

May 5, 2010

A special meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 in the Middle School library. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with Mrs. Lyons presiding. In attendance were: Mrs. Johnson (7:30 p.m.), Ms. Gerardi-Voccio, Mrs. Downs, Mrs. Trivella, Mr. McNally and Mrs. Berry. Representing the Board of Finance were Mr. Ives and Mr. Otto. Also in attendance was Mrs. Desabota representing the BEA.

The only issue on the agenda was discussion and action on health insurance.

Mrs. Lyons provided a review of the meeting held on April 29th with Mr. Austin, First Selectman, Mr. Guyer and Ms. Gurham, MDG Associates, insurance agents for the schools' health insurance plan and Mrs. Berry.

During the discussion of the Brooklyn health insurance plan, Board members:

- reviewed the three plans submitted by Mr. Guyer and the bids for coverage for 2010-2011 - Anthem BCBS; Oxford/United Health Care; and Connecticare;
- reviewed the BEA and Local 1303 contract language on changes in health insurance providers;
- reviewed the Oxford Plan Health Care coverage - "Oxford Health Plan of CT has agreed to provide benefit levels which are equal to, or better, than the current medical plan for employees of the town of Brooklyn and Board of Education with no loss of coverage related to benefits and benefits only."

Following a wide ranging discussion on whether the savings of \$128,165 should be used to restore positions in the 2010-2011 school budget, or reduce the amount of the increase in the 2010-2011 budget, the following motion was made:

MOTION: (McNally/Gerardi-Voccio) to change from the Anthem BCBS Health Insurance Plan to the Oxford/United Health Care Plan for health insurance coverage of employees at the Brooklyn School based on:

- The Oxford Health Plan has substantially equivalent to, or exceeds, the current plan;
- Oxford Health Plan has submitted a letter which assures each Brooklyn participant that the benefit levels in the Oxford Plan are equal to, or better, than the current plan;
- the savings to the school and to plan participants are \$128,165 for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: (Gerardi-Voccio/Johnson) to amend budget to reflect the 17% increase in the premium costs.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: (McNally/Trivella) to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

VOTE: Unanimous