

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by board 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. Bolmer, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen, Mrs. Sarboukh. Mrs. Santora arrived at 7:39 p.m. and Mrs. Esposito at 7:45.

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Dr. Carol Rosevear, superintendent; Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Board Secretary/Business Administrator; Chris Shoffner, liaison from borough council; staff member Diane Pfister and parent Michelle Siegling.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — FEBRUARY 22, 2007 REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 7, 2007

Motion to approve minutes from the February 22, 2007 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and minutes from the March 7, 2007 Special Meeting (Drawing for Position on Ballot).

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

NOTE: Mrs. Santora arrived at this time and acted on all remaining business of the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Review of Community Survey

Dr. Rosevear reported preliminarily on the results of the community survey. Some of the statistics were:

- ★ 57 (2%) of the surveys were returned
- ★ The results will be analyzed and used to help guide or strategic plan goals
- ★ 72% of respondents have lived in the district 5 or more years, and a large percentage of those 10 years or longer
- ★ 65% of respondents have children in school

NOTE: Mrs. Esposito arrived at this time and acted on all remaining business of the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- ◆ Chris Shoffner asked how many surveys were distributed (3,900) and some questions about parent involvement.
- ◆ Mrs. Siegling reported on her Child Study Team experience, questioning some specifics regarding the second independent evaluation process. The matter will be pursued.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of appreciation to Ms. Fallon regarding her presentation at the February 22 board meeting.
- b. Letter to Mrs. Quinlan, thanking her for her PowerPoint presentation on February 22.
- c. Letter to members of the PRIDE committee thanking them for the Have a Heart Pasta Night and Read Across America programs.

ACTION ITEMS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

- a. APPLICATION FOR DEMONSTRABLY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM AID FUNDS FOR 2006-2007
Motion to apply for \$53,868 for Demonstrably Effective Program Aid for the school year July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007.
- b. ACCEPTANCE OF FY07 NCLB TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATION
Motion to accept FY07 No Child Left Behind Title I School Improvement Allocation of \$5,920.00.
- c. TENTATIVE ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY 2007-2008 SCHOOL BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT ON OR BEFORE TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2006
BE IT RESOLVED that the South Bound Brook Borough Board of Education adopts the preliminary 2007-2008 Budget for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

General Current Expense	\$8,568,360
Special Revenue Fund	279,630
Debt Service:	371,820
For a Total of	\$9,219,810

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for the following Commissioner Adjustments to the 2007-2008 school budget as listed:

Health Insurance	\$634
Special Education	\$157,201
Send/Receive Tuition	\$39,660

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2007-2008 budget as described above results in a general fund tax levy of \$5,177,724 and a debt fund tax levy of \$356,072; representing a total tax levy of \$5,533,796; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary be authorized to make minor adjustments as may be required by the County Superintendent and to publish the budget prior to County Superintendent approval; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Public Hearing for adoption of the 2007-2008 budget be held on March 29, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Robert Morris School Room 140; with the school election scheduled for April 17, 2007 from 2 P.M. to 9 P.M.

- d. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2007-2008
Motion to approve school calendar for the 2007-2008 school year.
- e. MOTION TO ACCEPT STATE AID
Motion to accept the following funding for aid from the state of New Jersey for the 2007-2008 budget year:

Core Curriculum Standards Aid	\$1,828,727.00
Supplemental CCS Aid	276,937.00
Special Education Aid	516,146.00
Bilingual Education Aid	47,816.00
Transportation Aid	75,396.00
Demonstrably Effective Program Aid	53,868.00
Consolidated Aid	70,769.00
Instructional Supplement Aid	23,688.00
Additional Formula Aid	176,204.00
Targeted At-Risk Aid	81,000.00*
TOTAL	\$3,150,551.00

*Please note that per NJ budgetary guidelines, the Targeted At-Risk Aid of \$81,000 cannot be allocated during this portion of the 2007-2008 budget process.

- f. SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN
Motion to authorize the submission of the proposed Comprehensive Equity Plan to the Somerset County Office of Education and the Office of Specialized Populations/Equity.
- g. APPROVAL OF "PATRIOT PRIDE BASKETBALL CAMP"
Motion to approve a basketball camp for boys and girls grades 5-8 for June 25-29, 2007 to be run by Mike Riley. The program will be funded by participants at no cost to the district.

Motion to approve action items a-g:

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

ROLL CALL

VOTE: 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Lih-Thiessen requested that contact be made with the police regarding Madison Street traffic flow.
- Follow-up was also given regarding the loose screws in the bleachers.

NEW BUSINESS

Retirement dinner – Mrs. Leonhardt asked the board members to let her know if they will be attending.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments 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 February 22, 2007 to discuss
 - Negotiations
 - Grievance
- 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 45 minutes.
- d. Action will not be taken upon return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer VOTE: 7-0

(Mr. Ambrose recused himself at this time)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:35 P.M.

Motion to return to Open Session

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

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Board Secretary/Business Administrator