

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 20, 2004**

A Special Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was held in the Boardroom at the Administration Building on April 20 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, Orfan, Spears, and Tichy.

*Absent:* Mrs. Watson.

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

***Acting District Clerk***

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Lavelle to serve as District Clerk pro tem, for the meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Mr. LoFaso, district resident, expressed concerns about the proposed budget and the cost per pupil, and requested that the Board reach a more sound financial situation without raising taxes.

Mr. Quaremba asked for clarification on the use of reserves and fund balance to offset taxes for next year.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS***

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education adopt a budget in the amount of \$55,356,055 for the 2004-2005 school year, said budget to be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, with voting to take place on the same day, namely Tuesday, May 18, 2004, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried (5-1-0).

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mr. Orfan)
Abstentions	0

Mr. Orfan requested that it be noted that he finds it difficult to appropriate a large sum of money without knowing the tax levy and the amount of revenue used to offset the taxes. He feels that the revenues could range between 10%-16%. In addition, out of 23 districts, only three had increases higher than Bethpage UFSD.

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that, based on evidence submitted at the April 12, 2004 hearing, the Board of Education adopts the Superintendent's recommendation that the bid of JNS Heating, Inc. for the Mechanical Portion of the Exterior Heating Work at Bethpage High School be rejected, on the grounds that JNS is not the lowest responsible bidder.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to award the bid for the Mechanical Portion of the Exterior Heating Work at Bethpage High School to Reel Mechanical Contractors, the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, at a cost of \$222,000. A copy of the bid summary is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The "Superintendent's Recommendation" portion of the meeting ended at 8:48 p.m.

### ***PRESENTATIONS***

- Building Project Report
- Review of Proposed Agenda for the April 27<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

### ***BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION***

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

***BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

***ADJOURNMENT***

MOTION: by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education adjourn the Special Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Lavelle  
District Clerk Pro Tem