## BRIDGEHAMPTON U.F.S.D. BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 6, 2010

Meeting Type: Board of Education Special Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Kotz, Nicki Hemby, Lillian Tyree, Douglas DeGroot, Ronnie White

Dr. Dianne Youngblood, Superintendent, Dr. Chesterton, Business Administrator,

John Pryor, Principal, Joyce Manigo, District Clerk, Tom Volz, Attorney

Absent: Carol Kalish, Joseph Berhalter

## I. ROUTINE MATTERS:

A) Call to Order by the President upon her having ascertained the presence of a Quorum, Saluting the Flag and Roll Call at 5:35 PM.

B) **Resolved** that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD approves the Proposed BOE Agenda, dated January 6, 2010.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: Hemby Vote: 4-0

Ronnie entered the Meeting at 5:40 PM

## II. DISCUSSION:

"Race To The Top" Memorandum of Understanding Agreement – Dr. Youngblood gave an overview of the New York State "Race to the Top" (RTTT) Grant Proposal. Race to the Top is a critically important federal competition that could provide New York with up to \$700 million for education. Because this is a new initiative, it is still a work in progress.

If New York wins a RTTT grant, 50 percent of the award must be allocated to school districts that receive Title I funds and meet the State's requirements to qualify as "participating" districts (including signing the MOU). The other 50 percent is available to the State for state-level activities, distribution to school districts, and other purposes.

The purpose of the MOU and preliminary Scope of Work, therefore, is to demonstrate, for purposes of the State's application, the breadth and strength of participating school districts' support and commitment to the four major initiatives outlined in the State's application:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to complete in the global economy;
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success, and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction;
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially
  where they are needed most; and
- Turning around our lowest achieving schools. This last assurance area applies only to those districts with persistently lowest achieving schools.

At this point in the application process, the Scope of Work submitted by school districts and New York State as part of the State application will be preliminary. If New York State is awarded a RTTT grant, school districts will have up to 90 days to complete Final Scope of Work statements (or "LEA plan)

Dr. Youngblood explained that because she would not be here as of August 2010, she didn't want to make the critical decision that would impact the future mandates and requirements that will be needed for the proposal. She felt it best that the decision for this "MOU" be made by her with the Board of Education and Administrators being fully aware of the process.

After a brief question and answer session the Board requested an executive session with Counsel.

Resolved that the Board of Education convenes into an executive session at 6:00 PM, to consult with Counsel to discuss matters pertaining to the New York State "Race to the Top" Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: White Vote: 5-0

Resolved that the Board of Education resumes back into public session at 8:25 PM.

Motion: White Seconded: Hemby Vote: 5-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD authorizes the Superintendent and the Board President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the New York State Education Department.

Motion: Tyree Seconded: Hemby Vote: 5-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Bridgehampton UFSD authorizes the District to offer the 11<sup>th</sup> graders a SAT Prep Class with East Hampton High School with the understanding that each student will be responsible to pay \$100 and the District will pay the additional \$299 for the total tuition cost.

Motion: Hemby Seconded: White Vote: 5-0

Resolved that the Meeting is adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Motion: White Seconded: Kotz Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Crews-Manigo District Clerk