

SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
250B Route 25A, Shoreham, New York 11786 ~ (631-821-8100)
Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent of Schools

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Public Meeting

December 13, 2011

At 6:46, a Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District was called to order in the District Office board room by Dr. McGrath.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William McGrath, President
Mr. Michael Fucito, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Costas
Mr. Leo Greeley
Ms. Marie Lindell
Mr. John Zukowski

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent
Mr. Glen Arcuri, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. William Bushman, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Richard Pluschau

At 6:47 PM, a motion to convene to Executive Session #1 to discuss legal matter(s) and personnel item(s) related to a particular person(s) was made by Ms. Lindell and seconded by Mr. Zukowski. The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

At 7:59 PM, a motion to end Executive Session #1 and re-convene to the Public Session in the High School Library was made by Mr. Zukowski and seconded by Greeley. The motion passed by a vote of 6 - 0.

PUBLIC SESSION

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William McGrath, President
Mr. Michael Fucito, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Costas
Mr. Leo Greeley
Ms. Marie Lindell
Mr. Richard Pluschau (arrived 8:00)
Mr. John Zukowski

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent
Mr. Glen Arcuri, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. William Bushman, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Mr. Alan Meinster, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Charles Althoff, Interim Director of Student Services
Mr. John Drenckhahn, Interim Plant Facilities Administrator
Mr. Lynn Schwartz, Interim Director of Health and Athletics

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

I Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 8:13 PM, the Public Session of the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District Board of Education re-convened and was called to order by Dr. McGrath.

II Approval of Agenda

At 8:15, a motion to accept the agenda **as revised** (item VIII f 6 (Policy #8271) was withdrawn and the order was changed) was made by Mr. Costas and seconded by Mr. Pluschau. The motion passed by a vote of 7 - 0.

III Statements from Residents

None

IV Student/Staff Recognitions

Ms. Peggy Grosso, Assistant Principal of the Albert G. Prodel Middle School, introduced students who presented the Board members with calendars and bookmarks from the school's Literacy Initiative in Art; each student shared their experience with the project.

Mr. Lynn Schwartz reported on the District's fall Varsity athletic program, especially the Varsity Boys Cross Country team. Leg. Ed Romaine and Dr. Cohen acknowledged Bob Szymanski (the coach of the team), the athletes, the community and the Board of Education for their support and achievements. Mr. Schwartz reported that as of this date, eight (8) students have signed Letters of Intent. Mr. Schwartz invited the Board of Education to the dedication of the Auxiliary Gym (wrestling room) to a former coach, Paul Jendrewski.

V Old Business

- a. Policy – Second Reading
* 1321 Duties of the President of the Board of Education

A motion to adopt the above policy **as revised** was made by Mr. Costas and seconded by Ms. Lindell. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

VI Reports and Reviews

- a. Space and Facilities Committee Report

Ms. Alisa McMorris, a resident and a member of the Space and Facilities Committee, reported that the voter approved Middle School Health and Safety Project is completed and came in under budget by approximately \$1,130,000. Ms. McMorris presented the Board with a list of projects which the Committee would like to complete using the balance of the Middle School Health Safety Project. Ms. McMorris noted the following: these projects are all health and safety related, this will be a re-allocation of funds (there will be no additional expense to the residents), and no prior years' State aid will be used.

The Board unanimously agreed a voter proposition should be submitted on the ballot at the May budget vote to re-allocate funds of \$1,130,000 to be used for the requested projects.

- b. Budget Forecast Update

Dr. Cohen reported good news related the development of next year's budget:

- The MTA tax has been repealed
- Health insurance premiums came in lower than predicted

Dr. Cohen advised the above two (2) items have significantly closed the gap in a budget which preserves a rollover budget. The gap amount now is estimated to be \$1,109,802.00.

- c. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Cohen reported on the activities and events in the schools. Dr. Cohen announced the dates for the upcoming Community Forums.

VII Communications

Mr. Hans Weideckehr addressed the Board about a proposal for an athletic field renovation project. Mr. Weideckehr reported the project will be funded through private donations, private contractors, and volunteers. The project will include a press box, field lights, restrooms, bleachers, and synthetic grass. The Board had questions; discussion followed. It was agreed that Dr. Cohen would schedule meetings in which the planning group and District administrators would review and discuss the proposal.

- a. NYSSBA "Solving the School Budget Puzzle" – January 12, 2012

No Board members will be able to attend this conference.

- b. Advocacy Training at Eastern Suffolk BOCES – Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM from 9-11 in Holbrook

Dr. McGrath and Mr. Fucito will attend this conference. Dr. Cohen will contact the PTA Council for a representative to also attend.

VIII Votes and Resolutions

- a. Approval of minutes

* November 15, 2011

A motion to accept the above minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Pluschau and seconded by Mr. Fucito. The motion passed by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Mr. Greeley abstained as he was absent from the meeting).

* November 29, 2011

A motion to accept the above minutes as submitted was made by Mr. Pluschau and seconded by Mr. Fucito. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

- b. CPSE/CSE Meetings – Memo dated December 6, 2011

- c. Financials – November 2011

- d. Additional High School Courses

- e. High School Course Book

A motion to accept **items VIII b, c, d, and e** was made by Mr. Pluschau and seconded by Mr. Fucito. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

- f. Policies – First Readings

1. #1510 Regular Board Meetings and Rules
2. #5630 Facilities: Inspection, Operation and Maintenance
3. #6510 Health Insurance
4. #7512 Student Physicals
5. #7610 Special Education: District Plan
6. #8271 Internet Safety: Internet Content Filtering Policy - **WITHDRAWN**
7. NEW POLICY – Pediculosis (Head Lice)

The Board reviewed and discussed the above policies. The Board accepted the first reading of the above policies, **except for item #6 Policy #8271.**

g. Resolutions:

#1112-101 **SWRTA Memorandum of Agreement:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves and authorizes the Board President to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement dated December 13, 2011, between the District and Shoreham-Wading River Teachers' Association (SWRTA) regarding the establishment and payment of the position of Athletic Trainer for the 2011-2012 school year.

#1112-102 **Stipulation of Settlement:**

WHEREAS, disciplinary charges were preferred and served against the employee named on the attached confidential list as "Employee A" (hereinafter referred to as "Subject Employee") pursuant to Education Law Section 3020-a;

WHEREAS, the Board and Confidential Employee "A" desire to settle the pending disciplinary charges without the need for further costly litigation; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement concerning the subject employee, and authorizes the President of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District to execute a written stipulation regarding same, upon review and recommendation by counsel for the District.

#1112-103 **Authorization for Piano Accompanist:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves Mr. Dan Grable to act as a piano accompanist to the High School Vocal Express for the *Holiday Rap* rehearsal (12/5/11) and performance (12/6/11) at Leisure Glen at a total fee of \$50.00.

#1112-104 **Establish Prodell Middle School Student Council Club:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves the establishment of the Student Council Club in the Albert G. Prodell Middle School. The Student Council Club will be an Extra Classroom Activity Club; therefore an Extra Classroom Activity account will be established for this club.

#1112-105 **Mount Alvernia Contract:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves a contract between the District and Mount Alvernia for the Natural Helpers Retreat from November 17 - 19, 2012 at a fee of \$3,140.00. The Superintendent is authorized to sign this contract.

#1112-106 **Comsewogue School District Health and Welfare Services Contract:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District has been duly empowered by the provision of Section 912 of the Education Law to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing health and welfare services for children residing in the District and attending non-public schools in the Comsewogue School District, and,

WHEREAS, these services are provided during the school year of 2011-2012 and the contract ends on June 30, 2012 unless terminated earlier in accordance with terms set forth within the Agreement.

WHEREAS, at the rate of \$663.13 per student, the total cost of this Agreement is \$663.13 for one (1) student, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham Wading River Central School District hereby approves the Health and Welfare Services Agreement between the District and Comsewogue School District for the 2011-2012 school year. The President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute this contract.

#1112-107 **Approval of New York Epilepsy and Neurology, PLLC Services:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves the use of services of New York Epilepsy and Neurology, PLLC at the request of a student's parent(s)/guardian(s) (as per NYS Education Law) at a maximum cost of \$4,000.00 for a required neuropsychological exam during the 2011-2012 school year.

#1112-108 **Ashokan Field Trip:**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves a request by Lou Parrinello, Principal of Miller Avenue Elementary School, for an overnight field trip to Ashokan Field Campus, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge, NY, from March 5 – 6, 2012, at a cost to the District of \$10,102.15 to deepen student understanding of the Pre-Revolutionary War colonies.

#1112-109 **Eastern States Classic Wrestling Tournament:**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves a request by Mr. Lynn Schwartz, Interim Director of Health and Athletics, for an overnight trip to Sullivan County Community College, Loch Sheldrake, New York, from January 12 - 14, 2012 for participation in the annual Eastern States Classic Wrestling Tournament at a cost to the District of \$200.00.

#1112-110 **Mystic, CT Field Trip:**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby approves a request by Dr. Linda Anthony, Principal of Albert G. Prodel Middle School, for an overnight field trip to Mystic Seaport and Mystic Aquarium in Mystic, CT. from May 10 - 11, 2012 to enhance and culminate the study of maritime history and marine science at no cost to the District.

#1112-111 **Equipment Considered Obsolete, Irreparable, No Longer in Use or of No Monetary Value:**
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District hereby classifies the attached list of **High School library books** as being obsolete, irreparable, no longer in use, and of no monetary value and,

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District approves the below list of items to be disposed of in accordance with District Policy #5250.

#1112-112 **Donation(s):**
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District accepts the following donation(s) and, if necessary, approves the appropriate budget line(s) to be increased by that amount:

1. To Albert G. Prodel Middle School from Middle School PTO:
Check # 2106 in the amount of \$1,745.84 to purchase two (2) picnic tables and benches for the Middle School.
2. To Miller Avenue Elementary School from Miller PTO:
Check #1498 in the amount of \$2,451.00 to purchase an 8'x16' Standard Climbing Wall Package with 2" Cordless Mat locking system to be installed in the Miller Avenue gym.

Resolution #1112-101: Mr. Pluschau questioned the payment to the Athletic Trainer; Dr. Bushman advised it was the amount the Board agreed to.

Resolution #1112-111: Mr. Zukowski asked if the books were being discarded for content issues; Dr. Cohen advised no, only for condition reasons.

IX Personnel – December 13, 2011

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following personnel agenda has been approved as submitted:

(1) Instructional & Instructional Support Personnel (Certificated)

Appointment Extension

(1a)	Natalie A. Ruggiero	Elementary Teacher (4th Grade)
	Assignment	Miller Avenue
	Type of Appointment	Regular Substitute
	Effective Date	Leave replacement appointment originally approved to end November 23, 2011
	End Date	Extended through December 23, 2011
	Reason	D. Algieri extended leave

Appointment(s)

(1b)	Rosemarie C. Petruzzellis (f/k/a Del Core)	Elementary Art Teacher
	Assignment	Miller Avenue (.6) / Briarcliff (.4)
	Type of Appointment	Regular Substitute
	Effective Date	"on or about" January 13, 2012
	End Date	t/b/d
	Certification Area	Visual Arts

Salary	\$100 per day and then BA Step 1 (\$47,173) after 40 consecutive days in a 42 day cycle retroactive to the 20th day
Reason	D. Johnson Browne Leave

FMLA/Maternity Leaves of Absence

(1c)	Mary-Elizabeth Mitchell Assignment Effective Date End Date Reason	Health Teacher High School "on or about" March 19, 2012 through end of 2011-2012 school year (plans to return the first day of 2012-2013 school year) Maternity, utilizing sick days, not to exceed 40 and then unpaid FMLA, not to exceed 60 work days
(1d)	Katherine Hamski Assignment Effective Date End Date Reason	Reading Teacher Middle School "on or about" February 1, 2012 April 4, 2012 Maternity Leave, utilizing accumulated sick days
(1e)	Danielle Algieri Assignment Type of Appointment Effective Date Reason	Elementary Teacher (4th Grade) Miller Avenue Leave Extension (FMLA) Extended through her return on January 3, 2012 Utilizing sick days, not to exceed 40 FMLA, not to exceed 60 work days
(1f)	Jenilyn Smith Assignment Effective Date End Date Reason	Music Teacher Miller Avenue (.8) and Briarcliff (.2) "on or about" March 8, 2012 t/b/d Maternity utilizing sick days not to exceed 40

Appointment

(1g)	Heather Petretti Assignment Type of Appointment Effective Date End Date Certification Area Salary Reason	Reading Tutor Briarcliff Part Time (up to 18 hrs per week) December 14, 2011 June 30, 2012 Pre-K, K, Grades 1-6 \$30 per hour (not to exceed 18 hours per week) Reading Support
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(2) Support Staff Personnel (Civil Service & Non-Certificated)

Appointment(s)

(2a)	Keith Rennard Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date (Probation) End Date Salary	Custodial Worker 1 Probationary Middle School (M-F 3pm-11:30pm shift) November 21, 2011 May 21, 2012 CSEA Step 1 \$37,532 including shift differential (pro-rated salary: \$23,008.13)
(2b)	Victoria O'Malley Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date Salary Reason	Sr. Clerk Typist 11 Months (from 12 mos. at District Office) Middle School December 1, 2011 12/1-12/31/11 CSEA Step 1 \$37,111 1/01/12-6/30/12 CSEA Step 2 \$38,033 (Pro-rated: \$41,253.03) L. Knudsen vacancy
(2c)	Laura Knudsen Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date Salary Reason	From Senior Clerk Typist to Principal Clerk (C & I) Promotional (12 Months from 11 months) District Office Thursday December 1, 2011 CSEA Principle Clerk Step 12 \$56,249 (includes Longevity) Pro-rated: \$50,576.45 N. Gerace vacancy

(2d)	Wendy Beran Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date Salary Reason	Special Education Aide Annualized (5.5 hours per day 8:40am to 2:40pm) Wading River December 14, 2011 (Probation) End Date: June 13, 2012 CSEA, Step 1 (\$12.42 per hour) \$13,047.21 (Pro-rated: \$ 8,470.44) B. McCarrick vacancy
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Leave of Absence

(2e)	Linda Haddard Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date Reason	Sr. Clerk Typist 11 mos. per year District Office December 19, 2011 January 20, 2012 (returning January 23, 2012) Family Leave, utilizing accumulated days
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(3) Other (Co-Curricular, Salary Changes, Substitute Personnel, Community Programs)

2011-2012 PART TIME (Not to exceed a total of 19.75 hours per week)

Appointments

(3a)	Sharron Lambert Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date Salary	Special Education Aide Part Time (not to exceed 19.75 hours per week) Wading River Elementary December 14, 2011 June 30, 2012 \$12 per hour
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(3b)	Jill DeBlanco Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date Certification Salary	Home Instruction Tutor Part Time (up to 5 hours per week) District wide December 14, 2011 June 30, 2012 Literacy (Birth-Grade 6), Pre-K, K, Grades 1-6, Special Education \$44.42 per hour
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(3c)	Kate DeFilppi Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date Certification Salary	Home Instruction Tutor Part Time (up to 5 hours per week) District wide December 14, 2011 June 30, 2012 Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) and Literacy (Birth-Grade 6) \$44.42 per hour
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End of extra curricular appointment

(3d)	Deborah DiGiuseppe Assignment Effective Date Reason	Special Education Aide High School (Extra Curricular Activities: i.e.: Track, Best Buddies, etc.) November 17, 2011 Can no longer provide coverage for classified student(s) during extra curricular activities in addition to 2011-2012 school year assignment in High School
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Change to hours per day

(3e)	Richard Yashowitz Type of Appointment Assignment Effective Date End Date	Monitor Part Time (current hours: 10:35am-2:05pm 17.5 hours per week) Part Time (new hours: M,W, F 10am-1pm; Tues. Th. 7:05am- 11:50am 18.5 hours per week) Middle School December 14, 2011 June 30, 2012
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(3f)	Kelly O'Reilly Type of Appointment	Monitor Part Time(current hours: M,W, F 10am-1pm; Tues. Th. 7:05am-11:50am (18.5 hours per week)
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Part Time (new hours: M-F 10:35am-2:05pm 17.5 hours per week)

Assignment Middle School
 Effective Date December 14, 2011
 End Date June 30, 2012

2011-2012 PART TIME (Not to exceed a total of 19.75 hours per week)

Appointments

- (3g) Maryalice Mikros Monitor
 Type of Appointment Part Time (Not to exceed a total of 19.75 hours per week)
 Assignment Briarcliff
 Effective Date December 14, 2011
 End Date June 30, 2012
 Salary \$10.18 per hour
 Reason appointed in addition to call in "as needed" substitute support staff Teaching Assistant, Special Education Aide and clerical substitute support staff appointments
- (3h) Joann Johannessen Special Education Aide
 Type of Appointment Part Time (Not to exceed a total of 19.75 hours per week)
 Assignment Briarcliff
 Effective Date December 14, 2011
 End Date June 30, 2012
 Salary \$12 per hour
 Reason appointed in addition to call in "as needed" substitute support staff Teaching Assistant, monitor and clerical substitute support staff appointments

2011-2012 Per Diem Substitute Registered Nurse (\$100 per day)

- (3i) Kerry Ann McCoy- License Number: 618616-1 (License Expiration Date: June 30, 2012)

2011-2012 Per Diem Substitute Teachers (\$100 per day)

- (3j) Lisa H. Dibona- Certification: Visual Arts
 (3k) Patricia Hyte-Klotz- Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 7-12-English)
 (3l) Cheree C. Kessler- Certification: Early Childhood Ed. (Birth-Grade 2)
 (3m) Nicole Liebermann- Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)
 (3n) Michael S. Sopko- Certification: Social Studies 7-12
 (3o) Scott P. Tierney- Certification: Physical Education

2011-2012 Substitute Support Staff

(not to exceed a total of 19.75 hours per week-in any capacity)

Substitute Teaching Assistant-\$15.36/hour; Substitute Special Education Aide-\$12.00/hour; Substitute Monitor/Lunch Monitor-\$10.18/hour; Substitute Custodian-\$12.80/hour; Substitute Clerical Support-\$12.19/hour; Substitute Food Service Worker- \$13.50/hour

- (3p) Melaina L. Badalian as Substitute (Lunch) Monitor at Primary Building: Wading River effective 12/14/11
 (3q) Alicia A. Kime as Substitute Food Service Worker effective December 5, 2011
 (3r) Maria Rios de Berrospi as Substitute Food Service Worker effective December 5, 2011
 (3s) Sandra Zahn as Substitute Food Service Worker effective December 5, 2011

2011-2012 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS - APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 13, 2011

	STAFF	POSITION	TYPE OF APPOINTMENT	START DATE	END DATE	SALARY/ HOURLY BY TIME SHEET
(3t)	Mazzeo, Irene	Youth Basketball	Referee Grades 4 thru 9	11/18/2011	5/1/2012	\$45.00
(3u)	Mazzeo, Steven	Youth Basketball	Referee Grades 4 thru 9	11/18/2011	5/1/2012	\$45.00

A motion was made to approve the personnel recommendations as submitted by Mr. Fucito and seconded by Mr. Greeley. The motion passed by a vote of 7 - 0.

X Discussion
None

XI Additional Comments from Residents

Because of the pictures of the flood in the Wading River Elementary School Library shown in the Space and Facilities Committee Report, Mr. Nikko Lavey requested a mold test be done in the Wading River Elementary School; the Board and Dr. Cohen agreed.

Mr. Greeley advised the newspaper reported the New York State foundation aid has been restored.

Dr. McGrath advised the District has received the prior years' state aid payment for the 2011-2012 school year.

At 10:13 PM, a motion to adjourn the Public Session and re-convene to Executive Session #2 to discuss a personnel matter(s) related to a particular person(s) was made by Mr. Greeley and second by Mr. Fucito. The motion passed by a vote of 6 – 0 – 1 (Mr. Costas abstained).

At 10:15 PM, Executive Session # 2 was called to order by Dr. McGrath.

At 11:09 PM, a motion to adjourn Executive Session #2 and the Public Session was made by Mr. Zukowski and seconded by Mr. Costas. The motion passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Janice M. Seus
District Clerk