

**BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bethpage, New York**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Executive Session/Budget Hearing**  
**May 9, 2006 – 8:00 p.m. –Bethpage High School Little Theatre**

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An anticipated Executive Session preceded the Budget Hearing on May 9, 2006. It was held in the Boardroom at the Administration Building. In Mr. Frost's absence, Mr. Kelly presided over the meeting and called everyone to order at approximately 7:31 p.m.

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

*Absent:* Mr. Tom Frost.

*Also Present:* Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology; Ms. Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Laura Granelli, Esq. of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP. (Ms. Granelli was present for Executive Session only.)

***ACTING DISTRICT CLERK***

**MOTION** by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Clark to serve as District Clerk pro tem during the Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

***BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

**MOTION** by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board enters into Executive Session for discussions involving proposed litigation.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

***BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. and proceeded to the Little Theatre for the Budget Hearing. Approximately 40 residents were present.

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board open the Budget Hearing at approximately 8:03 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

After welcoming everyone to the Budget Hearing, Dr. Marsh reviewed some of the “high marks” that Bethpage Schools has recently received:

- Bethpage students scored the highest in Nassau County on the 2005 Grade 8 Math Assessments.
- For the second year in a row, *Newsweek* magazine named Bethpage High School “One of the 100 Best High Schools in America.”
- Bethpage High School was recently named “The Most Philosophical High School in America.”

Dr. Marsh explained what the Board and Administration have done to minimize costs, while maintaining programs. He discussed the four propositions on the ballot and then turned the meeting over to the Assistant Superintendent for Business. Mr. Marchesiello reviewed the 2006-2007 proposed budget and the process that is used to formulate the budget. He distributed copies of his presentation and explained the meaning of certain terms (e.g., tax rates, tax levy, assessed valuation, adjusted base proportion). Afterward, the Board thanked everyone who attended the hearing and entertained questions from the audience.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Orfan, that the Board of Education adjourn the Budget Hearing.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Budget Hearing adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Clark  
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta  
District Clerk