

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
BROOKHAVEN AND SMITHTOWN

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 2, 2010

Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Three Village Central School District of Brookhaven and Smithtown held at the North Country Administration Center, 100 Suffolk Avenue, Stony Brook, New York 11790 on March 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm prevailing time.

There were present: David Micklos, President  
Frank McIntosh, Vice President  
John Diviney, Trustee  
Carol Leister, Trustee  
Jonathan Kornreich, Trustee  
Diane Peritore, Trustee

There was absent: Glen Whitney, Trustee  
Kyle Seibert, Student Representative to the Board

There were also present: Donald F. Webster, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Cheryl Pedisich, Asst. Supt. for Educational & Pupil Personnel Services  
Jeffrey Carlson, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services  
Andrea Wilson, District Clerk  
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Micklos called the meeting open at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. McIntosh motioned to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:01 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (f) – personnel matters leading to an appointment of a particular person Superintendent search), seconded by Mrs. Leister, and carried by a 5-0-0 vote.

Mrs. Peritore entered the meeting at 7:04 pm.

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 7:55 pm for a brief recess.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION Mr. Micklos reconvened the Board into open session at 8:04 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA Addition: School Calendar 2009-2010

2010-2011 BUDGET OVERVIEW Mr. Webster gave a brief overview of the administration's work on the budget and has asked administrators to present their plans on achieving budget reductions.

Mr. Carlson presented an overview of the budget process highlighting the following:

- Updated line item budget will be presented indicating a 5% reduction requested previously by the Board.
- \$2 million reduction has been reached with a goal of an additional \$8 million in budget reductions.
- Will look at various ways to incorporate these savings through alterations in transportation schedules
- Employee groups (i.e. custodial, clerical, etc.) are being asked for ideas and input on how to save money.
- Purchasing has been cut immediately with any future expenditure to be approved by the Administrative Cabinet.
- Oil tanks to be topped off before the close of the 2009-2010 school year to offset any unforeseen increase in usage and rates for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Use of reserves will be reviewed carefully to offset the tax levy increase.
- New York State Comptroller's office to be contacted for guidance regarding reserve usage.
- Review by the District Auditors will be conducted after recommendations for reserve usage are made.
- Student population and demographic report to be reviewed.
- Administration to present a 5 year financial plan, implementing a Board of Education goal.

Discussion ensued highlighting the following:

- Administration to present optional program plans for any budget cuts that are to be made.
- Cutting staff and programs are to be a last option with programs possibly being reduced rather than eliminated.
- Examine possibility of expanding students taking courses at Stony Brook University.

SCHOOL  
CALENDAR  
2009-2010

Mr. Micklos presented concerns that were raised in the community regarding scheduled holidays and snow day usage.

Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of changing the calendar.

A consensus was reached to retain the scheduled days adopted on March 10, 2009.

OTHER  
RELEVANT  
ITEMS

Mrs. Peritore commented on her attendance to the Drug and Alcohol Forum and thanked the staff and administration for the presentation.

PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION

Charlene Vitale, on behalf of the PTA Joint Counsel presented comments regarding the proposed 2010-2011 school calendar, snow days and the Drug and Alcohol Forum.

Suzanne Mendelson presented comments regarding District committee work to build a partnership between the District and Stony Brook University.

The Board requested a report from the SBU committee and it was determined that one would be forthcoming after a survey was analyzed. Mrs. Pedisich will advise when that has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, motion was made by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mrs. Leister, and carried by a 6-0-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson  
District Clerk