

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING RE SALE OF BORELLA FIELD
Followed by Regular Meeting
September 28, 2004 – 8:00 p.m. – Bethpage High School

The Public Hearing regarding the sale of Borella Field was scheduled to be held in the High School Auditorium. However, the hearing was moved to the Little Theatre. Mr. Frost convened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Messrs. Thomas Frost, Joel Dauman, Michael Kelly, Kurt Spears, Don Tichy, and Mrs. Watson

Absent: Mr. Louis Orfan

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; Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP; Legislator Edward Mangano of the Nassau County Legislature; Mr. Rob Walker, Deputy Commissioner for the Town of Oyster Bay; Councilwoman Mary McCaffery of the Town of Oyster Bay; and Mr. William Lilly of Miller Lilly Pearce

Approximately 90 citizens were present.

Mr. Marchesiello presented a slide presentation on Borella Field and explained that proceeds from the proposed sale would be transferred to a tax reserve fund by June 30, 2005. These funds would then be available to help provide tax stabilization over a period of up to ten years. With respect to capital improvements, the Board could recommend that a portion of the proceeds be used to either establish a capital reserve fund that would have to be approved by the community, or include monies in the 2005-2006 budget for capital improvements that would also have to be approved by the community as part of the budget.

Mr. Frost opened the meeting to questions from residents. In response to questions, Board members and representatives of the Town of Oyster Bay reassured residents that the land would be purchased using open space land acquisition bonds, also known as the SEA Fund (Save our Environmental Assets). In doing so, Borella Field would permanently remain park land and could not be sold by the Town. According to the contract, the only entrance/exit to the fields would remain Plainview Road. Mr. Frost encouraged residents to visit the District Clerk's office, to view a copy of the contract.

Mrs. Watson noted that she was not in favor of the sale, if there was no educational plan for use of the monies.

The Public Hearing concluded at 9:09 p.m., at which time Mr. Bill Lilly presented the Annual Audit Report for the school year ending June 30, 2004. At the end of his report, Mr. Lilly complimented the District on its internal controls.

At the conclusion of Mr. Lilly's report, Mr. Clark introduced four students who attended the Republican National Convention in New York City on August 31, 2004: Daniel McGrath, Brian McGrath, Ian Peikon, and Olivia Ildefonso. The students, who were accompanied by Mr. Healy and Ms. Sestak, gave a brief report on this memorable trip. The visit to the convention was made possible because of the partnership between Cablevision Systems and the District.

At 9:30 p.m., a comprehensive presentation was given by Mr. Marchesiello on the "checks and balances" of internal controls employed by the Business Office. Ms. Woerner followed up with a detailed report on her position as Internal Auditor, which is a separate entity. She works independently and reports directly to the Board. A question-and-answer period followed. At 10:20 p.m., the Regular Meeting convened.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 10, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 24, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 31, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

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

Robert Celeste	Substitute Teacher	June 30, 2004
Pamela Puglisi	Guidance Chairperson	September 28, 2004
Pamela Puglisi	Guidance Counselor	September 28, 2004
Ria Russo	School Monitor	August 31, 2004
Diane Weiner	JFK Earthbound Club	September 28, 2004

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Rescind Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education rescind the following appointments for the 2004-2005 school year:

Jill Bennardo	Girls' Grades 7-8 Intramurals Coach
Erica Blau	JFK Student Council Advisor
Christopher DeStefano	BHS Stage Crew Advisor
Jim Fuller	BHS Stage Manager
Denise Gallo	JFK Cafeteria Duty
Robert Verdi	BHS Audio Visual Advisor

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Abolish Positions

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education abolish the following positions, effective September 28, 2004:

- One (1) Guidance Counselor.
- One (1) Chairperson of Guidance.

Motion carried (5-1-0).

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mrs. Watson)
Abstentions	0

Create Positions

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education create the following positions, effective September 29, 2004:

- One (1) Director of Guidance in the tenure area of Director of Guidance, effective September 30, 2004.
- Four (4) Part-Time Teacher Aides, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per Aide.

Motion carried (5-1-0)

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mrs. Watson)
Abstentions	0

Appointments

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the following Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher appointments, commencing October 4, 2004 and continuing through June 3, 2005 (unless otherwise noted), in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher salary schedule:

Grace Bedney	Gary Bretton, Jr.
Matthew Bielo	Salvatore Raucci
	Brian Ross

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

School Monitors Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify the appointments of the following School Monitors Part Time, effective September 1, 2004. Salaries will be based on Step 1 of the appropriate 2004-2005 salary schedules, without benefits. These are emergency conditional appointments and are conditioned upon and subject to: (1) Criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and (2) Approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by either the Commissioner of Education or the Nassau County Civil Service Commission, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

Loida Amendola	\$ 9.74 per hour (elementary monitor)
Nancy Pennica	\$ 9.74 per hour (elementary monitor)
Donna Demetriou	\$10.10 per hour (secondary monitor)
Cathy DiFino	\$10.10 per hour (secondary monitor)

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers' List

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Per Diem Substitute Teachers' List, as submitted, for the 2004-2005 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 (6-0).

2004-2005 Adult Education Instructors

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the following individuals as Continuing Education Instructors in the subjects indicated, pending sufficient enrollment, for the 2004-2005 school year:

Pamela Isaacs	Computer – Word Processing - Beginner
Maria Santos	Spanish

These are emergency conditional appointments and each are conditioned upon and are subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance regarding one or more of the appointments, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

Note: This is a self-funded program.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

2004-2005 Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2004-2005 school year.
Note: A copy of the Extracurricular Activities List is available in the Personnel Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Clerk (Part Time, Substitute)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joanne Kroll as Clerk (Part Time, Substitute), effective

September 29, 2004. The rate of pay will be \$7.80 per hour, based on Step 1 of the salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve Terry Epstein as Per Diem Substitute Teacher for the 2004-2005 school year. Salary is in accordance with the substitute teacher compensation policy. This appointment is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. This appointment shall immediately terminate upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

Motion carried (5-0-1)

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Dauman)

Groundskeeper, Full Time, 12 Months

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve Leonard Giardelli as Groundskeeper, Full Time, 12 Months, pending Civil Service approval. Salary will be \$36,007, based on Step 1 of the 2002-2003 salary schedule, with benefits. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to: (1) Criminal clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and (2) Approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by either the Commissioner of Education or the Nassau County Civil Service Commission regarding one or more of the appointments, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Lifeguards/Instructors

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments as Lifeguards/Instructors for the Open Swim, Learn to Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2004-2005 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates), at \$9.27 per hour:

Jennifer Bernhardt	Michael Hosford
Assunta Catalano	Alex Kuster

Nicole Dubensky
Larry Hipp

George Papadopoulos
Laura Poggio

Alana Reilly

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Senior Stenographer, Full Time, Ten Months

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ann Simon as Senior Stenographer, Full Time, Ten Months, effective September 29, 2004. Ms. Simon's annual salary will be \$27,486, based on Step 1 of the 2004-2005 salary schedule, with benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Director of Guidance

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Pamela Puglisi in the tenure area of Director of Guidance, effective September 29, 2004 through September 28, 2007, at a salary of \$112,684, based on Step 5 of the 2004-2005 Director Salary Schedule. She is permanently certified as a School District Administrator and School Administrative Supervisor.

Motion carried (5-0-1)

Ayes 5
Noes 0
Abstentions 1 (Mrs. Watson)

Mrs. Watson asked that it be noted that she abstained due to the title, not the person.

2004-2005 Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve Katie Petronzi (non-district) as Grade 8 Cheerleading Coach for the 2004-2005 school year, effective September 29, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Ratifications to Agenda of August 31, 2004

The following resolutions appearing on the agenda of August 31, 2004 are hereby ratified as follows:

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that Maryellen Laterza's position is "School Monitor, Part Time," at an hourly rate of pay of \$9.74, without benefits, effective September 1, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the hourly rate of pay for the following Teacher Aides is \$17.83, effective September 1, 2004:

Allison Amato	Mary Dunphy
Laura DiBlasi	Susan Paradise

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the stipend for the following Mentor Teachers is \$2,250 per teacher, effective September 1, 2004:

Phyllis Curran	Donna Lillo
JoAnn DiFranco	Wendy Way
Susan Yansick	

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the stipend for Chris Attard, JFK Computer Club, is \$1,681.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the effective date for Angela Kozlowski is September 22, 2004 through September 21, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Memorandum of Agreement Between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Services Unit of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc.

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Services Unit of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., dated September 28, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Development of Master Schedule

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education ratify a stipend for Joyce Bernstein in the amount of \$10,927 for preparation of the Master Schedule for the High School for the 2004-2005 school year, effective July 1, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Development of Master Schedule

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve a stipend for Michael Spence in the amount of \$5,000 for preparation and completion of the Master Schedule for the High School for the 2005-2006 school year, effective September 1, 2004, with payment to be made upon proof of the schedule completion.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CONVENTION DELEGATES/ALTERNATES

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education appoint the following members as Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the New York State School Boards Association Convention in October 2004:

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| Delegate | Michael Kelly |
| Alternate | Joel Dauman |

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD OF REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Registration of the Bethpage Union Free School District approve the following individuals, who are qualified voters, as Inspector of Election and/or Election Clerk, at a rate of \$9.50 per hour:

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| Gary Blades | Nancy Carbo |
| Elaine Caiazza | Mindy Leibowitz |
| Ruth Zarefsky | |

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: September 7, 2004

CSE: September 7, 2004

MOTION by Mr. Tichy, seconded by Mrs. Watson, 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).

TRANSITION SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Transition Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Abilities, Inc. for the purpose of providing vocational training services to students with disabilities for the 2004-2005 school year. The fee for these services will be \$10,200 for each part-time student and \$12,200 for each full-time student. At this time we have one Bethpage student attending Abilities, Inc. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

COLLATERAL PLEDGE AND CONTROL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Tichy, that the Board of Education approve the agreement whereas Commerce Bank will be a depository for District funds and JP Morgan Chase Bank will be the Collateral Agent.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPT AUDITOR'S REPORTS ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report, Federal Grant Compliance Audit, Extra Classroom Activity Report and Management Letter for the year ending June 30, 2004.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

AWARD OF BID FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEARBOOK: Bids for the 2004-2005 school year were received on September 27, 2004.

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education award the bid for the High School 2005 Senior Yearbook to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, as follows:

Jostens Inc. \$16,300.00

The Board President is authorized to execute the contract in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CHANGE ORDERS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, 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:

Change Order No. 8: Proposal for labor and materials to move a conduit and junction box interfering with the installation of new smoke doors (field condition) and to supply and install two additional 2'x4' light fixtures in the new stairwell at Kramer Lane School.

Project: Interior Renovations to Kramer Lane School

Contract for: Electrical

Contractor: South Shore Electric

Total Increase: \$1,009.78

The Board President is authorized to execute the contract in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, 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:

Change Order No. 1: Proposal to clean elevator rails at both schools damaged by terrazzo contractor at both Kramer Lane and Charles Campagne Schools. This sum is to be backcharged to Consolidated Construction Corp.

Project: Interior Renovations to Charles Campagne and Kramer Lane Schools

Contract for: General Contracting

Contractor: Thyssen Krupp Elevator

Total Increase: \$3,672.00

The Board President is authorized to execute the contract in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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:

Change Order No. 1: Proposal to supply and install irrigation system(s) for new field at Kramer Lane School. This price includes all permits, water taps, controls and sprinkler heads as required.

Project: Interior Renovations and Site Improvements to Kramer Lane School

Contract for: Site Improvement

Contractor: LandTek Group

Total Increase: \$49,000.00

The Board President is authorized to execute the contract in accordance with the terms of the bid specifications on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Nothing further.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: The Board appreciated and thanked Mr. Marchesiello for his very informative report this evening.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- A question concerning Dr. Bernstein's stipend was raised, with an explanation offered by Ms. Lavelle.
- A resident would appreciate it if the Board would find a way to give ninth graders a full lunch period everyday. Dr. Marsh replied this is being researched.
- One resident thought the external auditor's comments concerning the proposed sale of Borella Field were inappropriate.

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board enter executive session to discuss a student matter.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered executive session at 10:45 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education exit executive session.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited executive session at 11:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk