

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
October 26, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Bethpage High School – Little Theatre

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the High School Little Theatre on October 26, 2004. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

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

Also Present: Bethpage UFSD: 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; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspán Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.
Approximately 25 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on September 21, 2004.

Motion carried (6-0-1).

Ayes	6
Noes	1
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Orfan)

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Orfan requested that the Treasurer's Report be completed in a timelier manner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

Since this was School Boards Recognition Week, Dr. Marsh read a proclamation from Governor Pataki and thanked the Board for their hard work, wisdom, and commitment. The audience acknowledged the Board with a round of applause.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignation for Retirement

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation for retirement of Anthony Gravelli, Head Custodian, effective December 31, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Resignations

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

Joanne Abbruzzese	Typist Clerk	10/26/04
Gary Bretton, Jr.	Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher	10/18/04
Nazik Ghazool	Substitute School Monitor	10/26/04
Kathleen Herzog	Typist Clerk	10/26/04
Suzanne Moore	Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher	10/04/04
Donna Zura	School Monitor	10/08/04

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Rescind Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education rescind the following appointments for the 2004-2005 school year, effective September 1, 2004:

Fran Arcuri	Earthbound Club
Elena Cardo	BHS Art Club Advisor
Ida D'Angelo	Grade 8 Cheerleading Coach
Maryclaire Dumas	JFK Drama Club Assistant
Patrick White	Golf & Advanced Tennis

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Abolish Position

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education abolish one (1) Full-Time, Ten-Month Clerk Typist position, with benefits, effective October 26, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education create one (1) Full-Time, Ten-Month Senior Clerk Typist position, with benefits, effective October 27, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Permanent Per Diem Sub Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify/approve the following Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher appointments, commencing as of the dates listed below through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher salary schedule:

Melissa Horn	October 4, 2004
Melanie Krause	October 7, 2004
Pamela Spataro	October 27, 2004

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

.2 Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Agnes Iaquina as .2 Permanent Per Diem Sub Teacher, commencing October 4, 2004 through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary schedule.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2004-2005 Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the updated list of extracurricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2004-2005 school year.

Note: A copy of the schedule is available in the Personnel Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

School Monitors, Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following School Monitors, Part Time, effective October 27, 2004. Salaries will be \$10.10 per hour, based on Step 1 of the Secondary School Monitor 2004-2005 salary schedule, without benefits.

Nazik Ghazool

Concetta Oliveri ⁽¹⁾

The above appointment denoted with ⁽¹⁾ 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, and approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner, the appointment shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Bethpage Senior Citizens Director

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Augusta Mirto as Bethpage Senior Citizens Director for the Adult Education Program, effective July 1, 2004, at a salary of \$1,482 per year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2004-2005 school year, without benefits:

Barbara Riess

Stacie Singer

Brenda Sorin

Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy. The above three appointments are emergency 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).

Senior Typist Clerks (Full Time - Ten Months)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Senior Typist Clerks (Full Time – Ten Months), effective October 27, 2004, at the annual salaries listed below, in accordance with the Senior Typist Clerk salary schedule, with benefits, for a maximum probationary period of eight weeks:

Joanne Abbruzzese	Step 8	\$34,458
Kathleen Herzog	Step 9	\$35,507

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aides, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Teacher Aides, Part Time, effective October 27, 2004. Salary will be \$17.83 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits:

Caroline Bitetti	Santa Kunar
Deborah Bradeen	Linda Lembo
Denise Perry	

The above five appointments are emergency conditional appointments and are 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 Civil Service Commission, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2004-2005 Continuing Education Instructor

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ann White as Continuing Education Instructor in the area of Golf, pending sufficient enrollment, for the 2004-2005 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THERAPY SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the contract with All About Kids for the purpose of providing Evaluations, Speech/Language/Swallowing Therapy, Special Education Occupational

Therapy, Physical Therapy, Resource Room Services, Counseling and Computer Training in accordance with student IEPs for the 2004-2005 school year. The Agency will bill the following rates for professional services rendered:

Evaluation	\$107.00
Consult, OT, PT, Resource Room, Counseling, Speech, Computer Training, Parent Training	\$ 40.00 per ½ hour
ABA Services Certified and Trained Special Education Teacher	\$ 75.00 per hour
ABA Supervisor-Certified and Trained Special Education Teacher	\$ 80.00 per hour
Teacher Assistant	\$ 25.00 per ½ hour

If therapists or teachers are requested for 20 hours per week or more for a specific service, the rate will be reduced 5%.

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc., for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of providing occupational therapists, speech pathologists, physical therapists, and/or special educators to preschool and school-age children as mandated by school personnel. The Agency will bill the following rate for professional services rendered by providers placed by the Agency:

<u>Monolingual</u>	<u>Bilingual</u>	
\$55.00	\$65.00	per 30-minute session
\$75.00	\$85.00	per 45-minute session
\$105.00	\$115.00	per 60-minute session

<u>Evaluations</u>	<u>Monolingual</u>	<u>Bilingual</u>
Psychological Evaluations	\$450.00	\$550.00
Social History Evaluations	\$350.00	\$450.00
Speech Evaluations	\$350.00	\$450.00
Educational Evaluations	\$350.00	\$450.00
Occupational Therapy Evaluations	\$350.00	\$450.00
Physical Therapy Evaluations	\$350.00	\$450.00
Attendance at CSE Meetings	\$55.00	\$65.00
Shadow in Classroom	\$35.00 per hour	\$45.00 per hour

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the contract with New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc., for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of providing occupational therapists, speech providers, physical therapists, special education teachers, ABA aides and certified social workers to school-age children as mandated by the students' IEPs. The Agency will bill the following rates for professional services rendered:

Evaluation/Tri-Annuals:	\$120.00
OT, PT, SP, SEIT, Resource Room	\$42.00 per 30-minute individual session
Group (2-5 students)	\$55.00 per 30-minute group session

ABA Services (home-based or school-based)

Aide	\$30.00 per 60-minute session
SEIT	\$75.00 per 60-minute session
SEIT (Supervisory & Program Dev.)	\$90.00 per 60-minute session

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services Contract with Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District for six students who attended Hebrew Academy of Nassau County and one student who attended Good Shepherd School during the 2003-2004 school year at a rate of \$556 per child, for a total of \$3,892. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education declare textbooks previously used by students who attended LaSalle Regional Academy, Bethpage Campus, as obsolete and of no use and no value to the school district, and authorizes that they may be removed from the district inventory.

Note: A list of the books is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment obsolete and of no value to the District:

- 22 Dell Computers
- 7 Compaq Computers
- 5 UCR Computers
- 6 Apple Macintosh Computers

Note: The list of computers and serial numbers is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DEFAULT OF JBARR CONSTRUCTION CORP. FOR THE EXTERIOR CONTRACT FOR JFK MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CENTRAL BOULEVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Spears: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education declare JBarr Construction Corp. to be in default pursuant to the terms of its contract for roof replacement (contract G4-1) for the exterior renovations to JFK Middle School and Central Boulevard Elementary School; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the District's legal counsel, Jspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP and the District's administration to take any and all action deemed appropriate or necessary to compel JBarr Construction Corp.'s Bonding Company, National Grange Mutual Insurance Co., to complete its obligations under the Performance Bond (No. S-421113.)

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

NEWSDAY SETTLEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that, in lieu of participating in a class action lawsuit that is pending against Newsday regarding its circulation figures, the Board of Education approve a settlement agreement which includes a release of claims on behalf of the District and will credit the District's account in the amount of \$77.00, equaling 9.76% of the District's total advertising spending during the period of January 1, 2002 to March 31, 2004, and provide the District with a credit equaling 9.76% of its total Newsday in-paper, net advertising spending during the period of April 1, 2004 to September 30, 2004; and further authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement on its behalf

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent thanked the community for their support of the sale of Borella Field. He also provided an update on the meetings concerning the 105 acres of Grumman property to be given to Nassau County by the US Navy. Dr. Marsh reported that the County is seeking community input in the planning process. It is important for the Bethpage community to be proactive because most of this land is within the school district boundaries. He urged parents to spread the word and make their concerns known at the next meeting scheduled for November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Last evening Dr. Marsh attended the Newsday Marching Band Festival and noted the excellent performances of both the Bethpage High School Marching Band and the Kickline.

Dr. Marsh also reported that the Cross Country Team won their division for the first time since 1979.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Frost noted that three Board members and Dr. Marsh attended the New York State School Boards Conference last week. Messrs. Kelly, Dauman, and Tichy gave a brief report on the workshops they had attended during the conference.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

Residents' comments consisted of the following:

- Concern with splitting of the fourth grade classes at Kramer Lane School, due to increased enrollment.
- Whether the daily substitute teacher pay rate was too low.
- Lowering the class size limit in grade 4.
- For safety reasons during the arrival and dismissal of students, the Kramer Lane parking lot entrance/exit needs to be altered.
- Band rehearsals should be done before/after school.
- It should be mandatory for teachers to read their e-mail and for parents to have access to it.
- The status of the roof leaks in some buildings.
- The possibility of inclusion in second grade.
- AIS should be done during the school day.
- The impact of the sale of Borella Field on full-day kindergarten.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:

Mr. Frost noted the following:

- November 23, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Boardroom.
- November 30, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – regular Meeting – Central Boulevard School.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel and a student matter.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta