

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2005 – 8:00 p.m. – JFK Middle School

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the John F. Kennedy Middle School Auditorium on October 25, 2005. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Mrs. Sandra 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.

Ms. Kerri McCarthy, JFK Principal; Mr. Ralph Tocco, JFK Assistant Principal.

Approximately 30 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Agenda Meeting held on September 20, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 27, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 3, 2005.

Motion carried (4-0-2).

Ayes	4
Noes	0
Abstentions	2 (Messrs. Orfan and Spears abstained because they were absent.)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 30, 2005.

Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: There was discussion concerning the co-curricular Academic Coach and AIS appointments.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marsh noted that this was School Boards Recognition Week, and thanked the Board for their tireless work. In addition, each school prepared a poster honoring the Board for their efforts. The PTA Council presented each Board member with a gift, and Mr. Frost thanked the PTA on behalf of the Board. He also expressed appreciation to the students for the beautiful artwork.

Residents were then invited to the Physical Fitness Room for a demonstration of the POLAR Heart Rate Program by Mr. John Franchi, Director of Physical Education and Athletics, and Ms. Mary Padalino, Physical Education teacher. Two students utilized the exercise equipment while Ms. Padalino recorded the data, which was shared with those present. At the end of this demonstration, the meeting reconvened in the Auditorium.

Dr. Marsh introduced Mr. Peter Rodriguez of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, the District’s external auditors. Mr. Rodriguez explained that an external auditor expresses an opinion on the District’s financial statements, and he reported no disagreements or significant adjustments that would affect the financial reporting process. He believes that the District has very good internal controls and segregation of duties. Mr. Rodriguez commented that the fixed assets inventory needs to be updated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept/ratify the following irrevocable resignations, effective as noted:

Theresa Palagonia	Per Diem Sub Teacher	September 28, 2005
Katherine Petronzi	Cheerleading Coach	October 12, 2005
Ann Margaret Rich	School Monitor	October 25, 2005
Joann Saya	School Monitor	October 25, 2005

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Create Positions

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify/approve the creation of ten (10) Academic Coach positions for the 2005-2006 school year, each at a stipend of \$4,500.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular/co-curricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2005-2006 school year.

Note: A copy of the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Activities Schedule is available in the Office of Human Resources.

Motion carried (4-2-0).

Ayes	4
Noes	2 (Messrs. Orfan and Tichy)
Abstentions	0

Senior Stenographer, Full Time, Ten Months

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the provisional appointment of Lynn Diamond as Senior Stenographer, Full Time, Ten Months, effective pending fingerprint clearance and subject to application review by Nassau County Civil Service. Salary will be \$31,559, based on Step 4 of the 2005-2006 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with benefits, for a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Typist Clerk, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joann Saya as Typist Clerk, Part Time, 17 ¼ hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$11.90, effective October 26, 2005, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers List

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Orfan, 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:

Lauren Belferder	Kelly Huldie	Sondra Schwartz
Stacey Dunsmore	James Lauritsen	Amy Steinhauser

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).

Lifeguards/Instructors

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education ratify the following appointments of Lifeguards/Instructors for the Open Swim, Learn to Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2005-2006 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates), effective October 1, 2005, at the hourly rates indicated:

Joseph Delio	\$9.27
Nicole LaRose	\$9.27
Laura Poggio	\$9.98
Ryan Stursberg	\$9.27
Chris Wilder	\$9.27

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Academic Coach

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Jessica Bielo as Academic Coach for the 2005-2006 school year, effective October 3, 2005, at a stipend of \$4,500. This appointment 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 (6-0).

PSAT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following PSAT workers at the per diem rates listed:

- (1) PSAT Proctors – Saturday - \$120:

Debra Firestein	Vincenzo Maio
Evelyn Grim	Larry Portuese
Kalliopi Koutsouras	Elizabeth Walsh
Wendy Way	

- (2) PSAT Scribe – Saturday – 50% extended time - \$146:

June Dvorak

- (3) PSAT Reader – Saturday – 100% extended time - \$167:
 Jacquelyn Geli Lois Gehrman
 Lou Ricci
- (4) PSAT Administrators - \$260 each:
 Carol Leonardi Pamela Puglisi
- (5) PSAT Hall Proctor/Substitute – Saturday - \$93 each:
 Jeanne Wing

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ann Margaret Rich as Teacher Aide, Part Time, effective October 26, 2005, at a rate of \$18.46 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2005-2006 salary schedule, without benefits. This 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 regarding this appointment, it shall immediately terminate.
Note: This is a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

RE-ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy: WHEREAS, in accordance with law, the Board of Education has reviewed the District’s Code of Conduct (Policy No. 7310), considered the effectiveness and fairness of the Code’s provisions and application, and provided staff members and community members with the opportunity to comment on the Code;
 BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education determines that the District’s Code of Conduct, Policy No. 7310 be re-adopted, without any changes.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: September 27, 2005

CSE: September 19, 2005

October 3, 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 (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the Instructional Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Jericho Union Free School District for the purpose of providing resource room services to one Bethpage child receiving Resource Room Services during the 2005-2006 school year at Long Island Lutheran School, located within the Jericho School District, at a rate of \$70 per hour. 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. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District for thirteen (13) children residing in the Bethpage School District and attending a non-public school in the Plainview Old Bethpage School District during the 2004-2005 school year. The cost is \$661 per child for a total cost of \$8,593.00. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

2005-2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the results of the bids received on October 11, 2005 for the Bethpage High School Handicapped Toilet Reconstruction and award the contracts to the lowest responsible bidders as follows:

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| <u>Contract #1 – General Construction</u>
Base Bid - \$59,000 | Irwin Contracting
252 Vets Highway
Commack, New York 11725 |
| <u>Contract #2 – Plumbing Reconstruction</u>
Base Bid - \$31,000 | Rocon Plumbing & Heating Corp.
16 First Street
Garden City Park, New York 11040 |
| <u>Contract #3 – Electrical Reconstruction</u>
Base Bid - \$8,730 | Telsan Electric, Inc.
17 Sagebrush Lane
Kings Park, New York 11754 |

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute the above contracts, as provided for and pursuant to the terms of the bid package, on its behalf.

Note: A copy of the bid summary is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY RECREATION GRANT

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve a Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant in the amount of \$3,750 to be applied toward costs incurred by the High School Student Civic Association Club during fiscal year 2005, and authorizes the Board President to sign the application on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

2005 BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education appoint John A. Grillo, Architect, P.C., to perform a District Wide Building Condition Survey of all District-owned buildings, in accordance with law and the State Education Department mandates, at a cost of .06 cents per square foot, and authorizes the Board President to execute a letter agreement in accordance with the terms of this appointment, on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

EXTENSION OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve a letter agreement with School Construction Consultants which shall amend the Construction Management Contract with School Construction Consultants to extend the Contract until December 31, 2005, at no cost to the District, with services to be provided on a part-time basis, and authorizes the Board President to execute the letter agreement on its behalf.

Note: The contract was originally due to expire October 31, 2005.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marsh was pleased to report that the District received a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) in the amount of \$1.08 million from Nassau County regarding the Calpine-3 co-generation plant. Officials who were instrumental in helping the District obtain this revenue recently visited Bethpage Schools, including: NYS Senator Marcellino, Nassau County Legislator Mangano, LIPA Chairman Kessel, Town of Oyster Bay Councilwoman McCaffery, and Nassau County

Board of Assessors Chairman Levinson. Dr. Marsh and Mr. Marchesiello have been invited to visit the new Calpine plant that just became operational.

Mrs. McCarthy noted that the recent evacuation drill held at JFK went very well. The students proceeded in an orderly fashion to the High School, and the Police and Fire Departments assisted with the operation. Dr. Marsh commended the Middle School on a great job.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions and comments from the residents.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Tuesday, November 22, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Administration Building
Tuesday, November 29, 2005 – 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Central Boulevard School

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk