

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting

January 25, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Charles Campagne School – All-Purpose Room

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the All-Purpose Room at Charles Campagne School on January 25, 2005. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Messrs. Thomas Frost, Michael Kelly, Joel Dauman, Louis Orfan, Kurt Spears, Donald Tichy, and Mrs. Watson.

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology; Mrs. Angelita Cintado, Charles Campagne School Principal; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 40 citizens were present.

Four students performed two musical selections with their recorders, under the direction of Mr. Brian O'Connor, vocal music teacher. Their talent was appreciated by all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 8, 2004.

Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on December 14, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 21, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Ellen Tjimos, CSEA Operations President, thanked Mr. Stu Gil for the donation and installation of two air conditioners at the JFK Middle School Band Room.

Mr. Marchesiello and Ms. Granelli responded to questions concerning the rider to agreement pertaining to School Construction Consultants and the Fine Host settlement.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the following irrevocable extracurricular resignations for the 2004-2005 school year.

Elizabeth Gerken-Scaletta	Varsity Kickline Asst. Coach	12/01/04
Jon LaRochester	HS Boys’ JV Baseball Coach	12/17/04

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Rescind Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education rescind the extracurricular appointment of Brian Ross as Varsity Track Assistant for the Spring 2004-2005 semester.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Extracurricular Position

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education create the position of extracurricular advisor to “Students Against Destructive Decisions” (SADD), a newly created club, at a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2004-2005 school year, effective January 26, 2005.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments2004-2005 Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following extracurricular appointments with appropriate stipends for the 2004-2005 school year:

		<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Douglas Bedell	Marine Fitness Team	12/17/04	Volunteer
Joseph Chiarappa	Gr. 8 Boys' Lacrosse	12/01/04	Volunteer
Christine Hiscock	SADD Club Advisor	01/26/05	\$2,500 ⁽¹⁾
Joseph Inghilterra	JV Baseball Coach	12/18/04	\$4,094
John Titolo	Track – Varsity Assistant	Spring '05	\$4,519

⁽¹⁾ To be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2004-2005 school year, effective January 26, 2005:

Steven Flanagan

Dawn Klugman

The above appointments are conditional appointments and are each conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner regarding one or more of the appointments, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dawn Klugman as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher, commencing January 26, 2005 through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2004-2005 Continuing Education Instructor

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel Malossi as Continuing Education SAT English Teacher for the 2004-2005 Spring Semester at \$50 per hour, effective March 23 through April 20, 2005, pending sufficient enrollment.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Cleaner, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Spinato as Cleaner, Part Time, Substitute, effective December 16, 2004, at a rate of \$13.46 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Swimming Pool Operator, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Charles J. Burke as Swimming Pool Operator, Part Time, effective January 26, 2005, at a rate of \$19.27 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

School Monitor, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mary Veritzan as School Monitor Part Time, effective January 26, 2005, at a rate of \$9.74 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 Elementary Monitor Salary Schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to: (1) Criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and (2) Approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by either the Commissioner of Education or the Civil Service Commission, or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Cleaners, Part Time, Substitutes

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments as Cleaners, Part Time, Substitutes, effective pending clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and Approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission:

Patrick Cabrera

Joseph Reilly

Salary will be \$13.46 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aides, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Teacher Aides, Part Time, effective January 26, 2005, at a rate of \$17.83 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, without benefits:

Dawn Michaelson ⁽²⁾

Mary Reilly

- (2) This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to: (1) Criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and (2) Approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by either the Commissioner of Education or the Civil Service Commission, or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) appointment of Laurie Von Thaden, effective for the second semester of the 2004-2005 school year. Salary will be \$46,636 (to be prorated), based on Step 2 of the BA 2004-2005 salary schedule. Ms. Von Thaden is provisionally certified as an elementary teacher in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jeanne Cano as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher, commencing January 26, 2005 through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2004-2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – HIGH SCHOOL AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM FLOOR

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$47,036 from the District's insurance carrier, resulting from a claim submitted by the District regarding the High School Auxiliary Gymnasium floor, and be it further resolved that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2004-2005 school year budget appropriation by the amount of the insurance proceeds (\$47,036) for the purpose of applying those monies toward the repair of the High School Auxiliary Gymnasium floor.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CONSULTANT TEACHER SERVICES

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the Consultant Special Education Teacher Services agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Bilinguals, Inc., Child and Parent Services, effective September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The Agency will bill the school \$85.00 per hour for Consultant Special Education Teacher Services with concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis. The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the contract with TheraCare for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of providing special education teachers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech/language pathologists, social workers MSWs, and Registered Nurses. The Agency will bill the following rate for professional services rendered by providers placed by the Agency:

Parent Training, Special Education Teachers, and Resource Room Teachers	\$82 per hour
Resource Room Teachers (2:1)	\$92 per hour
Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist, Social Worker, MSW Pediatric Registered Nurse	\$45 per half hour \$50 per hour
Evaluations by any discipline above	\$190 flat fee
Evaluations by a Psychologist	\$292
Social History	\$176

The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

RATE OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve an increase in the mileage reimbursement from \$.36 to \$.405 per mile, effective January 1, 2005, in accordance with the recently modified rate issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM REBATE CHECK

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept \$250 from the College Board Advanced Placement Program to help reduce the challenges of coordinating our school's Advanced Placement program.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

RIDER TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BETHPAGE UFSD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS, INC.

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve a rider dated January 25, 2005, to the Agreement between the Bethpage UFSD and School Construction Consultants, Inc. ("SCC") dated July 8, 2003, which rider shall extend the services of SCC on a full-time basis until the earlier of the completion of all existing projects or October 31, 2005 at a rate of \$17,500 per month and should services be required thereafter, extends services on a part-time basis at a rate of \$90 per hour, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

FINE HOST SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve a settlement agreement with the Fine Host ("Fine Host") Corporation dated January 25, 2005, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: December 21, 2004 January 11, 2005

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CSE: December 14, 2004 January 4, 2005 January 5, 2005

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the recommendations of the CPSE/CSE for the above dates have been reviewed by the Board of Education, and arrangements will be made for the special educational programs and services and parent notification.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the donation and installation of two Friedrich Quietmaster Heavy Duty 27,700 BTU air conditioning units at the JFK Middle School Band Room along with two 20-amp 250-volt receptacles, to be mounted in the existing wall outlets at a cost of \$4,500.00. The Board thanked Mr. Gil for his generous donation.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears: WHEREAS, the District recently received notification that the Board's current Independent Auditors, the firm of Miller Lilly & Pearce, LLP will no longer be providing auditing services as of January 14, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the District requested proposals from several auditing firms to provide immediate services in connection with the performance of the annual audit for the 2004-2005 fiscal year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President be authorized to execute a "Termination of Professional Services" letter dated January 21, 2005 with Miller Lilly & Pearce, LLP, and be it further resolved that the Board of Education appoints the auditing firm of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, CPA, LLP, effective January 26, 2005, to perform the annual audit and related services for the 2004-2005 fiscal year for a total fee not to exceed \$30,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appointment of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen and Danowski, CPA, LLP shall be subject to the preparation and execution of an engagement letter comprised of mutually agreeable terms and that the Board President be authorized to execute such engagement letter on the Board's behalf.

Motion carried (6-1-0).

Ayes	6
Noes	1 (Mr. Orfan)
Abstentions	0

Mr. Orfan requested that it be noted that he voted "no" because the engagement letter was not finalized (refer to last paragraph). He wholeheartedly endorses the firm and understands the reason the Board is pursuing an expedient solution, given the difficulties with the present auditing dilemma throughout the County.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR FOR THE DISTRICT COMMENCING IN THE 2005-2006 FISCAL YEAR

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears: WHEREAS, in accordance with the recommendations of the New York State Office of the State Comptroller, the Board issued a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the services of an Independent Auditor for the District commencing with the 2005-2006 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, responses to the RFP were received by the District on January 21, 2005 and, thereafter, an evaluation of the proposals was conducted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District hereby accepts the proposal of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, CPA, LLP to perform the annual audit and accounting services for the fiscal year 2005-2006 and, at the District's option, the fiscal years of 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, for a total fee per year not to exceed the following:

2005-2006:	\$31,000
2006-2007:	\$31,800
2007-2008:	\$32,600
2008-2009:	\$33,500
2009-2010:	\$34,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforementioned appointment of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, CPA, LLP shall be subject to the preparation and execution of an engagement letter comprised of mutually agreeable terms and that the Board President be authorized to execute such engagement letter on the Board’s behalf.

Motion carried (6-1-0).

Ayes	6
Noes	1 (Mr. Orfan)
Abstentions	0

As stated in the previous resolution, Mr. Orfan voted “no” because the engagement letter is not finalized at this time. However, he has no objection to the firm and understands why the Board is pursuing an expeditious solution.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Marsh introduced Mrs. Janice Yale, Director of Science, who gave a very interesting and thorough PowerPoint presentation on the K-12 science program. Ms. Yale discussed: (1) Assessment results from last year; (2) Moving from proficiency to mastery; and (3) K-12 activities. Many positive comments were elicited from the audience.

Afterward, Dr. Marsh introduced Mr. Peter Elkowitz, President and Ms. Diana Weir, Vice President, of the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc. Discussion followed concerning the 105 acres of Grumman property being turned over to Nassau County.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: The Board entertained questions from the audience.

Dr. Marsh reminded everyone about the “Evening of Jazz” at JFK Middle School on January 27th at 7:30 p.m. He also invited residents to join the Budget Advisory Committee.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, February 8, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Administration Building.

Tuesday, February 15, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting – JFK Middle School.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board enter into Executive Session for a matter of teacher personnel and contract.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board exit Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting.

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk