

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 10, 2005—Manetuck Elementary School  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. McAteer,  
Mrs. Lipman, Mr. Pastore  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during “An Invitation to the Public”.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2005, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: David Morgan, School Social Worker, effective February 26, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Kelly A. Cassese, Special Education Teacher, effective February 14, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Michelle B. Quigley, Elementary Teacher, effective February 11, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Heather M. Enright, English Teacher, effective February 7, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (*Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage*): Kristen Fawess, Elementary Teacher, effective February 2, 2005 to April 3, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Jennifer DiMattei, English Teacher, effective September 2, 2004 to June 30, 2005, Step 1.1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Christine Solntzeff, English Teacher, effective September 2, 2004 to June 30, 2005, Step 1.1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: TEACHER ASSISTANT: RESIGNATION: Debra DiCristo, Teacher Assistant, effective February 10, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ABOLITION OF POSITION: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following position(s) in the West Islip School District be abolished as follows: Area: Teacher Assistant No. of Positions: 1

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Eleanor Krauss, Principal Stenographer, effective June 30, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Gaspare Giarraputo, Custodial Worker I, effective February 2, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (*conditional pending fingerprint clearance*): Thomas Moody, Custodial Worker I, effective February 14, 2005, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (*conditional pending fingerprint clearance*): Michael Santerre, Custodial Worker I, effective February 14, 2005, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (*conditional pending fingerprint clearance*): Robert Nocella, School Purchasing Agent, effective February 28, 2005, salary \$55,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Debra DiCristo, Teacher Aide, effective February 11, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30/hr.) (*conditional pending fingerprint clearance*): Robert Schwartz, effective January 27, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$6.50/hr.) (*conditional pending fingerprint clearance*): Debora Rabbitt, effective February 8, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Patrick Tunstead, effective January 31, 2005, *student teacher*; Joseph Chiaravalloti, effective February 8, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS-2004-05 SCHOOL YEAR-2<sup>nd</sup> HALF: Bayview Elementary School: Vivian Hollinger, Computer Club.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS-2004-05 SCHOOL YEAR-2<sup>nd</sup> HALF: Mentor (\$1,000 stipend prorated): Mary Kroll, Science Teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to TABLE approval of OTHER: 2005 SPRING VARSITY, JV COACHES.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern reported on Advanced Placement results.

The Finance Committee met on 2/8, as reported on by Mrs. Lipman. The committee reviewed, and with the exception of the following, accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor for submission to the Board: Cash disbursement Schedule 40, Check #128337 to Guercio and Guercio for \$45,660.67.

The Policy Committee, Public Relations Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, and Health and Wellness Committee did not meet. Mr. Hodgson reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 2/8. Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: Classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID#3891, 4894, 5308, 3331, 3887, 5451, 5451, 4129, 4525, 5158, 5297, 5297, 5381, 5414, 5587, 5748, 3933, 4859, 5912, 5942, 5266, 5174, 5287, 5290, 5665, 2766, 3187, 3349, 4866, 3011, 3968, 5542, 5705, 5201, 5902, 4172, 5147, 5488, 5635, 4068, 4173, 4775, 5466, 5730, 5750, 5955, 5933, 5934, 5937, 5202, 5924, 5925, 5926, 4836, 5923, 3219, 3820, 5922, 5915, 2797, 2996, 3839, 4618, 5284, 5817, 5753, 5863, 5886, 5908, 5917, 5940.

The Treasurer's Report for December was presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: \$29,776.73 to JD Posillico, Inc. (for unexpected groundwater level found when reconstruction of the parking lot began at the High School).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service Contracts with West Islip UFSD: Bay Shore UFSD (St. Patrick's, St. Peter's by the Sea and Mark Country Day School) 34 students @ \$480.89 = \$16,350.26.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: KLD Labs - \$500.00 for High School Robotics Team, and West Islip Swim Club - \$1,700 to purchase scoreboard.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare the following as excess, and allow the Business Office to dispose of as sees fit: 1987 Chevy dump truck, VIN #1GBHV34KXHJ149351; and 1986 Ford Van, VIN #1FDJE34H8GHB75479.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Micucci mentioned article in today's *Newsday* about Coach Tony Mellino, who reached his 300<sup>th</sup> career win as wrestling coach. Mr. Mellino will be recognized at a future board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Blau reminded community about WIDE 5K Fun Run on March 6.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to appoint alternate CPSE Chairperson, 2004-05 school year: Mr. Chris Kaigh, School Psychologist; Ms. Shelly Blumling, Speech Therapist; Ms. Judy Giannotti, Speech Therapist, Ms. Diane Horton-McGinley, Speech Therapist.

"An Invitation to the Public" was held, with three speakers participating. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:02 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci who was opposed, to approve Terms and Conditions of Employment for Purchasing Agent.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to amend appointment of Robert Nocella as Purchasing Agent, to be conditional pending background and credit check.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution suspending teacher named in Executive Session, ("Employee A"), with pay and reassigning her to District Office, effective March 1, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution: RESOLVED, that pursuant to § 913 of the Education Law, the employee named in Executive Session is hereby directed to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Ralph Parisi; and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Ralph Parisi, is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to § 913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform her duties.

The Board accepted warrant for Cash Disbursement Schedule 40, check #128337 to Guercio and Guercio for \$45,660.67, after reviewing supporting documentation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.