

BEACH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
BEACH HAVEN, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the Borough of Beach Haven, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mary Lou Bellingeri, President at the Beach Haven School in the gymnasium. The President led the group in the flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lou Bellingeri, Donna Kilcommons, Amy Haig and Dina Ranade

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Close

ALSO PRESENT: EvaMarie Raleigh, Superintendent, Alan Schmol, Board Attorney, Brian Falkowski, School Business Administrator and Lil Brendel, Board Secretary.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education was provided in the following manner:

On July 11, 2013 advance written notice of this meeting was delivered to the Asbury Park Press. The meeting notice was posted at the Beach Haven School and published in the Asbury Park Press on July 16, 2013.

BOARD SECRETARY REPORTS

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Mrs. Haig the following resolution was approved:

APPROVE MINUTES

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

July 23, 2013 – Amended Minutes
August 27, 2013 – Regular Meeting
August 27, 2013 NJSA Board Goal Minutes

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Kilcommons, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Mrs. Haig the following resolution was approved:

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS
AUGUST 28, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT ACCOUNT \$267,965.34

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Haig, Mrs. Kilcommons and Ms. Ranade

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Ms. Ranade the following resolutions were approved:

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE BOARD SECRETARY, FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 31, 2013 AND AUGUST 2013.

APPROVE BOARD SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATION OF NO OVER EXPENDITURES

PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 I, BRIAN FALKOWSKI, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR, CERTIFY THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2013, NO BUDGETARY LINE ITEM ACCOUNT HAS OBLIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS (CONTRACTED ORDER) WHICH IN TOTAL EXCEED THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1, THAT THE DISTRICT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS HAVE BEEN RECONCILED AND ARE IN BALANCE.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Kilcommons, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no new committee reports.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Mrs. Haig the following resolutions were approved:

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

ADOPT BOARD AND DISTRICT GOALS FOR THE 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adopt the board and district goals for the 2013-14 school year.

Ms. Raleigh outlined the board and district goals for the 2013-14 school year.

APPROVE SCHOOL HEALTH STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the School Health Standing Orders for the 2013-14 school year.

APPROVE REVISED STAFF HANDBOOKS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the revised staff handbooks for the 2013-14 school year.

APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE FOLLOWING POLICY

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the second reading of the following policy presented by Strauss Esmay.

- Policy 8310 – Public Records

APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE REVISED POLICY

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the first reading of the revised policy provided by Strauss Esmay.

- Policy 6163 – Advertising on School Property

APPROVE USE OF FACILITIES

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve use of facilities for an after school activity for girls in grades 4-6 supervised by Kristy Davis and Mary Clare Bunce. The organization is called Girls on the Run and has certificate of insurance to cover the facility use from September 26, 2013 through December 5, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve Shar Pei Rescue of VA, Inc., Laura Say for one parking space on October 5 and 6, 2013 for Chowder Fest from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the PTA to do their annual fundraiser of parking at Chowder Fest on October 5 and 6, 2013.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Kilcommons, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

Upon motion of Mrs. Haig seconded by Ms. Ranade the following resolution was approved:

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the following resolutions for the donations for Hurricane Sandy as presented.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Kilcommons

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Ms. Ranade the following resolution was approved:

APPROVE ZUMU SOFTWARE FOR WEBSITE

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve Zumu Software to upgrade website for the 2013-14 school year at a cost \$1500.00.

Ms. Raleigh reported that the new website will be up and running by November 1, 2013.

APPROVE HARASSMENT INTIMIDATION & BULLYING SELF ASSESSMENT

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve Harassment Intimidation & Bullying Self-Assessment for the 2013-14 school year.

DISCONTINUE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH GARY PULZ

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education discontinue consulting services with Gary Pulz.

CONTRACT SERVICES WITH CHERYL MORESI AS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education contract services with Cheryl Moresi as school psychologist for the 2013-14 school year.

Discussion Items:

- Back to School night September 25, 2013.
- Great Opening!

Ms. Raleigh reminded everyone of back to school night on September 25, 2013 and she also stated it was a great opening with Governor Christie, the Commissioner of Education and Executive County Superintendent, Joe Passiment, staff and students.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Kilcommons, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

Mr. Falkowski informed the Board that we were recommended to apply for this grant by County Board of Education. All communities affected by Hurricane Sandy should apply for this grant whether it be for student or staff services to cope with the Sandy devastation.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Ms. Ranade the following resolution was approved:

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approve the application for federal funds to support learning environments disrupted by Hurricane Sandy in the amount of \$50,000.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Bellingeri, Mrs. Kilcommons, Mrs. Haig and Ms. Ranade

Announcements

Thursday, October 24, 2013 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Markowski asked the Board to revisit the K-1 class. Her situation is different from the rest of the students as she has both children in the same class. She showed examples of what the students were doing. Other districts are much harder than Beach Haven. It's upsetting to the parents and they do not blame the teachers Mrs. Markowski asked Board of Education for help. Ms. Raleigh stated give the teachers a chance as we are still only in the first few weeks of school. Parent stated she was severely conflicted as whether to stay or leave the district.

Mrs. Mitchell stated her son does not like school. He feels he's listening to baby music.

Mrs. Hughes appreciates the donations what about books and ipads. Ms. Raleigh stated that each classroom will get one ipad. Mrs. Hughes stated students do not have books and the reading program is not being implemented. Teachers and Colleges Reading and Writing Program is the name of the program that the teachers should be trained on and Ms. Raleigh stated there are professional development days for the teachers and also various workshops for them as well. The parents are pleading with Board of Education for training in reading and writing programs.

Mrs. Bunce stated that the general feeling between the board and the parents there seems to be a lot of animosity between the two groups. It is hard to understand the process when one of the best teachers was let go. She is still very excited about the school and feels board needs to listen to both sides. When does talking happen? The Board and Public keeps being shut down by the Board Solicitor. How can we break the ice?

Mrs. Bellengeri responded to the public the Board is trying their best to get us back on track after the storm. She is extremely upset with the animosity between parents and board. We have just approved our goals for the 2013-14 school year which includes a strategic plan to communicate with public and we hope Beach Haven School will be better than before.

Upon motion of Mrs. Kilcommons seconded by Ms. Ranade the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lil Brendel, Board Secretary

APPROVED: *Lil Brendel* / 13