

**MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING**  
FEBRUARY 3, 2004  
(*RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 27, 2004*)

This monthly Business Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was held in the Kramer Lane School All-Purpose Room on February 3, 2004. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m., and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Present:* Messrs. Frost, Kelly, Dauman, Spears, Tichy, and Mrs. Watson.

Mr. Orfan arrived at 7:38 p.m.

*Also Present:* Mr. Hilburgh, Mr. Marchesiello, Ms. Lavelle, Ms. Granelli, and approximately 40 community citizens.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 9, 2003.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**MOTION:** by Sandra Watson, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Business Meeting held on December 16, 2003.

Motion carried (5-0-1)

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Kelly)

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

**MOTION:** by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending November 30, 2003.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:***

Mr. Dauman publicly thanked Assistant Superintendent for Business Joe Marchesiello for the building project status report that was handed out at the last meeting. The format of the report made it easy to understand, indicating the costs incurred thus far, broken down by school.

***OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:***

None.

***STUDENT PROGRAM AND PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:***

Dr. Cicione introduced Mr. Eric Kay, instrumental music teacher. Under his direction, the Kramer Lane Percussion Ensemble performed "Kaleidoscope." This ensemble was composed of six fifth grade students who have been studying drums for two years.

A component of the Kramer Lane Chorus was the next highlight. Under the musical direction of Mrs. Deborah Stehlik, vocal music teacher, Ms. Nelson's third grade class performed four songs that were taken from the new Silver-Burdett music series.

Afterward, Dr. Cicione presented a report of events that recently took place at Kramer Lane School. Following are some of the highlights: A fifth grade trip to Commerce Plaza, where the students had a chance to participate in various jobs; the fifth graders participated in Athletes Helping Athletes; the KL Orchestra, Band, Recorder Club, and Chorus performed in the school's Winter Concert, under the direction of Mr. Kay and Deborah Stehlik; students wrote cards and letters to veterans at the local Veterans Hospital; PTA Reflections Contest; some students participated in the All-County Concert. In addition, a character education program for all grades entitled, "Stand up for Good Character," is in progress and will continue until the end of the school year.

The public comments portion of the meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:***

**Personnel**

**RESIGNATIONS**

MOTION: by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the following irrevocable resignations:

Robert Celeste	Permanent Per Diem Sub Teacher	12/22/03
Diana Fippinger	Permanent Per Diem Sub Teacher	01/23/04
Ronda Lamprecht	Elementary School Monitor	01/23/04
Nancy Simpson	Varsity Track Coach	01/07/04

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**RESCIND APPOINTMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Agnes Iaquinta as .6 part-time Math teacher at a prorated salary of \$59,954, effective September 1, 2003. This appointment was originally approved at the July 8, 2003 Business Meeting for the 2003-2004 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**APPOINTMENTS**

**PART-TIME INSTRUCTIONAL**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Agnes Iaquinta as .6 part-time Math teacher for the 2003-2004 school year at a salary of \$59,594, effective September 1, 2003, to be prorated based on assignment, with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**PERMANENT PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Permanent Per Diem Substitute teachers, with effective dates noted, continuing through June 11, 2004 (unless otherwise noted). Salary is in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher salary schedule, without benefits.

Nicole Fiore	January 7, 2004
Salvatore Raucci	January 5, 2004
Brian Ross	January 12, 2004

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**REGULAR SUBSTITUTES (LEAVE REPLACEMENTS)**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the following appointments of full-time Regular Substitutes (Leave Replacements), to be prorated from date of commencement:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Amanda Dionian	Special Ed.	MA 1 @ \$50,675 (prorated)	01/05/04
Diana Fippinger	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	BA 1 @ \$43,342 (prorated)	01/26/04
Kristen Pietrantoni	Elementary	BA 1 @ \$43,342 (prorated)	01/05/04

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS LIST**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the Per Diem Substitute Teachers List, as submitted, for the 2003-2004 school year. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy. The appointments denoted with (\*\*) 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.  
Note: A copy of the sub list is available in the Personnel Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**EXTRACURRICULAR**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular appointments for the 2003-2004 school year:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Robert Fasano	Varsity Ice Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Michael Marino	Varsity Ice Hockey Coach	Volunteer
Geraldine O'Sullivan	JFK Mathletes	\$1,949

