

**BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bethpage, New York**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**January 31, 2006 – 8:00 p.m. – Kramer Lane School**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the All-Purpose Room at Kramer Lane School on January 31, 2006. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Present:* Messrs. Tom Frost, Michael Kelly, Joel Dauman, Louis Orfan, Kurt Spears, and Mrs. Watson.

*Also Present:* Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP. Mr. Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology, was not in attendance during the business portion of the meeting at Kramer Lane School. However, he was present during the second Executive Session in the Boardroom.

Dr. Frank Cicione, Kramer Lane Principal, and Ms. Janice Yale, District Director of Science.

Approximately 35 members of the public were present.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Agenda Meeting held on December 13, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 20, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

***ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT***

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Frost announced that, effective January 3, 2006, Mr. Donald Tichy resigned from his position as Board member for personal reasons. He expressed the Board's appreciation for Mr. Tichy's six years of service, and wished him well in his future endeavors. Since Mr. Tichy's term was due to expire June 30, 2006, the Board has decided to leave the seat vacant. At the Annual Meeting to be held May 16, 2006, the candidate who wins the election for that seat for the term July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009 will be sworn in that evening in order to immediately fill the vacancy.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Frost introduced Dr. Cicione, who in turn introduced Mr. Eric Kay, instrumental music teacher. Mr. Kay presented a quintet comprised of 3rd and 5th grade violin students who played three songs. He then narrowed the group down to a trio, and these young musicians played three additional songs. All of the students received a big round of applause, and Dr. Marsh congratulated Mr. Kay and his talented students on a job well done!

Utilizing a PowerPoint demonstration, Ms. Janice Yale provided an overview of the science program at all grade levels. She noted that the informal motto of the Science Department is, "Encouraging Excellence," and explained how this is being accomplished. Ms. Yale reviewed the June 2005 Science Regents results, and explained how testing data is being used to improve future results. She discussed the New York State Education Department's science initiative, and provided an update of science events that will be taking place shortly in the District. At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Yale received a round of applause and Mr. Frost thanked her for the interesting and thorough presentation. Mr. Frost noted that Senator Carl Marcellino was instrumental in securing a grant for the Biotechnology project.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:** A resident questioned a resolution that had been removed from the final agenda.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS****2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – ADDITIONAL TEACHER AIDES REQUIREMENT**

**MOTION** BY Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2005-2006 school year budget appropriation in the amount of \$15,494 for two additional part-time teacher aides, without benefits. The attendant salaries for the subject positions will be funded through application of unreserved, undesignated fund balance management reserves.

Note: Additional teacher aides are necessitated as a result of IEP mandates.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**PERSONNEL**

**Child-Rearing Leave of Absence**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Kristen Brosnan, effective April 10, 2006 through the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Rescind Extracurricular Appointment**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education rescind the extracurricular appointment of Nicole Agovino as JFK Boys' Volleyball Coach for the 2005-2006 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Non-Instructional Resignations**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept/ratify the following irrevocable resignations with effective dates noted:

Douglas Arena	Custodian	January 18, 2006
Ann Benedetto	Substitute Typist Clerk	January 31, 2006
Yvonne Ferruzza	Part-Time Monitor	January 31, 2006
Joanna Xenakis	Part-Time Monitor	January 31, 2006

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Extracurricular Resignations**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept/ratify the following irrevocable resignations, with effective dates noted:

Michael Cestaro	BHS Audio-Visual Advisor	01/31/06
Michele Georgatos	Sophomore Class Advisor	12/23/05

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Abolish Position**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education abolish one Academic Coach position for the second half of the 2005-2006 semester effective February 1, 2006, due to low enrollment.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Terminate Position**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education terminate the services of Michael McDonough as Academic Coach effective February 1, 2006, due to the abolishment of that position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Create Positions**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education create three (3) Part-Time Teacher Aide positions effective February 1, 2006, not to exceed 19 ½ hours each, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Appointments**

Teacher Aides, Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Teacher Aides, Part-Time, effective February 1, 2006. Hourly salary will be \$18.46, based upon Step 1 of the 2005-2006 salary schedule, without benefits.

Yvonne Ferruzza

Patricia Schmier<sup>(1)</sup>

Joanna Xenakis

The appointment denoted with <sup>(1)</sup> 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. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by either the Commissioner of Education or the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, this appointment shall terminate.

Note: The above are new positions.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Part-Time Typist Clerk

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ann Benedetto as Part-Time Typist Clerk, effective February, 1, 2006. Salary will be \$11.90 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2005-2006 salary schedule, without benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Extracurricular

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular appointment of Robert Verdi as BHS Audio-Visual Advisor for the 2005-2006 school year, effective February 1, 2006, with stipend of \$4,337 to be prorated from date of commencement.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Approval/Ratification of Extracurricular/Cocurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following extracurricular appointments for the 2005-2006 school year, with effective dates and stipends noted:

Extracurricular:

Chrissy Bennet	JFK Boys' Volleyball Coach	01/16/06	\$3,806
Patrick Gorman	JV Boys' Asst. Lacrosse Coach	02/01/06	\$3,582

Cocurricular:

Jill Bennardo	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Steven Carroll	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Deborah Deasy	CBS Wordmasters Club	09/01/05	\$2,078
Maria DiFino	Saturday AIS Teacher	2005-06	\$63/hour
Liz Kruzynski	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Carol Leonardi	Academic Coach	02/01/06	\$2,250
Lorraine Marcis	CBS Math Club	09/01/05	\$2,078
Chris Pollatos	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Dennis Sciacca	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Susan Sciglibaglio	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Anita Vultaggio	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour
Lauren Witte	Regents Review Teacher	02/01/06	\$55/hour

Note: The above are not new positions.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Ratification of PSAT Proctor Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the appointments of the following PSAT Proctors who worked on October 15, 2005 at \$120 each per day:

Jay Benjamin

Daniel Fredericks

Christine Kennedy

Note: These are not new positions.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2005-2006 school year. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy.

Mallary Blask	Courtney Jones
Kristin Bremner	John Mattia
Ariana Donovan	Cecilia Stella
	Tracey Weingarten

The above appointments are emergency conditional appointments and are 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 (6-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kristin Bremner as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher, commencing February 1, 2006 through June 1, 2006. Salary is 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.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

School Monitor, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lucy Flatow as School Monitor, Part Time, effective February 1, 2006, at a rate of \$11.05 per hour, based upon Step 5 of the 2004-2005

Elementary Monitor Salary Schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Full-Time Probationary Instructional:

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary instructional appointment of Benjamin Whittemore in the academic tenure area of English, effective February 1, 2006 through January 31, 2009. Salary will be \$54,022, based on Step 1 of the MA 2005-2006 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement. Mr. Whittemore is initially certified to teach English in the State of New York. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner of Education, or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Tenure Recommendation**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation for tenure of Eric Kay in the special subject tenure area of Music, effective March 4, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Amendment to Resolution in Agenda of December 20, 2005 Regarding Appointment of Part-Time School Monitors**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the resolution from the December 20, 2005 Regular Meeting regarding the appointments of the following Part-Time School Monitors shall be deemed amended effective December 20, 2005 to indicate that these appointments are effective January 3, 2006:

Debra Guida  
Marguerite Pidoto  
MaryKay Tancredi

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS**

CPSE: December 20, 2005    January 10, 2006

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CSE:    December 19, 2005    December 12, 2005    December 12, 2005  
           December 20, 2005    January 5, 2006        January 10, 2006  
           January 13, 2006     January 17, 2006

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**MOTION**    by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, 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 (6-0).

**ESTIMATED 2005-2006 DISTRICT TUITION RATES**

**MOTION**    by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following estimated 2005-2006 school year tuition rates, based upon net costs per students, for non-resident children attending Bethpage Public Schools:

**Regular Education Students:**

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$ 7,439
Full Day K-6 Students	\$13,429
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$15,058

**Special Education Students:**

1. Receiving Services 60% or more of the school day:

Full Day K-6 Students	\$45,019
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$46,648
  
2. Receiving Services 20% or more of the school day:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$24,163
Full Day K-6 Students	\$30,153
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$31,782

The total estimated tuition is subject to the New York State Education Department calculations which could result in an increase in the cost of tuition.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**2005-2006 BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

**MOTION**    by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2005-2006 school year budget appropriation by \$27,557 to allow for the additional expenditure associated with

the Architectural effort to generate the District's Five-Year Building Condition Survey, as mandated by the New York State Education Department. The total cost of the mandatory survey is \$38,127. The Board further authorizes the use of unreserved, undesignated fund balance management reserves to fund this expense.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Tuition Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Levittown Union Free School District for the purpose of providing career and technical educational services to 38 Bethpage students during the 2004-2005 school year at Gerald R. Claps Career & Technical Center of the Levittown Union Free School District at a cost of \$8,205 per student charge per year, for a total of \$311,790. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Tuition Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Levittown Union Free School District for the purpose of providing career and technical educational services to 27 Bethpage students during the 2005-2006 school year at Gerald R. Claps Career & Technical Center of the Levittown Union Free School District at a cost of \$8,879 per student charge per year, for a total of \$239,733. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### **HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Syosset Central School District for nine Bethpage students attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy, located within the Syosset School District, at a sum of \$646.34 per pupil, for a total cost of \$5,817.06 for the 2005-2006 school year. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CONTRACT FOR MAILING SYSTEM**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Pitney Bowes and the Bethpage Union Free School District for a DM500 Auto Feed Digital IBIP Compliant Mailing System for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year at a cost of \$265 per month, based on current State contract pricing. Current equipment needs to be changed due to the new regulations of the US Postal Service, effective January 1, 2006. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CHANGE ORDER**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted project, for the purpose of adding modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager:

Change Order No. 2: Proposal to furnish all labor and material for new fume hood fan in Bethpage High School Science Lab 207.

Project: Exterior Renovations at Bethpage High School  
Contract for: HVAC  
Contractor: REEL Mechanical

**Total Increase: \$4,746.00**

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CHANGE ORDER**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted project, for the purpose of altering modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager:

Change Order No. 1: Credit for unused allowance.

Project: Interior Renovation to Bethpage High School  
Contract for: General Construction  
Contractor: E&A Contracting

**Total Decrease: (\$119,244.53)**

The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Change Order on the Board’s behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**DISTRICT COMPACT FOR LEARNING**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the District-Wide Plan for Site-Based Shared Decision Making (“Compact for Learning”) dated October, 2005. This will replace the original plan dated January 28, 1997.

Note: A copy of the plan is available in the Superintendent’s Office.

Motion carried (5-0-1).

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Spears)

**ESTABLISHMENT OF 2006-2007 BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education establish a Budget Advisory Committee, in accordance with Policy No. 2210, for the purpose of enlisting opinions and counsel of the general public regarding the 2006-2007 budget.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ASSUMPTION OF E AND A SUBCONTRACT**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that WHEREAS, E and A Construction, Inc. (“E and A”) was approved as the lowest responsible bidder to perform certain construction work with respect to the District’s pool; and

WHEREAS, E and A has not performed a portion of this work and in accordance with Section 5.4.1 of the Supplementary Conditions and a letter dated January 27, 2006 from E and A, has offered to assign its subcontract with Commercial Clearwater to the District; and

WHEREAS, Commercial Clearwater has submitted a proposal to the District in an amount lower than the subcontract amount (\$109,949.95) and consistent with the credit/change order received by the District from E and A; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it is in the best interest of the District for it to assume the subcontract, as modified by the proposal, in order for the work to be completed in a timely and efficient manner;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the District accepts the subcontract with Commercial Clearwater to complete the work assumed through the subcontract assignment as a prime contractor to the District pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the Contract between the District and E and A, including delivery of payment

and performance bonds consistent with the terms of the contract and State Finance Law requirements.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

***SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT***

Dr. Marsh reported that the playground equipment at Kramer Lane School has been repaired, and the stage curtains have been ordered. He also noted that tomorrow the family of Rachel Scott, who was a victim of the Columbine High School tragedy, will present “Rachel’s Challenge.” This program is designed to help students make positive choices and also realize that they should not feel isolated from their educational community. A program for parents has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tomorrow.

The Board, administrators, and teachers visited the auditoriums at both East Meadow and Clark High Schools which were recently renovated by John Grillo. Mr. Grillo, who is also the architect for Bethpage Schools, will be renovating the Bethpage High School Auditorium in the coming months.

Dr. Marsh was pleased to report that four high school students will be participating in the “Long Island Challenge” on News 12 on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

***PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS***

Mrs. Watson noted that the application for the Discovery Program is now available on their website.

On February 9, between 3:30-8:45 p.m., the PTA Council will be sponsoring a blood drive in the High School Cafeteria.

Mr. Frost stated that anyone interested in joining the Budget Advisory Committee should give his/her name to the District Clerk at the end of the meeting.

***OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD***

The Board entertained questions and comments from the audience.

***FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS***

Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.	Agenda Meeting	Administration Building
Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m.	Budget Meeting	HS Teachers’ Cafeteria
Tuesday, February 28, 8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	JFK Middle School

**BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Frost commented that the Board would now be entering Executive Session. However, it was possible that at some point in the evening they might exit Executive Session to vote on a contract. It was also possible that the Board would then move the meeting to the Administration Building Boardroom and re-enter Executive Session.

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of particular personnel and contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:30 p.m.

**BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board exit Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:56 p.m.

**AMENDMENT TO ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT WITH LUCCHESI ENGINEERING, P.C.**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve an Amendment and Release of Claims in the form, style and substance of the Amendment and Release dated January 31, 2006 to the Agreement dated July 20, 2000 between the District and Lucchesi Engineering, P.C., which amendment shall provide Lucchesi Engineering, P.C. with additional compensation in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) for work in connection with the District's Bond Project, and further authorizes the Board President to execute said Amendment on the Board's behalf after proper execution of the Amendment as stated above by Lucchesi Engineering, P.C.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

*After voting on the above resolution, the Board of Education left Kramer Lane School and continued the meeting in the Boardroom at the Administration Building.*

**BOARD RE-ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education re-enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters of particular personnel and other contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board re-entered Executive Session at approximately 10:30 p.m.

***BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 12:11 a.m.

***ADJOURNMENT***

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta  
District Clerk