office.
- The board discussed branching out and reaching out to the various community groups in support of the budget.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen:

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary