

**BRIDGEHAMPTON U.F.S.D.
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES**

Date: July 31, 2007
Meeting Type: Special Board Meeting
Present: James Walker, Elizabeth Kotz, Susan Hiscock, Joseph Conti, Joseph Berhalter,
Carol Kalish and Rick Delano
Dr. Youngblood, Superintendent, Jack Pryor, Principal, Katherine Menu, Tom Volz

I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

- A) Call to Order by the Vice-President upon his/her having ascertained the presence of a Quorum and Roll Call at 6:35 PM.

Board members actively discussed our Admission of Non-Resident Students Policy #5152. Recommendations were made for future letters to non-resident parents from the Superintendent to refer to the District Clerk as the person to who proof of residency should be given, not the Guidance Secretary. Additionally, the Board wishes for future parental requests for non-resident enrollment be made in person to the Superintendent as per the policy.

Tom Volz was asked to define “residency”. He described it as “domicile with intent to remain as per Commissioner’s Regulations”. He also stated “there is no magic list” for proof of residency. A district can determine on case by case basis students they wish to accept for admission based on previously established criteria. According to Tom Volz the “key component for establishing residency is that it is presumptively permanent”. Districts often used affidavits when there are questions about residency (i.e. children living with grandparents).

The Board clarified that none of our current non-resident students are paying any tuition. Discussion continued with the Board wanting to be sensitive to parents and students while being mindful of its responsibility to taxpayers. Delano reminded us “we were served a cautionary warning during the N.Y. State Comptroller’s Audit. Kotz, Walker and Hiscock spoke of how many of our non-resident students are assets to our school community.

Resolved that the Board of Education convene into an executive session to seek legal council on residency matter at 7:05

Motion: Hiscock Seconded: Kalish ed Vote: 7/0

Resolved that the Board of Education convened back into regular session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion: Conti Seconded: Berhalter Vote: 7/0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD establishes the following rates of tuition applicable to non-resident students eligible to attend in accordance with non-residency policy #5152 for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Pre K, Full-Day \$7,500
- Pre K, Half-Day \$4,000
- K-8 \$11,500
- 9-12 \$15,000

And Be it Further Resolved that the Board waives the payment of tuition for non-resident students in grades 9-12, who meet criteria to attend pursuant to the non-residency policy #5152, for the 2007-2008 school year who were non-resident Bridgehampton students during the 2006-2007 school year only, with the understanding that the phase-in will be for grades 10-12 for 2008-2009; 11-12 for 2009-2010; and only 12th grade for 2010-2011.

Motion: Conti

Seconded: Berhalter

Vote: 3-4

(Nay: Hiscock, Kotz, Kalish, Walker)

The Board decided to revisit this item at their August 13th meeting with the understanding they will exercise their right to review, on a case-by-case basis those students requesting non-residency status for 2007-2008. The Board will also vote on passing the above resolution for a phase in beginning in 2008-2009.

Resolved that the Board of Education reconvene into an executive session at 8:55 p.m. for discussion/review of teacher negotiations.

Motion: Conti

Seconded: Kalish

Vote: 6/0

Resolved that the Board returned to regular session at 10:30 p.m.

Motion: Conti

Seconded: Berhalter

Vote: 4/0

Resolved that the Board adjourned the meeting at 10:31.

Motion: Kotz

Seconded: Conti

Vote: 4/0

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Superintendent, Pro-Temp