

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

November 30, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Central Boulevard School – All-Purpose Room

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the All-Purpose Room at Central Boulevard School on November 30, 2004. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. After recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Frost requested a moment of silence in memory of one Bethpage High School student and one graduate who passed away two weeks ago in an automobile accident.

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

Absent: Mr. Louis Orfan.

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; Mr. Steven Furrey, Central Boulevard School Principal; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 20 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special School District Meeting held on October 5, 2004.

Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on October 19, 2004.

All aye. 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 October 26, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending September 30, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

STUDENT PROGRAM

Mr. Furrey introduced five fifth grade students and their teachers (Mrs. Barbara Cataldi – fifth grade), Mr. Jack Fleming (fifth grade inclusion), and Ms. Ann Tracy (Librarian), whose PowerPoint presentation was showcased this evening. Working collaboratively, students took notes and did research while incorporating technology. The result was a program based on cultural awareness/holidays in three countries: Christmas in Greece, Hanukkah in Israel, and Dewali, in India. Dr. Marsh and the Board thanked the students and teachers for the enjoyable program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

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

Deborah Bradeen	Part-Time Teacher Aide	11/01/04
MaryEllen Laterza	Part-Time Monitor	11/09/04
Emily Monahan	Typist Clerk	11/30/04
Nancy Pennica	Part-Time Monitor	11/01/04

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Emily Monahan as Senior Stenographer, Full Time, 12 Months, effective December 1, 2004, at an annual salary of \$45,211, based upon Step 8 of the Senior Stenographer Salary Schedule, with benefits, for a maximum probationary period of eight weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Juan Torres as Cleaner (Full Time), effective December 1, 2004, at an annual salary of \$35,392, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 Cleaner Salary Schedule, plus a 7% stipend per CSEA contract, with benefits, for a maximum probationary period of eight weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lisa Schrank as Registered Professional Nurse (Part Time, Substitute) at a per diem rate of \$113.85, based upon the 2004-2005 Substitute Nurse Salary Schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments as Cleaners, Part-Time Substitutes, at a rate of \$13.46 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 Substitute Cleaner Salary Schedule, without benefits:

Michael Laurence ⁽¹⁾

Michael Sawyer

The appointment denoted with ⁽¹⁾ is a 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, the appointment shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2004-2005 school year, effective December 1, 2004, without benefits.

Jeanne Cano

Theresa Schuessler ⁽¹⁾

The appointment denoted with ⁽¹⁾ is a 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, the appointment shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Hochenberger as Lifeguard/Instructor for the Open Swim, Learn-to-Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2004-2005 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates), at \$9.27 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve a stipend of \$300 for Henry Mazurek, Senior Maintainer, for additional duties as 19A Bus Driver Trainer. This stipend shall be in effect for the 2004-2005 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

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

Debra Firestein	Stacey Singer
Arlene Lichtenstein	Steven Suprenant
Vincenzo Maio	John Titolo
Daniel Malossi	Wendy Way
Suzanne Rankin	Lori Wood

(2) PSAT Scribes – Saturdays – 4 hours - \$146:

James Benjamin	Amanda Dionian
Maria Rowland	

(3) PSAT Readers – Saturdays – beyond 4 hours - \$167:

Lois Gehrman	Melissa Mackenzie
Christine Hiscock	Jeanne Wing

(4) PSAT Administrators - \$260 each:

Carol Leonardi	Pamela Puglisi
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(5) PSAT Hall Proctor/Substitute – Saturdays - \$93 each:

Christine Chiarappa

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Denise Caliguri	KL Math Club Advisor	\$1,003.50
Mary Anne Gaffney	KL Math Club Advisor	\$1,003.50
Mary Anne Gaffney	KL Wordmasters Club Advisor	\$2,007.00
Don Wearty	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach	Volunteer

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Barbara Reiss as Permanent Substitute Teacher, commencing December 1, 2004 through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

REVISION TO AGENDA OF JUNE 29, 2004 APPOINTING REGULAR SUBSTITUTE (LEAVE REPLACEMENT) – CHANGE TO PROBATIONARY INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the full-time probationary appointment of Kristen Pietrantonio in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006. Salary is \$46,636, based on Step 2 of the BA 2004-2005 Salary Schedule. Ms. Pietrantonio is provisionally certified to teach Elementary Education in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY NO. 7130 – HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of new Policy No. 7130 entitled, "Homeless Children and Youths," and approves the first reading of this new policy.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICY NO. 7513 – ADMINISTERING MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of revised Policy No. 7513 entitled, "Administering Medication to Students," and approves the first reading of this revised policy.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

2004-2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – EIKI PROJECTOR

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept insurance proceeds in the amount of \$1,686 from the District’s insurance carrier resulting from a claim submitted regarding a stolen piece of audio-visual equipment, 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 (\$1,686) for the purpose of replacing the stolen piece of audio-visual equipment.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: September 28, 2004 October 19, 2004 November 19, 2004

CSE: August 9, 2004	August 17, 2004	
September 10, 2004	September 28, 2004	
October 12, 2004	October 19, 2004	October 26, 2004
November 9, 2004	November 16, 2004	

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, 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).

COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION TO CHALLENGE THE GOYA FOODS REVISED PILOT FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL TAX LEVY

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District authorize all necessary and appropriate action to commence and pursue litigation against all appropriate parties for purposes of contesting the Goya Foods Revised Payment In Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) for the 2003-2004 School Tax Levy, which grants Goya Foods credit for the overpayment of taxes and interest in the approximate amount of \$454,628.20, to be applied to the 2004-2005 School District PILOT billing.

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 adding modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager:

Change Order No. 2: Remove 2,000 cubic yards of unclassified unsuitable material at Central Boulevard parking lot and replace with suitable clean fill.

Contract for: Site Work

Contractor: THC Realty Development, LP

Project #: 28-05-21-03-0-003-013

Total Increase: \$106,500.00

The Board of Education further authorizes the Board President to execute the Change Order on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Touching on the recent tragic accident that took the lives of two young people, Dr. Marsh noted that there are still lessons to be learned while supporting each other.

Dr. Marsh reported that both he and Mr. Frost attended the Borella Field closing this morning. The Buildings & Grounds Capital Improvements Committee is being formed to help determine priorities for building projects and will meet after the first of the year.

Last evening the Nassau County Department of Planning held another meeting concerning 105 acres located on the former Grumman property that are being transferred to the County in the near future. This meeting was a repeat of their November 9th presentation. Dr. Marsh stated there was good attendance by residents, and urged them to continue making their voices heard regarding the development of this property.

Dr. Marsh gave a brief update on the building project.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

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

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:

December 14, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Boardroom.

December 21, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Kramer Lane School.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk