

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special/Agenda Meeting
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2009 – 7:30 p.m. – Bethpage High School Little Theater

Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Tom Frost, President; Kurt Spears, Vice President; Joel S. Dauman; Anna Israelton; Michael J. Kelly; James A. McGlynn; and Sandra Watson.

Also Present: Terrence Clark, Superintendent; John DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Pamela Puglisi, Director of Guidance K-12; Jon LaRochester, BHS teacher; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

Approximately 15 members of the public were present.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW

- The Board reviewed this evening's agenda.
- The need for a new security vehicle was discussed.
- The ramifications of Governor David Paterson's partial payment for December was also discussed.
- Mr. Clark introduced Mr. Dennis Baggia, Commissioner of the Bethpage Baseball Association, and thanked him and his board for the extensive renovations the organization has done on the school baseball fields, particularly at Kramer Lane School. Mr. Baggia then discussed his group's future plans for the fields at the other district schools and their intent to raise funds in order to support these projects, which are quite costly.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Puglisi presented 23 students from BHS and JFK. The students introduced themselves and discussed their unique backgrounds and special talents. The Board and audience were very appreciative of these students sharing their thoughts and plans and gave them a round of applause.

Five BHS students enrolled in the Senior Seminar program were also present, and described their recent trip to New York City where they participated in a scavenger hunt. Mr. LaRochester, who is in charge of this program, explained that this course helps students prepare for life beyond Bethpage and college admissions. This program began a few years ago with 40 students and this

year 150 students enrolled. A definite highlight of the scavenger hunt was an unplanned meeting between Mayor Michael Blumberg and one of the teams. The students were very enthused about this program, and the audience definitely shared in their interest. Mr. Clark wrapped up this presentation by stating that it is the intent of the District to utilize one of our great resources: Bethpage’s proximity to New York City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special District Meeting/Special-Agenda Meeting held on November 17, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 24, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 4, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending November 30, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations for Retirement

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignations for retirement of the following employees with effective dates noted:

Kathleen Bielo	Senior Typist Clerk	January 9, 2010
Joseph Giardelli	Maintenance Supervisor	January 4, 2010

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Resignation

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the irrevocable resignation of Danielle Cotuleo as School Monitor Part Time effective December 2, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Rescind Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the following extracurricular appointments effective September 1, 2009:

Denise Caliguri	KL Library Club Advisor
Jeanne Cano	KL Science Club Advisor
Monica Klein	JFK Stage Manager Advisor
Brian Zaborowski	KL Math Club Advisor

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Abolishment of Position

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education abolish one (1) 1:1 Teacher Aide position, effective January 4, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Discontinuance of Service as a Result of Abolishment of Position

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education discontinue the services of Barbara Guida as a result of the abolishment of her position, effective January 4, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education create one full-time Supervisor of School Facilities & Operations position effective January 4, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Teacher Aide (Part Time Substitute)

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Melyssa Gil as Teacher Aide (Part Time Substitute), effective upon fingerprint clearance. Hourly salary will be \$10.38, based upon the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Security Aide (Part Time)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joseph Desmonie as Security Aide (Part Time), effective immediately upon clearance from the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE and approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. Salary will be \$13.95 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Registered Professional Nurse (School Part Time-Substitute)

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kathleen Arena as Registered Professional Nurse (School Part Time-Substitute), effective immediately upon clearance from the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE and approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. Per diem salary will be \$125.61, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Lifeguards I/Grade I Part Time

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the hourly appointments of the following individuals as Lifeguard I/Grade I, Part Time for the Open Swim, Learn to Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2009-2010 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates) with effective dates noted, at the indicated rate of pay and in accordance with the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits:

Colin Chadderton	November 1, 2009	\$10.23 per hour
James Foley	December 16, 2009	\$10.23 per hour

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Probationary – Teacher Assistant

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Laurie Ferraro as Teacher Assistant in the special subject tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective December 21, 2009 through December 20, 2012, at an annual salary of \$22,000, with benefits, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Appointments

MOTION The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following extracurricular/co-curricular appointments with indicated stipends for the 2009-2010 school year:

Denise Caliguri	KL Math Club	\$2,362
Andrea Morelli	KL Library Club	\$2,362
Leon Petruzzi	BHS Drama Club Band Advisor	\$1,747
Eric Sacher	JFK Stage Manager	\$1,151
Marian Seewald	KL Drama Club Advisor	\$2,362
Brian Zaborowski	KL Science Club Advisor	\$2,362
Christopher D’Andria	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	None

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Diane Russo as Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute effective December 16, 2009, at an hourly salary of \$10.38, based upon the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lawrence Herzog as Interim Director of School Facilities and Operations effective January 4, 2010, at a per diem rate of \$500, as needed, not to exceed 60 days or \$30,000.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Interim Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joseph Giardelli as Interim Supervisor of School Facilities and Operations effective January 4, 2010, at a per diem rate of \$337, not to exceed 45 days or \$15,000.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Custodian

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Steven Traietta as Custodian, full time, effective January 4, 2010, with a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks. Annual salary will be \$47,177, based upon Step 2 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, with benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Brian Ritter as Per Diem Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Meghan Horan as Per Diem Substitute Teacher effective December 16, 2009. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy, without benefits. This 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.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Chairperson of Committee on Special Education

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Ida Tobia-Russo as Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education, effective January 4, 2010 through June 30, 2010, at a per diem rate of \$550, not to exceed \$20,000.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Tenure Recommendation

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the tenure recommendation for Maureen Luca in the elementary tenure area, effective February 12, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Kristen D’Orazio effective February 27, 2010 and continuing through the first semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the October 27, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Barbara Cataldi shall be deemed ratified effective October 27, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Cataldi’s Family Medical Leave of Absence was effective November 30, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: October 27, 2009	November 10, 2009	November 16, 2009
November 23, 2009	December 1, 2009	December 9, 2009

CSE: October 15, 2009	October 28, 2009	November 9, 2009
November 12, 2009	November 16, 2009	November 17, 2009
November 18, 2009	November 19, 2009	November 21, 2009
November 24, 2009	November 25, 2009	December 1, 2009
December 2, 2009	December 7, 2009	

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, 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 (7-0).

RATE OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the following rate of mileage reimbursement effective January 1, 2010:

2009-2010: \$.55 Effective January 1, 2010: \$.50

Note: The mileage reimbursement is in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CORRECTION TO SOFTWARE LICENSING AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION IN AGENDA OF JULY 14, 2009

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the resolution from the July 14, 2009 Reorganization/Special Meeting regarding the approval of the Software Licensing and Support Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Real Asset Management International Inc. be deemed ratified to indicate that the effective date is December 1, 2009 and expires on November 30, 2010. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Residence) and the Half Hollow Hills Central School District (District of Location) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) Bethpage student for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at an estimated cost of \$20,000, plus transportation at an estimated cost of \$8,500, for a total estimated cost of \$28,500. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Location) and the Rockville Centre Union Free School District (District of Residence) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) student for the period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$27,109, plus transportation cost of \$2,167.60, for a total estimated cost of

\$29,276.60. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CHANGE ORDERS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Orders pertaining to the below-noted projects, for the purpose of altering modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager:

School	JFK MS	BHS	BHS	JFK MS	BHS
Contract for	Contract No. 1 GC	Contract No. 1 GC	Contract No. 2 HVAC	Contract No. 3 Electrical	Contract No. 3 Electrical
Contractor	Vezandio Contracting Corp.	Vezandio Contracting Corp.	KEM Construction Corp.	Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc.	Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc.
Project No.	28-05-21-03-0- 002-025	28-05-21-03-0- 001-029	28-05-21-03-0- 001-029	28-05-21-03-0- 002-025	28-05-21-03-0- 001-029
Project	General Construction	General Construction	HVAC Reconstruction	Electrical Reconstruction	Electrical Reconstruction
Original Contract Sum	\$34,300	\$34,300	\$23,840	\$19,000	\$19,000
Decrease	(\$5,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$2,700)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)
Total Decrease	(\$5,000)	(\$2,000)	(\$2,700)	(\$2,500)	(\$2,500)

The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Change Orders on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SCHOOL DISTRICT INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION (INTERNAL AUDITOR)

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education ratify an engagement letter with Nawrocki Smith LLP dated November 17, 2009 for additional services to be provided as set forth therein and in accordance with the District's May 15, 2009 engagement letter with Nawrocki Smith LLP for the year ending June 30, 2010. Such additional services shall be provided at the following rates, plus out-of-pocket-costs: Partner \$180, Manager \$155, Staff \$90. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said engagement letter on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Residence) and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District (District of Location) for the purpose of providing special education services to six (6) Bethpage students for the period July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009, at an estimated NRT rate of \$20,400 (\$3,400 per student) and three (3) aides at an estimated cost of \$9,000 (\$3,000 per aide), for a total estimated cost of \$29,400. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

AWARD OF REBID #014-0910R AERIAL BUCKET FURNISHING AND INSTALLATION

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the results of the Invitation to Rebid to Furnish and Install an Aerial Bucket and award the Rebid to Robert Green Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, the sole responsive and responsible bidder, for a total cost of \$30,690.00. The Rebid opening was held on December 11, 2009.

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. CLARK:

- Thanked the Manganos for asking the District to host the Inauguration on January 1, 2010. It will be held in the BHS Center for the Performing Arts and flow into the Little Theater. The newly sworn-in County Executive will be the first person to be interviewed in the high school's new television studio.
- Attended the Senior Citizens' holiday luncheon with Mr. Marchesiello, and they are "psyched" for the upcoming cheerleading competition. They are going to be trained for the January 13th basketball game, and students and senior citizens are looking forward to this event.
- Congratulations to Mr. Leon Petruzzi on receiving the very prestigious Mathematical Association of America's Award for Distinguished Teaching at the High School level.
- Described some of the upcoming 21st Century activities, as well as some that recently took place.
- There were a couple of very successful blood drives at the elementary schools. Some of the students were trained by the Red Cross as "little docs" and learned about the importance of donating blood.

- BHS students participated in a program sponsored by Allstate stressing the dangers in texting while driving, and the insurance company donated \$1,000 to the high school to be used toward safe driving skills.
- Phase II of the athletic field complex will be starting shortly.
- Thanks to the Bethpage Educational Foundation for donating \$2,000 to the Challenge Day program at BHS.
- The District continues to stress the importance of parents getting involved in the awareness of substance abuse. We are featuring programs on this important subject and need parents to understand that this is an epidemic.
- Upcoming Board meetings:

January 19, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Boardroom
January 26, 2010	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Little Theater
- Happy Holiday season on behalf of Board and Mr. Clark.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:07 p.m.

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. DeTommaso to serve as District Clerk Pro Tem.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeTommaso
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk