

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 11, 2007—Bayview Elementary School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Biesel (until 9:45 PM), Mr. Gellar,
Mrs. Heine, Mr. Micucci (until 8:00 PM), Mr. W. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci (only present for beginning executive session)
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was convened at 7:10 p.m. and immediately adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. Meeting reconvened at 8:02 PM, followed by the Pledge. "An Invitation to the Public" was held, with residents and students from the enrichment program speaking.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2006.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Girls Varsity Gymnastics: Caitlin Keane--All County; Scholar/Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Soccer: Erin Walter--All County; Nick Grieco—Jr. Varsity Coach of the Year; Scholar/Athlete Team Award. Boys Varsity Soccer: Michael Porcelli, Patrick Cantwell—All County; Rod Alzmann—All County Academic; Scholar/Athlete Team. Boys Varsity Volleyball: Brian Caufield—All County; Scholar/Athlete Team. Girls Varsity Volleyball: Mary Curran and Dana Hannsgen—All County Academic; Scholar/Athlete Team. Girls Varsity Tennis: MacKenzie Kurek and Megan McAteer—All County; Kristin Alotta—All State; Scholar Athlete Team Award, Division II and League III champions and 6th place in County. Varsity Football: Justin Turri, Tyler Turri and Terence Culkin—All County; Scholar/Athlete Team Award, Big Four champions and County Semi-Finalists. Varsity Field Hockey: Karen Federico—All County and All State Exceptional Senior; Taryn Crimi—All County; Scholar/Athlete Team Award and Division II Champions.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Melissa Torres-Gallegos, Psychologist, effective January 26, 2007 (PJ Bellew/HS/OLL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Beth Sherwood, Physical Education Teacher, effective January 2, 2007 to March 23, 2007 (Manetuck; currently on child-bearing leave).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Jeanne Flad, Special Education Teacher, effective January 8, 2007 to February 9, 2007 (Udall; currently on child-bearing leave).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Kristine Hagens, Science Teacher, effective December 14, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (Udall; currently on child bearing leave).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Ann Barry, English Teacher, effective January 2, 2007 to June 30, 2007 (High School; currently on FMLA).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Elizabeth Walsh-Bulger, effective January 12, 2007 (alternative School coordinator – two nights; approved at 11/9/06 meeting; *change in effective date*).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): M. Susan Pitagno, Reading Teacher, effective January 29, 2007 to June 30, 2007 (Westbrook/Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS: Heather Stein, English Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (H.S., Step 1¹, replacing A. Barry on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Frank Rapczyk, Science Teacher, effective September 15, 2007 to June 30, 2007 (Udall, Step 1⁴, replacing K. Hagens on CRL).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Devon Podesta, Social Worker, effective January 26, 2007 to June 30, 2007 (HS, Step 1⁴, replacing D. Morgan on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jessica Heal, Teaching Assistant, effective September 27, 2006 to September 26, 2009 (Bayview, Step 6, appointed at 10/12/06 meeting; *change in step*).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Saliba, Teaching Assistant, effective October 3, 2006 to October 2, 2009 (Captree, Step 6, appointed at 10/12/06 meeting; *change in step*).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Janet Kehoe, Secretarial Assistant, effective January 17, 2007 (Step 1, District Office, replacing C. Hirt, resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): Michele Bartlett, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Stephanie Ciani, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Kristin Cullen, effective January 22, 2007, *student teacher*; Melanie Derosa, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Suzanne DiGregorio, effective January 2, 2007, *student teacher*; Sabrina Fuchs, effective January 22, 2007, *student teacher*; Zachery Kelly, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Dyane Koza, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Cathleen Pafundi, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Erin Parnell, effective January 4, 2007; Carla Perrone, effective December 13, 2006; Bonnie Rabin, effective January 2, 2007; Tracy Thalhamer, effective January 22, 2007, *student teacher*; Lisa Torre, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Erin Wallace, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2007 SCHOOL YEAR: Udall Rd. Middle School--Lori Alimonti, Friends of Rachel Club.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: RESIGNATION: Dina Barone, English Teacher, effective December 20, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: APPOINTMENT: Rosa Contos, English Teacher, effective January 3, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: APPOINTMENT: Dawn Morrison, Leave Replacement Coordinator (two nights), effective January 16, 2007, replacing E. Walsh-Bulger, CRL; approved at 11/9/06 meeting—*change in effective date*.

A representative from the external auditor, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP, gave a brief audit presentation for year ending June 30, 2006. West Islip was given the best opinion that can be given, "unqualified opinion". They did not find any material weakness with controls and are happy with what is in place now. The district has been very proactive with recommendations from prior year. She thanked Mrs. Duffy and staff for being helpful and easy to work with. The Audit Report and management letter will be on the district's website.

The Finance Committee met on 1/9, as reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 1/9, as reported on by Mr. Gellar. There were no meetings held for the Audit, Policy, Public Relations, and School Board/Student Liaison Committees.

Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE # 4906, 3892, 5178, 6344, 5755, 3221, 6339, 5699, 5669, 4048, 6231, 3176, 5544; CPSE# 6342, 6130, 6351, 6105, 6343, 6335, 6352, 6121, 6119, 6281, 6336, 6325, 6334, 6340, 6341, 6350, 6349. Mrs. Biesel reported on Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 1/11. Mr. Gellar reported on Legislative Action Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2007, 7:30 PM, Beach Street Middle School Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Treasurer's Report for November was presented. Beginning book balance \$17,202,804.52, ending book balance \$9,991,596.16.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, 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 Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Bayview PTA donation for tree beautification \$1,192.00, and P.J. Bellew donation for Arts in Education \$850.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contract with West Islip UFSD: Brentwood UFSD (St. Joseph's Academy) 7 students @ \$545.58 = \$3,819.06.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve cross-contracted services (for special education services) with Sachem Central School District for 1 student @ \$59,621.08.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bids for Meat and Dairy. Meat bid was awarded to Flynn's Provisions, Mivila, Savory Foods, and T.A. Morris for total of \$3,801.50. Bid for dairy was awarded to Oaktre Dairy, Mivila, T.A. Morris, and Savory Foods for total of \$5,480.80.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with Teaching Assistants.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with Paraprofessionals.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Mr. W. Smith encouraged public to attend budget work-session meetings. March 1st is the first meeting at Beach Street Library. He said it is the intent of this board to maintain a healthy communication with the public, with regard to budget planning and to gauge support and/or dissention for the budget. He encouraged everyone to attend meetings, go to our web-site and/or to email administration with concerns and for information. Mrs. Heine referred to article in Suffolk Life re: SAT scores and how important they are. She asked board if they can add courses to the curriculum for students preparing for SAT's. Scholarships are based on these scores, and said we need to add programs into curriculum by 10th grade, and look at cost of after school programs. Mr. Stern replied we will check online software for computer labs. Students need a good overall curriculum as preparation for the SAT's, besides extra classes. Dr. Blau also added that a 40 minute period is not enough time to prepare students. She will ask Mr. Hartill to see if practice tests can be incorporated into the Academic Learning Center. Mr. W. Smith said we need to look to the professionals, i.e., Guidance counselors, staff and perhaps get the community to increase staff and add a counselor for working with academic staff and providing guidance and SAT preparation.

"An Invitation to the Public" was held, with four residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. (Mrs. Bieselin did not attend Executive Session.)

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement re: Larry Pacifico.

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar 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.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 25, 2007—District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. W. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM, followed by the Pledge. Announcements: Dr. Blau discussed a request from "Friends of Jeremy Best", asking permission to plant a tree and place a small plaque on the High School grounds, in memory of Jeremy, a high school student who passed away last summer. Request was approved. Discussion items: composition of the Exploratory Bond Committee and PAWS Grants.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

At this time, the Legislative Action Committee, consisting of all board members present, met in the Beach Street Library Media Center. At the conclusion of this meeting, the Board reconvened the Special Meeting at the District Office at 9:05 PM. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:06 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene at 9:40 PM.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve residency request/student attendance zone, for Westbrook School student named in Executive Session, for the remainder of 2006-07 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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