

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2005 – 7:30 p.m. – JFK Middle School - Auditorium

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the JFK Middle School Auditorium on February 15, 2005. Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Mr. Tom Frost

Also Present: 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. Jerome Giaimo, JFK Interim Principal; Mrs. Kerri McCarthy, Assistant Principal; Ms. Jody Smith, Director of Social Studies and Libraries; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspán Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 35 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Agenda Meeting held on January 18, 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 January 25, 2005.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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 January 31, 2005.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

STUDENT PROGRAM

Ms. Michelle Cooper, Vocal Music teacher, led the 25 members of the Eagle's Voice Select Chorus in a song, This was followed by a special number performed acapella style by a few students in the Select Chorus. The Board and public showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education set Wednesday, April 20, 2005 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2005-2006 School Budget.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 17, 2005, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education set the dates for the Board of Registration to meet, for the purpose of registering voters, for:

Saturday, May 7, 2005	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg. - Boardroom
Wednesday, May 11, 2005	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	High School Lobby

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to publish the notice of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election, and make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election of Trustees.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education ratify the irrevocable resignation of Josephine Dovas, School Monitor, effective January 21, 2005.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Rescind Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the following appointments, effective as noted:

Stacy Murphy	2004-05 Girls' JV Lacrosse Coach	03/02/05
Mary Veritzan	School Monitor	02/16/05

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

Extracurricular Appointments:

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

Pamela Boodram	Girls JV Lacrosse Coach	\$4,158
Eric Kay	BHS Drama Club Band Advisor	\$1,485

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Catherine McKenna as Per Diem Substitute Teacher for the 2004-2005 school year, effective pending fingerprint clearance.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Child-Rearing Leave Of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Julie Hahn for the 2005-2006 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: January 25, 2005

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CSE: January 18, 2005 February 1, 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).

THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Rothman Therapeutic Services for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of providing Speech Language Pathology, Physical Therapy, School Psychology, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Special Education, Social Work and ABA Consultation. The Bethpage School District will pay Rothman Therapeutic Services \$190/monolingual evaluation for Speech and Audiological evaluations and \$250 for Bilingual Evaluations. Psychological Evaluations will cost \$285 for Monolingual Evaluations and \$370 for Bilingual Evaluations. All other services will cost \$40 per half-hour session, \$60 per 45-minute session and \$80 per 60-minute session; 30-minute group sessions will cost \$35 per child and 45-minute group sessions will cost \$52.50 per child. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OBSOLETE VEHICLE

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following District vehicle obsolete and of no use or value to the School District, due to an engine fire, and authorizes that it be removed from District inventory:

1990 Ford Pick-Up ID# 1FTCR11T2LUB33356

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

2004-2005 BUDGET APPROPRIATION – DISTRICT VEHICLE

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2004-2005 school year budget appropriation in the amount of \$20,928 to purchase a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado Pick-Up, equipped with plow assembly, in replacement of a district vehicle which was destroyed in fire. This is an emergency purchase, due to the health and safety of our students and staff. The District initiated an insurance claim, and received a refund of \$1,850. The proceeds of the claim (\$1,850), along with fund balance management reserves, will be used to purchase said vehicle.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DISTRICT TUITION RATE

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following 2004-2005 school year tuition rates, based upon net costs per student, as calculated in accordance with New York State Law and Regulations, for non-resident children attending Bethpage Public Schools:

1. Regular Education Students:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$ 7,172.00
Full Day K-6 Students	12,854.00
Full Day 7-12 Students	14,489.00

2. Special Education Students:

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

Full Day K-6 Students	\$43,161.00
Full Day 7-12 Students	44,796.00

b. Receiving Services 20% or more of the school day:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$23,217.00
Full Day K-6 Students	28,899.00
Full Day 7-12 Students	30,534.00

These rates are the preliminary projected rates until such time that the State of New York sets the actual rate.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education Laura DeDomenico be appointed as a Parent Member to the Committee on Special Education and the Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2004-2005 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA - APPOINTMENTS

Typist Clerk, Full Time, Ten Months

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alicia Cosentino as Typist Clerk, Full Time, Ten Months, effective February 16, 2005. Annual salary will be \$23,720, based on Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, with benefits, for a probationary period of 26 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Head Custodian I

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Patrick Keeney as Head Custodian I, effective February 16, 2005. Annual salary will be \$44,236, based on Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, with benefits, for a probationary period of 26 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the temporary per diem appointment of Lois Baisley as LOTE teacher, effective February 15, 2005, at a rate of \$210 per day, without benefits. There is no probationary period or tenure credit or status associated therewith.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Marsh introduced Ms. Jody Smith, Director of Social Studies and Libraries. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Smith gave an overview of the K-12 program. She explained how the District is striving to maximize students’ performance and potential and get everyone on the mastery level. She also reviewed elementary assessments. Afterward, Ms. Smith answered questions from the audience.

The Superintendent reported that there was a modest turnout for the first District Budget Advisory Committee meeting, and urged residents to get involve in this important process and attend the next meeting, scheduled for February 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Teachers’ Cafeteria at Bethpage High School.

The first meeting of the Parent Academy will be on March 12th at Bethpage High School between the hours of 9:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. This meeting is geared toward elementary parents and includes a comprehensive overview of all of the new requirements of the “No Child Left Behind” legislation. The District Directors will be available to answer any questions. In addition, Mr. DeTommaso has offered to take parents on a tour of the building following the workshops.

It was noted by Dr. Marsh that Katelynn Dunn of the JV Basketball team scored her 1,000th point. *Newsday* wrote a nice article about this triumphant moment.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions from the audience.

Dr. Marsh thanked Mr. Giaimo and Mrs. McCarthy for hosting tonight’s Board meeting.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Administration Building Boardroom.

Tuesday, March 29, 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting – BHS Little Theatre

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board enter into Executive Session for a matter of contracts and employment of a corporation.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Board entered executive session at 8:40 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk