

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
MAY 8, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by board vice president Peter Allen at 6:36 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. Lih-Thiessen, Mrs. Sarboukh. Mrs. Santora arrived at 7:40 p.m. and Mrs. Bolmer arrived at 7:42 p.m.

ABSENT: Mrs. Esposito

Also present were: Dr. Carol Rosevear, Superintendent and Mrs. Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

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

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose                      SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen              VOTE: 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES —APRIL 26, 2007 and Closed Session

Motion to approve minutes from the April 26, 2007 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 8, 2007 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

NOTE: Mrs. Santora arrived at 7:40 p.m. and acted on all remaining business of the meeting. Mrs. Bolmer arrived at 7:42 p.m. and acted on all remaining business of the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:18 P.M.

Motion to return to Open Session

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

VOTE: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Rosevear reported:

- ✓ Those who attended the Legislative Dinner found it to be informative and enjoyable.
- ✓ A meeting was held with the Borough Council regarding the defeated budgets. The Finance Committee will report further.
- ✓ This is Teacher Appreciation Week, and beautiful pens with an appropriate quote on a note card were given to the staff. Today breakfast was hosted, and Mrs. Bolmer represented the board.
- ✓ Tomorrow is Pre-K registration
- ✓ On Thursday the PTA will host a luncheon for the teachers.
- ✓ D.A.R.E. graduation will be held on May 10.
- ✓ On May 15, a follow up meeting will be held for the Strategic Action Plan.
- ✓ The Spring Concert is slated for May 23.
- ✓ Our school held a successful drive for the flood victims in Bound Brook.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Memo from Pat Leonhardt regarding 2007-2008 Budget Cuts
- b. Letter from US Department of Education, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, regarding questionnaire we completed in a timely manner.

ACTION ITEMS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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

|              |            |       |                                     |
|--------------|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| L. Butynes   | 5/8/07     | 0     | ESTEEMS, Mx. County College         |
| M. Drury     | 5/8/07     | 0     | ESTEEMS, Mx. County College         |
| H. Graff     | 5/31/07    | 0     | Child Nutrition workshop, E. Bruns. |
| P. Leonhardt | 5/31/07    | 0     | Child Nutrition workshop, E. Bruns. |
| W. Stein     | 5/20-22/07 | \$395 | (reg) NJAPSA Academy                |
|              |            | 508   | (room)                              |

- b. TUITION FOR OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT FOR 2007-2008  
A motion is necessary for inclusion in the minutes to accept the following cost for out-of-district placement for the 2007-2008 school year (July 1, 2007 through June

30, 2008):

| <u># STUDENTS</u> | <u>DESTINATION</u>     | <u>COST</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1                 | Beadleston High School | 36,260.00   |

c. SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

Motion that the Treasurer of School Moneys (Consultant) or School Business Administrator be designated to sign all SUI Account checks.

d. AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CARRYOVER FUNDS NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) FISCAL YEAR 2006

Motion presented to authorize the School Business Administrator to apply for carryover of funds in the amount of \$1,127 (Title I), \$94 (Title I - SIA), \$1,874 (Title IIA) and \$2,449 (Title IV), \$515 (Title V) for a total of \$6,059 for fiscal year 2006. The funds were not expended because other grant funding was used for varied educational costs.

e. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Motion, as recommended, that the district Technology Plan for 2007-2010 be approved.

f. APPROVAL OF LDTC SERVICES FOR REMAINDER OF 2006-2007 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion, as recommended by the superintendent, to approve LDTC services per the attached fee schedule from Mrs. Morale (retired LDTC).

g. APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Motion to approve the application, as submitted by Mr. Donahue, to operate a Summer School Program. The program will operate from July 2, 2007 through July 30, 2007 inclusive, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for grades 2-8. Mr. Donahue will be the administrator on site, and the program will be open to South Bound Brook students only.

h. FINAL ADOPTION OF 2007-2008 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 17, 2007, questions concerning the levy requirements to the Board of Education for Current Expenses in the amount of \$5,177,724, and

WHEREAS, the voters at said election, having rejected the Current Expense by the following vote: 117 ayes, 177 nays, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education transmitted the Budget to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Bound Brook on Thursday, April 19, 2007 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, May 2, 2007 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;

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the borough of South Bound Brook did thereby mandate budget cuts of \$109,850; 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 2007-2008 is \$5,067,874, and said amount to be sufficient to provide for a thorough and efficient educational system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the revised Current Expense Budget appropriation total for 2007-2008 be \$8,460,010; 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 21, 2007 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 \$5,423,946 is necessary to be raised by taxation in said borough for the 2007-08 School Year.

Motion to approve action items a-h.

ROLL CALL

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mrs. Bolmer

VOTE: 6-0

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Mr. Ambrose reported on the meeting with the borough council, which resulted in a cut of \$109,850.

LEGISLATIVE DINNER: Mr. Ambrose reported on a successful evening with stronger legislator presence than in the past.

NEGOTIATIONS: Mrs. Sarboukh reported that a meeting is scheduled for May 16.

BOUND BROOK: Mr. Allen reported on his attendance at their reorganization meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Summer Reading Program – Dr. Rosevear reported on a discussion with Ms. Fallon for the re-vamping of our summer reading program.

NEW BUSINESS

- Makeup days for 2006-2007  
For students: June 19 and 20 (half days are 6/18, 19 and 20)  
For teachers: June 20 and 21
- SCSBA Spring Dinner (Mrs. Esposito, Mrs. Bolmer and Mr. Allen will attend)
- Legislative Days
- June 21 meeting with NJSBA Field Rep Gwen Thornton. We will investigate what time the graduation dinner dance is beginning and we will start one half hour later.
- Dr. Rosevear's evaluation was distributed to board members. It was requested that it be completed by May 22 or sooner.
- The board complained of an odor which may be coming from the custodian closet in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade corridor.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

No comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:05 P.M.

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- c. Length of meeting thought to be approximately fifteen minutes.
- d. Action will not be taken upon return to Open Session.

MOTION: Mrs. Sarboukh

SECOND: Mr. Allen

VOTE: 6-0

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to return to open session and adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Bolmer

SECOND: Mrs. Sarboukh

VOTE: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary