

SOUTH BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. in room 140 of Robert Morris School by board president Peter Allen 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, Mrs. Santora and Mrs. Sarboukh. Mrs. Bolmer arrived at 7:40 p.m.

ABSENT: None

Also present were: Dr. Carol Rosevear, Superintendent; Mr. Terry Warrelmann, liaison from Borough Council; Mrs. Murray, staff member; and ten members of the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen SECOND: Mr. Ambrose VOTE: 6-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES — OCTOBER 29, 2006

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2006 regular meeting.

MOTION: Mrs. Santora SECOND: Mr. Allen VOTE: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:38 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 November 2, 2006 to discuss
 - Classified student matter
- 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 30 minutes.
- d. Action will be taken upon return to Open Session.

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

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.
Motion to return to Open Session at 8:40 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose SECOND: Mrs. Lih-Thiessen VOTE: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- ✓ PRIDE SPONSORED PUMPKIN PAINTING OCTOBER 24: Dr. Rosevear expressed her thanks.
- ✓ Two assemblies were held last week. Both were part of our Violence Awareness program.
- ✓ A lockdown practice drill was held on October 30. In addition, an evacuation drill was held yesterday. Both drills were deemed very successful.
- ✓ The Halloween parade and competition also went very well.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

Sharon Rivers told the board that she is currently satisfied with the classroom aide situation. She has not had a discussion with Mrs. Stein. Mrs. Tomaro questioned the status of her daughter's aide during recess. Mrs. Olmo questioned the status of aides in Mrs. Kroll's afternoon class. Ms. Jennifer Carlton spoke about her concerns with the afternoon Vo-Tech bus, including a problem with the bus driver's treatment of the students.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Carole Barber indicating her intention to retire at the end of the school year.

Dr. Rosevear spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Barber's teaching skills. Many board members echoed these sentiments, extolling her virtues.

ACTION ITEMS (ROLL CALL VOTE)

- a. **RETIREMENT OF CAROLE J. BARBER ON JUNE 30, 2006**
Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Carole J. Barber on June 30, 2006 due to retirement.
- b. **CORRECTION TO OCTOBER 19 MINUTES (LUNCHROOM/PLAYGROUND AIDES)**
The following dates were listed erroneously in the October 19, 2006 minutes:
Item f, employment of Joann Mills, start date is October 30 (not October 23).
Item j, resignation of Carmen Nieves, effective date is October 27 (not October 20).
- c. **APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO MENTORING PROGRAM**
Motion to approve South Bound Brook School District Addendum to Mentoring Program, "Mentoring Alternate Route Teachers 2006-2007"

d. **JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH GREEN BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Motion to approve joint transportation agreement with Green Brook Board of Education for the 2006-2007 school year for provision of transportation to Newgrange School at a cost of \$18,800.00.

e. **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OF NATURAL GAS SERVICES AT SPECIFIED PRICING**

Motion to re-approve resolution to participate with the Middlesex County Educational Services Commission for the purchase of Natural Gas for the 2007-2008 school year. Pricing established at a rate pf \$10.59/dth.

f. **COMMITMENT TO TOPS PROGRAM FOR 2007-2008**

Motion to authorize commitment for two spots in the TOPS program at \$14,500 each for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion to approve action items a-f.

ROLL CALL

MOTION: Mrs. Santora

SECOND: Mr. Allen

VOTE: 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOUND BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION: Mrs. Esposito reported that Bound Brook High School is currently hiring for six teaching vacancies. She also requested that another South Bound Brook board member take the position of liaison, at or before the organization meeting in 2007.

OLD BUSINESS

- ▶ **LIGHTING**: Mrs. Leonhardt reported that the lighting remediation is 90% complete. Faulty fixtures were delivered for the art room and are on reorder.
- ▶ **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PLACEMENT**: Dr. Rosevear reported on an analysis of the placement of our students in the high school. She detailed the number of our students recommended for honors course work.
- ▶ **NJSBA CONVENTION**: Mrs. Esposito expressed her gratitude for Mrs. Leonhardt's organizational assistance at the convention.

NEW BUSINESS

- **UNEMPLOYMENT APPEAL**: Mrs. Leonhardt reported on an appeal filed on behalf of the board concerning an unemployment filing. The state is currently investigating.
- **AUDIT**: Mrs. Leonhardt reported that the district audit has been completed. There will be no recommendations, for which she credited Mrs. Malone (bookkeeper), Mr. Nicholas Barber (treasurer) and Mrs. DiBenedetto (Student Activity funds). The auditors will be attending the December board meeting.
- **TEACHER INTERNET LINK**: Mr. Allen requested that we investigate the possibility of adding a link from our rmschool.com site to teacher.com. This would facilitate our students' ability to review information our teachers have listed on that site. Currently, Ms. Drury utilizes that option.

- TECHNOLOGY INVENTORY: Mr. Ambrose expressed his gratitude to Mr. Butkus for the updated technology inventory. He requested further information on the state's current minimum standards for computers.

RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC

- ★ Councilman Warrelmann expressed his sadness concerning the board's response to the public at the October 19 meeting about class trips and the budget cuts. Mr. Ambrose responded that, although the council did not specifically request that class trips be removed, as the budget cut was set at \$125,000 the board had few choices.
- ★ Dr. Rosevear pointed out to all present the beautiful community displays by our third grade Social Studies students. The board requested that their appreciation be extended to the students.

ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded, motion presented to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ambrose

SECOND: Mrs. Santora

VOTE: 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Leonhardt
Board Secretary/Business Administrator