

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

**December 21, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – Kramer Lane School – All-Purpose Room**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the All-Purpose Room at Kramer Lane School on December 21, 2004. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:31 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:* 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; Dr. Frank Cicione, Kramer Lane School Principal; and Carol Hoffman, Esq. of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 75 citizens were present.

The meeting began with a brief tribute to Mr. Anthony Gravelli, Head Custodian, who was retiring after 27 years of service. Dr. Cicione described how Mr. Gravelli emigrated from Italy and eventually began working at Kramer Lane. Under the direction of Mrs. Deborah Stehlik, the fifth grade classes of Mrs. Hannah Dunn and Mr. Vincent Perez performed two songs. The first song, "We Appreciate You," honored Mr. Gravelli. The PTA then presented Mr. Gravelli with a trophy, and Ms. Sarube offered him letters written by her third grade class. Following these tributes, Mr. Frost presented him with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Education. Dr. Marsh followed this by complimenting Mr. Gravelli on his excellent work ethic during his employment with Bethpage Schools.

At 8:10 p.m., the meeting continued with the business portion of the meeting.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on November 23, 2004.

Motion carried (7-0).

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 30, 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 November 30, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**

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

Nina Gallo	School Monitor	11/24/04
Linda Moore	Cleaner	01/12/05

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**Rescind Appointment**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Lillian Gonzalez as School Monitor, effective November 24, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**Appointments**

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joanne Day as Per Diem Substitute Teacher for the 2004-2005 school year, effective December 22, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2004-2005 Extracurricular Appointments

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

Ronald Abatelli	BHS Boys' Intramurals Advisor	\$2,450.00
Melissa Cavaco	BHS AIS Math (Tues. or Thurs.)	\$45.02/hr weekdays <sup>(1)</sup>
Deborah Deasy	CBS Wordmasters Club Advisor	\$2,007.00
Michael Fenster	BHS Boys' Intramurals Advisor	\$1,225.00
Renee Gannon	BHS Girls' Intramurals Advisor	\$2,450.00
Jeffrey Hack	BHS Boys' Intramurals Advisor	\$1,225.00
Lorraine Marcis	CBS Math Club Advisor	\$2,007.00
Jill Noreman	BHS AIS Math (Tues. or Thurs.)	\$45.02/hr weekdays <sup>(1)</sup>
Maria Rowland	BHS AIS English (Tuesdays)	\$45.02/hr weekdays <sup>(1)</sup>
AnneMarie Sestak	BHS AIS English (Thursdays)	\$45.02/hr weekdays <sup>(1)</sup>
Lauren Witte	Elementary Science (Saturdays)	\$56.28/hr Saturdays <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Effective December 22, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

School Monitors, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following School Monitors, Part Time, effective January 3, 2005, not to exceed 17¼ hours per week. Salaries will be \$9.74 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the Elementary School Monitor 2004-2005 salary schedule, without benefits:

Yvonne Ferruzza  
Joan Meloni

These are emergency conditional appointments and each 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 Nassau County Civil Service Commission regarding one or more of the appointments, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**Correction to Probationary Instructional Term Recited in Agenda of 11/30/04**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the full-time probationary appointment of Kristen Pietrantonio in the Elementary tenure area shall be effective January 1, 2004 through January 4, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS**

CPSE: November 23, 2004 December 7, 2004

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CSE: November 30, 2004 December 1, 2004

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

**HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services contract with the Hicksville Union Free School District for 101 students who attended non-public schools located in the Hicksville School District in the 2003-2004 school year. The cost is \$406.44 per student for a total cost of \$41,050.44. The Board further authorizes the President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT**

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services contract with the Half Hollow Hills Union Free School District for one student who attended Upper Room School, located in the Half Hollow Hills School District, at a cost of \$447.36 per student for the 2003-2004 school year. The Board further authorizes the President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**OBSOLETE VEHICLES**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education declare the following District Vehicles obsolete and of no use or value to the School District:

1. 1986 Ford Van ID# 1FDJE34H1GHB04592 Mileage: 151,633
2. 1989 Plymouth Reliant ID# 1P3BK46D9KC438036 Mileage: 164,462

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW ADJUSTMENTS**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education accept the recent change in the State Law affecting the following resolution:

**Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption:** Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the Laws passed in 2003, amending Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Less than \$24,000	50%
At least \$24,000 but less than \$25,000	45%
At least \$25,000 but less than \$26,000	40%
At least \$26,000 but less than \$27,000	35%
At least \$27,000 but less than \$27,900	30%
At least \$27,900 but less than \$28,800	25%
At least \$28,800 but less than \$29,700	20%
At least \$29,700 but less than \$30,600	15%
At least \$30,600 but less than \$31,500	10%
At least \$31,500 but less than \$32,400	5%

The exemption will take effect for assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2004, and will apply to the 2005-2006 school tax bills. The filing period for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption is September 1st through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education accept the recent change in the State Law affecting the following resolution:

**Senior Citizen Exemption:** Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the New York Real Property Tax Laws passed in 2003, amending Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Less than \$24,000	50%
At least \$24,000 but less than \$25,000	45%
At least \$25,000 but less than \$26,000	40%
At least \$26,000 but less than \$27,000	35%
At least \$27,000 but less than \$27,900	30%
At least \$27,900 but less than \$28,800	25%
At least \$28,800 but less than \$29,700	20%
At least \$29,700 but less than \$30,600	15%
At least \$30,600 but less than \$31,500	10%
At least \$31,500 but less than \$32,400	5%

The exemption will affect the assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2004 and will apply to the 2005-2006 School and the 2006 Municipal tax levies. The property tax exemption filing period for Senior Citizen Exemptions is September 1<sup>st</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

#### **DONATION OF EQUIPMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the donation of a garage door, including installation, at JFK Middle School at an approximate value of \$1,150.00. This donation is being made by the Bethpage Police Athletic League in gratitude for their use of the facility.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following High School Library books obsolete and of no use and no value to the School District, and authorizes that they may be removed from the District inventory:

<u># Copies</u>	<u>Title of Book</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>
1 each	“New York Times Almanac 2000	0-14-051457-0)
1 each	“State of the World 1986”	393-30255-5
1 each	“State of the World 1988”	393-30440-X
1 each	“State of the World 1989”	393-30567-8
1 each	“State of the World 1990”	393-30614-3
1 each	“State of the World 1992”	393-30834-0
1 each	“State of the World 1993”	393-30963-0
1 each	“State of the World 1994”	393-31182-1

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY**

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

Briefcase Microfilm Reader	XANF0021993
Briefcase Microfilm Reader	XANF0021994
Microforms Reader Model 1212	XANF0021989
Knowledge Master Reader	XANF0021991

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**CHANGE ORDERS**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted projects, 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: Kramer Lane Elementary School  
 Contractor: Eva Construction  
 Contract for: Site Improvements  
 Project No.: 28-05-21-03-0-004-010

**Credit for Unused Allowance (Decrease): -\$30,000.00**

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 (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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. 1: Central Boulevard Elementary School  
Contractor: Dominion Construction  
Contract for: HVAC  
Project No.: 28-05-21-03-0-003-012

Change fan belts, lubricate pulleys and repair covers at all rooftop fan locations at Central Boulevard School (21 locations).

**Total Increase:       \$2,625.00**

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 (7-0).

***OLD BUSINESS:*** None.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

Dr. Marsh reviewed the status of 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:***

Tuesday, January 18, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Administration Building.

Tuesday, January 25, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Charles Campagne School.

***BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

***BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

***ADJOURNMENT***

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

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta  
District Clerk