

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

August 10, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. – Administration Building - Boardroom

A Special Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was held in the Boardroom at the Administration Building on August 10, 2004. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Mr. Michael Kelly arrived during the first Executive Session.
Mr. Tichy left at 9:55 p.m.

Also Present: Bethpage UFSD: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Kim Parahus, Director of School Facilities and Operations; Ms. Laurie Baum Treasurer.

Guercio & Guercio: Richard Guercio, Esq.

Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP: Laura Granelli, Esq. and Laurel Kretzing, Esq.

Lucchesi Engineering: Messrs. Joseph Lucchesi, Scott DiBerardino, Michael Mark, and Bill Schlumpf.

School Construction Consultants: Messrs. Paul Adamo and Vincenzo Russo.
Two citizens were present.

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss negotiations.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board, Dr. Marsh, Mr. Marchesiello, Ms. Lavelle, Mr. Guercio, and Ms. Granelli went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the Special Meeting. At this point, Mr. Guercio exited the meeting. Mr. Frost called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A resident had a question, but preferred to wait until after the Board voted on the agenda.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Lucchesi reported that the design effort is complete and they are well into construction. At next month's Board meeting they will present the over-all cost and where they stand.

Mr. Adamo distributed a Construction Update to the Board and reported the following:

- High School: Exterior work is almost 99% complete. The roof is watertight and masonry work will be completed on time. Windows are in the process of being installed. Those that are not replaced prior to the opening of school will be completed after school hours and on weekends.
- CBS: Elevator renovation is 80% complete. Mr. Adamo and Mr. Schlumpf told the contractor he must topcoat at least another inch of blacktop in the parking lot. Contractors and the District's insurance companies have examined the catch basin that collapsed, and something will be done to make it temporarily safe.
- Pine Avenue: Re-seeding will be done in the fall. It would cost \$49,000 to irrigate two soccer fields at Pine Avenue.
- JFK: Window installations are 99% complete.
- Kramer Lane: Student computers will be ready by the opening of school.

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a specific contractor.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The following entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.: The Board, Dr. Marsh, Mr. Marchesiello, Ms. Lavelle, Mrs. Parahus, Ms. Granelli, Ms. Kretzing, Lucchesi Engineering, and School Construction Consultants.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. and reconvened the Special Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**PERSONNEL****Resignations**

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

Anita Theiss	Spanish Teacher	August 11, 2004
Marie Carrello	Part-Time Monitor	June 30, 2004
Janet Farrell	Part-Time Monitor	June 30, 2004
Renee Katz	Part-Time Monitor	June 30, 2004

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Family Medical Leave for Michelle Georgatus, effective September 9, 2004 through November 30, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Orfan, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education re-vote on approval of the Family Medical Leave for Michelle Georgatus with a corrected effective date of September 1, 2004 through November 30, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence for the following teaching staff, with effective dates noted:

Terri Tini	2004-2005 School Year
Colleen Monaghan	2004-2005 School Year

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education create one .2 LOTE position, effective September 1, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Stipulation of Agreement Between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Bethpage Congress of Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Bethpage Congress of Teachers and Maren Browne, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

Note: This Stipulation of Agreement is for a Leave of Absence for the 2004-2005 School Year for Maren Browne.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Special Skills Stipend

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve a 5% Special Skills Stipend for Joseph Rogus, Maintainer, effective July 1, 2004.

Note: This is in accordance with the CSEA Services Unit Contract.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Teacher Aide, Part-Time, Substitutes

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following Teacher Aide, Part-Time, Substitute appointments, effective September 1, 2004. Hourly salaries will be \$9.09 per hour, based upon the 2004-2005 salary schedule, without benefits. Both Ms. Gregory and Ms. Farrell have received fingerprinting clearance.

Karen Gregory

Janet Farrell

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Senior Clerk Typist, Full-Time

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the probationary appointment of Renee Katz as Senior Clerk Typist, Full-Time, with benefits, effective August 11, 2004, with a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks. Her salary will be \$35,964, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule. Ms. Katz has received fingerprinting clearance.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Clerk, Part-Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Jillian Marconi as Clerk, Part-Time, Substitute, effective June 22, 2004. Salary will be \$7.54 per hour, based upon the 2003-2004 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Typist Clerk, Part-Time

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Marie Carrello as Typist Clerk, Part-Time, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, effective June 30, 2004. Salary will be \$11.50 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, without benefits. Ms. Carello has received fingerprinting clearance.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Melissa Kirschenheiter as Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) effective September 1, 2004, in the area of Elementary Education. Salary is \$46,636, based on Step 2 of the BA 2004-2005 salary schedule. She is provisionally certified and has received fingerprinting clearance.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Part-Time Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Denise Ann Schleith as .2 Spanish teacher and .2 Technology teacher, effective September 1, 2004. Salary will be \$57,222, based on Step 4 of the MA 2004-2005 salary schedule. She is permanently certified. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner of Education or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Appointment

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the temporary per diem appointment of Bob Sarli as English teacher, effective September 7, 2004, at a rate of \$350 per day, without benefits. There is no probationary period or tenure credit or status associated therewith.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular Activities Schedule

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the 2004-2005 Extracurricular Activities Schedule, as submitted.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OBSOLETE PIANOS

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following pianos obsolete and of no value to the District. Each piano is approximately 50 years old.

- Hardman-Peck Minipiano #157094
- Harrington Console #156988
- Hardman Console #10807
- Hamilton #192108
- Hamilton #192100

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethpage Union Free School District Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Certification of the Chairman and Chief Deputy Assessor of the Nassau County Department of Assessment for the Bethpage Union Free School District. Such certification indicates the assessed valuation of the property appearing on the School District Assessment Rolls of the Town of Oyster Bay for the year 2004-2005, as follows:

Real Property Class Assessed Valuations

One	\$17,238,101
Two	58,767
Three	267,700
Four	<u>3,543,371</u>
TOTAL	\$21,107,939

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education certifies that the budget gross amount of the necessary claims and expenditures for the 2004-2005 School Year amount to:

\$ 55,356,055

For School Purposes

<u>2,138,658</u>	For Library Purposes
\$ 57,494,713	TOTAL

And, that the following sums are the amounts to be raised by taxation for the year 2004-2005, to be levied upon the taxable property of the School District as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors of Nassau County:

\$43,617,113	For School Purposes
<u>\$ 1,932,156</u>	For Library Purposes
\$45,549,269	TOTAL

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Sections 6-18.0, 6-19.0 and 6-20.0, and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file those resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Tichy excused himself from the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

AWARD OF BID FOR FUEL OIL COOPERATIVE

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson: WHEREAS bids for the contracts for Fuel Oil Cooperative for the school year 2004-2005 were duly received and opened at the Syosset Central School District on June 14, 2004. Ten (10) invitations to bid were mailed and four (4) were received.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education award the bid for the Fuel Oil Cooperative for the 2004-2005 school year to Sprague Energy Corp., the lowest responsible bidder, at a reduction of \$0.0329 per gallon off the barge delivery price for #2 heating oil. The Board of Education further authorizes the Board President to execute on its behalf a contract with Sprague Energy Corp. pursuant to the terms in the bid package.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$13,000 from the Bethpage High School Tri-M Society in gratitude of the support of the District's commitment to the Cultural Arts Program. This contribution is a gift to the school District and is not directed to any specific program.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,450.00 by the Nassau County Police Activity League, Inc., Bethpage Unit. This contribution is a gift to the school District and is not directed to any specific program.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

THERAPY SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the contract with O'Connell, Selig & Associates for the 2004-2005 school year for the purpose of providing Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy services, in accordance with the student's IEP at a cost of \$40 per half-hour. These services shall include individual treatment, CSE and/or 504 Team meetings, scheduling of students and time needed for writing up reports. Evaluations will be billed at a rate of \$125 per evaluation. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

AWARD OF DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the results of the District School Publications bid for the 2004-2005 school year and award the bids to J&J Litho and Tobay Printing, the lowest responsible bidders meeting specifications on a line-item basis at a cost of \$20,569 for Tobay Printing and \$1,895 for J&J Litho. The Board authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements with Tobay Printing and J&J Litho, as provided for and pursuant to the terms in the bid package. The bid opening was held on July 7, 2004.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

AWARD OF TRANSPORTATION BID

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly: Transportation Bids for the 2004/2005 school year, including summer, were received by the Southeast Nassau Transportation Cooperative "SENTCO" at Seaford School District on June 28, 2004. Six bids were mailed out and four were received. The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept the results of the aforementioned SENTCO bid and award the following contracts for the 2004/2005 school year to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, as set forth below, and

further authorize the Board President to execute contracts on its behalf with these vendors as provided for and pursuant to the terms in the bid package.