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**SECONDARY SCHOOL MONITOR**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Ronda Lamprecht as Secondary School Monitor, effective January 26, 2004, at an hourly salary of \$10.70, without benefits, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week. Salary is based upon Step 4 of the 2002-2003 Secondary School Monitor salary schedule.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Kim Negin, effective January 23, 2004, for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year and the entire 2004-2005 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS**

CPSE: December 9, 2003      January 7, 2004

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CSE: December 8, 2003      December 16, 2003  
January 5, 2004      January 13, 2004

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MOTION      by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy: BE IT RESOLVED 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).

**SOFTWARE AGREEMENT**

MOTION      by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the software agreement between Fleet National Bank and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the right to use, without charge, Fleet Image Viewer Software and related documentation software for evaluation purposes only. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

Motion carried (6-0-1)

Ayes	6
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Orfan)

**THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT**

MOTION      by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the contract with New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. for the 2003-2004 school year for the purpose of providing occupational therapists, speech providers, physical therapists, special education teachers, ABA aides, and certified social workers. The Agency will bill the following rate for professional services rendered by providers placed by the Agency:

Evaluation/Tri-annuals:	\$120.00
OT, PT, SP, SEIT, Resource Room	\$ 45.00 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.

Motion carried (6-0-1)

Ayes	6
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Orfan)

### CHANGE ORDER

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, 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, in accordance with the contract:

Project: Exterior Renovations to JFK Middle School and Central Boulevard Elementary School – Windows and Doors

Contractor: Arrow Steel Window Corp.

Project: 28-05-21-03-0-002-016

Change Order No. 1

Change hardware for doors, needed for removable mullions at door numbers 22, 22a, 22b, and 22c. Hardware specified would not work properly with specified closers and door strikes.

**Total Increase: \$2,246.69**

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

Motion carried (7-0).

### AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION BID

Transportation bids for the 2003-2004 school year were received by the Southeast Nassau Cooperative at Seaford School District on August 1, 2003. Six bids were mailed out and six were received.

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, as follows, and authorizes the Board President to execute the contracts, as provided for and pursuant to the terms in the bid package, on its behalf:

<u>School</u>	<u>Bus Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
North Country Learning Center	EBT	
Per Pupil Per Month		\$1,895.00
Attendant Per Month		\$1,350.00

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

Motion carried (6-0-1)

Ayes 6  
Noes 0  
Abstentions 1 (Mr. Orfan)

**AWARD OF BID FOR INSTALLATION OF WINDOWS AT BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education award the bid for installation of windows at Bethpage High School to Architectural Windows Manufacturing Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, at:

Base Bid:	\$1,951,000
Alternate #1 – Window Screens	\$ 26,900
Alternate #2 – Aluminum Panels	<u>\$ 1,900</u>
Total Award Amount:	\$1,979,800

The Board authorizes the Board President to execute the contract, as provided for and pursuant to the terms in the bid package, on its behalf.

The bid opening was held on January 15, 2004. A copy of the bid summary is available in the Business Office.

Motion carried (6-0-1)

Ayes: 6  
Noes: 0  
Abstentions 1 – Mr. Orfan

Mr. Spears requested that the Board see what the bid range was, even though it was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Orfan felt this was especially important, since there were alternates. He requested it be noted that, henceforth, in any situation when this occurs, if the Board is interested in a 7-0 vote, he will not vote if the alternates have not been filed. Mr. Hilburgh stated that the Administration will be glad to provide this information for future bids.

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

**Personnel**

**SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL**

**IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District hereby ratifies the appointment, effective October 31, 2003, of Nancy Lederman, Esq., from the New York State Education Department's list of approved hearing officers, to serve as the impartial hearing officer in the matter of a demand for an impartial hearing for a classified District youngster, as set forth in confidential attachment "A," which demand was received in the form of a letter from the parent on or about October 28, 2003.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER**

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman: BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethpage Union Free School District hereby appoints Bob Mackreth, Esq., from the New York State Education Department's list of approved hearing officers to serve as the impartial hearing officer in the matter of a demand for an impartial hearing for a classified District youngster, as set forth in confidential attachment "B," which demand was received in the form of a letter from the attorney representing the parent on or about January 22, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**BOARD DESIGNEES TO APPOINT IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICERS**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education designate Thomas Frost and Michael Kelly as trustees who each have the individual authority to appoint an impartial hearing officer, who has been identified in accordance with the mandated State hearing officer selection procedures, on behalf of the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

***OLD BUSINESS:***

None.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:***

Mr. Hilburgh thanked the PTA for their hospitality; he also thanked Dr. Cicione and offered a special thank you to the students for their excellent performances.

The Superintendent stated that Thursday at 7:00 p.m. begins the budget process, which consists of the Board meeting in public with volunteers who serve to review the entire budget. The meeting was scheduled to be held in the high school teachers' lounge; however, since our first Cabaret Night will be held across the hall, it was decided to move the meeting to the boardroom in the Administration Building. The Budget Committee will follow the same process as last year. Mr. Kelly will be chairman for the Board. At 7:00 p.m., they will make a presentation concerning the budget. From 8:30-10:00 p.m., the community has a chance to stay with Mr. Kelly and our business official for any questions. The second meeting will be held the last Thursday in February.

Mr. Hilburgh said that copies of the budget will be available to the committee on Thursday. He noted that the process ends with the Board of Education voting on April 27, and that they would appreciate everybody's input.

***PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:***

Mr. Frost reported that on Tuesday, February 10, the gymnastics team is hosting the county championships. He requested that the Board consider re-scheduling the February 10<sup>th</sup> Agenda Meeting to Thursday, February 12. For the past six years, Bethpage has won the gymnastics championship, and this is the first time we will be the host. Mr. Tichy stated that he will be out of town on February 10 until the end of the week, but he had no problem with the date being changed.

***OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:***

Discussion ensued about the Budget Committee, and the Board said they were seeking volunteers. Mr. Hilburgh told the audience there will be a total of four meetings of the Budget Committee.

Some of the people who volunteered reported that they had not been notified of the first meeting. One of the residents questioned when the Pine Avenue fields will be ready for the children to utilize them. Mr. Marchesiello stated we were waiting for a break in the weather.

A community member stated that the bond construction looks good, as he has been to many of the schools where his daughter was attending different functions.

Further discussion regarding Borella took place.

Discussion shifted to whether children are permitted to sit three to a seat on a school bus. Mr. Hilburgh explained that there are times when there are three to a seat, and that it is not unusual. He suggested that she speak with Mr. Marchesiello.

Another resident questioned whether the sale of Borella will have an effect on the budget. Mr. Hilburgh replied that some of the proceeds could be used to reduce the tax burden. The Superintendent emphasized that Borella Field will not be discussed during the budget meetings. These meetings are strictly about the expenditure side of the budget.

The question of whether some of the money could be used toward full-day kindergarten was raised, and Mr. Hilburgh stated that the Board has been talking about it. If it comes to pass, there will be a vote, asking whether part of the proceeds should be used for full-day kindergarten.

Mr. Frost added that, once we get the final contract from the Town, the Board will then sit and vote whether to accept the contract. They will then decide how to word the proposal to the public. They may look for feedback at that time. Mr. Hilburgh invited residents to the agenda meetings. Although there is no feedback at those meetings, residents can listen, look at the agenda, and see what is being discussed.

Some residents expressed positive thoughts about full-day kindergarten.

Kudos were offered to the Board and those involved with the fencing and other site improvements at Kramer Lane.

A resident suggested that, if we will be naming the Pine Avenue fields, he would like to name them after Brian Hickey and Peter Siracuse, two residents who grew up in Bethpage and lost their lives on 9/11.

***FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:***

The public was invited to the Agenda Meeting of February 12<sup>th</sup> in the board room, and also the next Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at JFK Middle School.

**Board Entered Executive Session**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss student personnel and contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

**Board Exited Executive Session**

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

***ADJOURNMENT:***

MOTION: by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education adjourn the Business Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Business Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta