

THREE VILLAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
BROOKHAVEN AND SMITHTOWN

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APRIL 6, 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 April 6, 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
Glen Whitney, Trustee

There was absent: All were present

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
Edward Sallie, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Andrea Wilson, District Clerk
Kyle Seibert, Student Representative to the Board
Visitors

CALL TO ORDER Mr. Micklos called the meeting open at 6:55 pm.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. McIntosh motioned to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:58 pm in accordance with Open Meeting Law §105 (d) discussions regarding proposed litigation; (f) personnel matters (leading to the dismissal or removal of particular persons; seconded by Mrs. Peritore, and carried by a 4-0-0 vote.

Mr. Diviney entered the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Kornreich entered the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Dr. Whitney entered the meeting at 7:12 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 8:03 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING AGENDA No changes were made to the meeting agenda.

Introduction Mr. Micklos introduced Edward Sallie, the District's Interim Superintendent for Human Resources.

2010-2011 BUDGET OVERVIEW Mr. Webster introduced Mr. Carlson to present the budget reductions in the areas of Maintenance and Operations, Transportation, Security, and Clerical Staffing.

Maintenance and Operations Mr. Carlson presented the options for reduction to the Maintenance and Operations Budget:

Option 1: Eliminate 5 FTE (4 custodial/1 maintenance) - Reduction of \$300,000

Option 2: Eliminate an additional 2 FTE (2 maintenance) - Reduction of an additional \$120,000

Option 3: Eliminate an additional 3 FTE (2 custodial/1 maintenance) - Reduction of an additional \$180,000

Total Reduction to District Budget: Plans 1, 2, & 3 = \$600,000

Additional recommendations:

- Elimination of weekend building use by District programs.
- Change the 3rd shift (Tuesday-Saturday) to a Monday-Friday schedule.

Transportation Mr. Carlson presented the options for reduction to the Transportation Budget:

Reduce the number of buses needed District-wide by 15 buses for a savings of \$760,890:

- Change Minnesauke Elementary schedule to match Nassakeag Elementary
- Eliminate early elementary bus
- Eliminate split schedule at Ward Melville High School

Other opportunities for savings:

IG Program at Mount Elementary

- Eliminate students from other elementary schools transported to Mount Elementary
- If program is phased out, savings would occur, but not be realized until program has ended
- Potential savings of \$150,000 for reduction of mini bus usage

Elementary School Distance Eligibility

- Require students to live at least ½ mile from school to reduce bus usage. Approximate savings of \$150,000
- Requires voter approval

Security

Mr. Carlson presented the options for reduction to the Security Budget:

- Eliminate full time security at elementary schools
- Reduce number of security guards during school day at Ward Melville High School
- Projected savings of \$200,000

Clerical

Mr. Carlson presented the options for reduction to the Clerical Staff Budget:

Option 1: Eliminate 5 FTE - Reduction of \$300,000

Option 2: Eliminate an additional 2 FTE - Reduction of an additional \$120,000

Option 3: Eliminate an additional 2 FTE - Reduction of an additional \$120,000

Total Reduction to District Budget: Plans 1, 2, & 3 = \$540,000

Additional notes:

- District determines number of positions to be abolished
- Suffolk County Civil Service determines individuals affected (based on seniority and bumping rights)
- Impact cannot be determined until individual positions are determined by District

Administration

Mr. Webster presented the options for reduction to the Administration Budget:

Option 1: Reduction of \$225,000

- Eliminate 1 District-wide position
- Return some administrative functions to previous bargaining units
- Reduce and/or eliminate summer per diem work

Option 2: Reduction of an additional \$160,000

- Reduce or eliminate district/building positions

Option 3: Reduction of an additional \$160,000

- Reduce and/or eliminate district/building positions

Total Reduction to District Budget: Plans 1, 2, & 3 = \$545,000

Impact of Budget Reductions:

- Reduction in administrative services and functions.
- Loss in design, implementation and assessment of curriculum.
- Possible additional staffing layoffs based on staff returning to instructional positions.

Instructional Technology

Mrs. Welch-Pollera presented the options for reduction to the Instructional Technology Budget:

Option 1: 3.5% Reduction = \$71,458

Option 2: 7.0% Reduction = \$143,000

Option 3: 8.3% Reduction = \$169,460

Impact of Budget Reductions:

BOCES Services Cuts

- Adoption of new notification system – Data conversion, training, use of new system

Contracted Services

- Reduce ability to expand website
- Annual maintenance on printers
- Reduce network support days

Supplies

- Inability to repair or upgrade

Instructional Hardware

- Not able to significantly increase number of devices available to students and teachers
- Long rang planning becomes difficult or impossible
- Impacts ability of any new technology initiatives

Instructional Software

- Reduce ability to prepare students for future using up-to-date programs
- Inability to take advantage of software developments

Instructional Supplies

- Lack of supplies for students and staff
- Cost of Ownership – projector bulbs and laptop batteries

Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. DeVore presented the options for reduction to the Pupil Personnel Budget:

Decrease in line item budget - Reduction of \$103,289

Eliminate 2.3 FTE special education positions - Reduction of \$184,000

Option 1: Eliminate 1.1 FTE plus summer guidance funding - Reduction of \$330,150

Option 2: Eliminate an additional 1 FTE - Reduction of an additional \$80,000

Option 3: Eliminate an additional 1.5 FTE - Reduction of an additional \$120,000

Total Reduction to District Budget = \$633,439

OTHER
RELEVANT
ITEMS

Budget Reduction
Tax Levy Impact

Mr. Carlson provided an estimated reduction to the budget as charged by the Board of Education and presented by administration:

Option 1: Budget increase of 2.8% would reduce the budget by \$4.5 million – Approximate Tax Levy Increase would be 4.9%

Option 2: Budget increase of 1.9% would reduce the budget by \$1.450 million – Approximate Tax Levy Increase would be 3.7%

Option 3: Budget increase of 0.86% would reduce the budget by \$1.670 million – Approximate Tax Levy Increase would be 2.3%

Adoption of the
2010-2011 School
Year Budget Date
Change

Motion was made by Mrs. Peritore, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, abstention by Dr. Whitney and carried by a 6-0-1 vote to move the Adoption of the 2010-2011 School Year Budget from April 13, 2010 to April 20, 2010.

Board Requests

Mr. Micklos requested Mr. Carlson to present detailed analysis of reserves, bond debt service and related costs over the next 5 years at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION

Kyle Seibert presented comments regarding funding of the Student Government program.

Caroline DeLuca presented comments regarding funding of the Ward Melville High School Club *Cinnabar*.

Lorraine Rosa presented comments regarding facilities usage charges.

Fran McIntosh presented comments regarding the summer reading program and special education.

Susanne Mendelson presented a letter from the Setauket PTA regarding the security position at Setauket Elementary School.

Sarajane Ilamathi presented comments regarding budget cuts and the hiring of an Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be conducted, motion was made by Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Kornreich, and carried by a 7-0-0 vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wilson
District Clerk