Torah Academy of Long Island \$770.00 per pupil, per month (1 student) WE Transport

In addition, by participating in the SENTCO bid, Bethpage School District reserves the right to contract with the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for any additional schools, from the bid of June 28, 2004, as needed.

Note: A copy of the bid is attached and in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services contract with the South Huntington Union Free School District for 31 children who attend St. Anthony's High School and for one child attending West Hills Montessori School for the 2003-2004 school year, at a cost of \$503.40 per student, for a total cost of \$16,108.80. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

THE TONY GUGLIELMO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the creation of a category "A" annual scholarship to be known as the Tony Guglielmo Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship winner will be selected by the Donor from candidate names furnished by the District. The winner will receive an award of \$500 directly from the Donor.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

EXTENSION OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve, as authorized and in accordance with the terms of the existing agreement, the extension of the Food Service Contract with ARAMARK-FHC School Support Services, LLC for School Food Management Services for the 2004-2005 school year, with a price escalation not to exceed the 2004 May CPI for the New York State Metropolitan Area.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Borella Field: Dr. Marsh stated that Ms. Granelli developed a timeline to enable the District to hold a public referendum to permit the sale of the Borella property to the Town of Oyster Bay for \$4,250,000. Future discussions will focus on how these funds will be utilized.

It was also reported that Mr. Frost, Dr. Marsh, and Mr. Marchesiello recently met with Legislator Mangano concerning the availability of 105 acres of Grumman property. It is possible that this land will be added to the tax rolls in the future.

Another source of revenue is a second Calpine Co-Generation Plant, wherein the District could see a 15-year PILOT.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

A resident asked why the Board approved the tax rate without consideration of anticipated state aid. It was explained that, since the State's budget was not finalized, the Board would rather be cautious and set the tax rate in accordance with the budget approved by the voters last May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The following resolutions were added to tonight's Special Meeting Agenda for Board approval:

TAKING BACK SPECIFIC ITEMS OF WORK UNDER CONSOLIDATED CONSTRUCTION'S GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE DISTRICT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly: WHEREAS, the District defaulted Consolidated Construction Corp. ("Consolidated") on July 16, 2004, in accordance with the terms of its contract for General Contract Services with the District (Contract No. GC-1-2/3); and

WHEREAS, the Bonding Company for Consolidated ("Nova Casualty Co.") was given timely notice of the default; and

WHEREAS, the failure of Consolidated to perform the remaining work under the contract with specific respect to its failure to complete the Charles Campagne Library, the elevators in Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane and the Terrazzo work in Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane, has created conditions that pose a serious danger to the health, safety and welfare of the District's students and undermines the District's obligation to provide a safe and appropriate education to its students,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby authorizes the District, through its representatives, to take all action deemed necessary and proper to complete the remaining work under this contract that is needed to be performed on the Charles Campagne Library, the Elevators in Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane, and the Terrazzo work in Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane, effective immediately.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0-1).

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Orfan)

PROPOSITION REGARDING THE SALE OF BORELLA FIELD

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education place the following proposition to public vote regarding the sale of Borella Field:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District shall be authorized to sell certain District property, more commonly known as "Borella Field," identified on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 47, Block F, Lot 40A, consisting of approximately 11.11 acres, which property is more particularly described in a map available for inspection in the office of the District Clerk, to be sold to the Town of Oyster Bay, at a price of \$4,250,000, substantially upon the terms and conditions set forth in an Agreement between the Board of Education and the Town of Oyster Bay, which is hereby ratified, and after the consummation of such sale, apply the net proceeds of such sale as required by law, in the best interests of the District as determined by the Board of Education and in accordance with applicable law.

Motion carried (5-1-0).

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mrs. Watson)
Abstentions	0

SETTING DATE OF SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING THE SALE OF BORELLA FIELD

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education set the date of a Special Meeting for a public vote on the aforementioned proposition regarding the sale of Borella Field, to be Tuesday, October 5, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DIRECTION FOR THE DISTRICT CLERK TO PROCEED WITH THE SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education authorize the District Clerk to take all action deemed necessary and proper to effectuate the public vote on the aforementioned proposition at the Special Meeting on October 5, 2004, including but not limited to, causing the publication of the legal notice for the Special Meeting in the District's official publications.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss employment of a specific contractor.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:12 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education adjourn the Special Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Special Meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk