

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School by Vice President Allison Lih-Thiessen 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. Ambrose, Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Lih-Thiessen and Mrs. Sarboukh
ABSENT: Mr. Allen, Mrs. Bolmer and Mrs. Santora

Also present were Dr. Carol L. Rosevear, Superintendent and Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 24, 2008

Motion to approve minutes of April 24, 2008 Organization Meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 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 May 7, 2008 to discuss
 - Personnel
- 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 one hour.
- d. Action will be taken upon return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 4-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:36 P.M.

Motion to return to Open Session

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh SECOND: Mr. Ambrose VOTE: 4-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Rosevear reported that on April 30 she and the administrative team met with CUE. It was decided that CUE would be the basis of a new advisory committee. This group will meet regularly to discuss issues.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. "Thank you" from Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for participation in Pennies for Patients.
- b. Memo from Pat Leonhardt regarding NJSBA workshop 2008
- c. Letter to Mrs. Seyffart from Dr. Rosevear regarding Family Fun Night, thanking her for the PowerPoint presentation.
- d. Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Faulks from Dr. Rosevear regarding the Battle of Bound Brook.
- e. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Carlton expressing their appreciation for Mr. Donahue.

ACTION ITEMS

- a. **MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE AT NJSBA WORKSHOP 2008**
Motion to approve the attendance of the South Bound Brook Board of Education, as well as Superintendent Carol Rosevear and Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt, at the NJSBA Workshop 2008. Workshop is scheduled for October 28th through 30th, for a total registration cost of \$1,100. Lodging to be at convention-affiliated hotel at a cost of \$107 per night. Total actual number of lodging nights yet to be determined. Travel and meal reimbursement to adhere to current travel legislation.
- b. **APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**
Motion to approve the following substitute for the 2007-2008 school year (March 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008):

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- c. **MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS**
Motion to approve the attendance of the following to attend workshops and to receive reimbursement for incurred expenses:

B. Brown	\$Grant	Tools of the Mind	8/11-12, 10/15, 1/5, 4/1
M. Steeber	\$Grant	Tools of the Mind	8/11-12, 10/15, 1/5, 4/1
Two aides	\$Grant	Tools of the Mind	8/11-12, 10/15, 1/5, 4/1
P Leonhardt	\$0	School Law seminar	6/6 Toms River
C. Rosevear	\$0	School Law seminar	6/6 Toms River
M. Weight	\$0	RVCC Teen Arts	5/16
K. Breyan	\$0	RVCC Teen Arts	5/16

D. Donahue \$0 Hunterdon Cty Curr 5/15

d. **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BID REJECTION**

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2008 the South Bound Brook Board of Education conducted a public bid opening for the award of Toilet Room Renovations which yielded the following for consideration:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alt. No. ME-1	Alt. No. E-1
Partyka Construction	\$69,685	\$2,500	\$2,500
Don Pizzolato, Inc.	\$149,980	\$1,200	\$2,400
Magic Touch Construction	\$149,999	\$350	\$3,000
DeSapio Construction	\$185,900	\$10,000	\$1,000
Aero Plumbing & Heating Co.	\$232,700	\$2,000	\$3,290

And,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Schools Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22, the South Bound Brook board of Education has determined that the bids received do not conform to the Specifications for one or more of the following reasons:

- The lowest bid does not conform to legal specifications
- All other bids substantially exceed the cost estimates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Bound Brook Board of Education rejects all bids for the Toilet room Renovations.

e. **MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Motion to authorize Business Administrator Patricia Leonhardt to re-advertise for bids for the Toilet Room Renovation Project for the South Bound Brook School District, Robert Morris School.

f. **FINAL ADOPTION OF 2008-2009 SCHOOL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of South Bound Brook presented to voters, at the Annual School Election held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, questions concerning the levy requirements to the Board of Education for Current Expenses in the amount of \$5,045,171, and

WHEREAS, the voters at said election, having rejected the Current Expense by the following vote: 150 ayes, 174 nays, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education transmitted the Budget to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Bound Brook on Thursday, April 17, 2008 pursuant to NJSA 18A:22-37; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the borough of South Bound Brook thoroughly reviewed the Current Expense Budget and related information as presented by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a joint meeting of the Council Committee of the Borough of South Bound Brook and the Board of Education's Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 to discuss the Current Expense Budget as submitted by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, after careful deliberation of the information relative to the South Bound Brook School District Budget now therefore;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the borough of South Bound Brook did thereby mandate that no budget cuts were necessary; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Borough Council of South Bound Brook have determined that the amount of local district tax levy requirements for the Board of Education for 2008-2009 is \$5,045,171, and said amount to be sufficient to provide for a thorough and efficient educational system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Current Expense Budget appropriation total for 2008-2009 be \$8,704,589; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of South Bound Brook directs the Municipal Clerk to certify, by May 19, 2008 to the Somerset County board of Taxation, the Somerset County Superintendent of Schools, the Borough of South Bound Brook Borough Assessor, the Division of Local Finance of the Department of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of South Bound Brook and the Board of Education of the Borough of South Bound Brook that the amount of \$5,045,171.00 is necessary to be raised by taxation in said borough for the 2008-09 School Year in said borough for the Current Expense revenue; which amount shall be included in said municipality for Current Expenses of the Schools..

g. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION TO NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Motion to authorize Buck Simperts Architect & Associates, Inc. to submit NJDOE Project No. 35-4850-060-08-1000 for Toilet Room Renovations at the Robert Morris Elementary School. This project is an "Other Capital" project and requires no state funding.

h. MOTION TO AMEND LONG RANGE FACILITIES PLAN

Motion to authorize an amendment to the South Bound Brook Board of Education current Long Range Facilities Plan for NJDOE Project No. 35-4850-060-1000 for Toilet Room Renovations at the Robert Morris Elementary School.

i. TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENTS FOR 2008-2009

A motion is necessary for inclusion in the minutes to accept the following costs for out-of-district placements for the 2008-2009 school year (July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009):

<u>#</u>	<u>STUDENT ID</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
2	42, 172	SC Voc-Tech HS Health/Med Science	\$2,000.00 ea
1	9543969538	Bright Beginnings (including ESY)	51,030.00

j. ADJUSTMENT TO 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion to adjust the 2007-2008 school calendar to indicate the following: last day for students is June 18, and June 16, 17 and 18 will be half days. Last day for teachers is June 19.

k. APPROVAL OF PSYCH EVALUATION FOR STUDENT

Motion to commit to payment for psychiatric evaluation for a student. Recommendation was made by Dr. Ackerman and parents have agreed. Special Services is in the process of scheduling the evaluation.

Motion to approve above Action Items, a through k

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

ROLL CALL
VOTE: 4-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Mr. Ambrose reported on the Legislative dinner held at the Bridgewater Marriott. It was an informative evening and included a preview of some legislation which may be introduced.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Lih-Thiessen brought up discussion concerning future BBHS tuition rates.

NEW BUSINESS

- SCSBA Annual Spring Meeting – Mrs. Esposito and Mrs. Lih-Thiessen are considering attending.
- Board self-evaluation – Mr. Allen will be contacted.
- Mrs. Lih-Thiessen brought up that some districts hold a Move Up Day; Dr. Rosevear will discuss with Mr. Donahue.
- Dr. Rosevear invited all board members to the Faculty Appreciation Breakfast next Wednesday, May 14.
- The board requested a proposal from the two board attorneys who are being considered. The administrators will interview both candidates. The board will vote on their recommendation. Documentation to be presented on May 22 and voted on June 5.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen

VOTE: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Business Administrator/Board Secretary