

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 13, 2007—Paul J. Bellew School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. W. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Mr. Dan Hunter, Principal of Paul J. Bellew School, gave a video presentation of students and staff. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2007.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: David K. – Long Island String Festival. Emily B. – Gemini Youth Orchestra and Long Island String Festival. John D. – Gemini Youth Orchestra and Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band. Brittany W., Victoria A., Kevin F., Kathryn S. and Michael L. – Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band. Dan L., Douglas B., Matthew C. and Matthew S. – Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony. Christopher C. – All County Band. Amanda C., Lauren G., Amanda H. and Eric W. – All County Chorus. Michael L. – All County Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band. Katherine I. and Paul S. – All County Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony. Erin G. and Kathryn L. – All County Chorus and All State Chorus. Andrew L. - All State Piano Showcase, All County Orchestra, All County Jazz Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony and the Newsday Scholar Artist Award.

The Audit Report was given by auditor from RS Abrahams. Questions were answered. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the Audit Report. Legal ad will be filed as required by General Municipal Law Section 35.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Nancy Silvestrini, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, effective November 26, 2007; Laura Hill-Primiano, Music Teacher, effective January 2, 2008; and TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Nancy Silvestrini, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, effective November 30, 2007; and TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Rebecca Silva, Psychologist, effective January 14, 2008 to June 30, 2008 (Captree/OLL, currently on FMLA).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Deanna Martin, Foreign Language Teacher, effective January 25, 2008 (Udall/District Wide).

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 APPOINTMENT: Cristina Padilla, Psychologist, effective September 4, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (Captree/OLL, Step 14, replacing R. Silva).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Denninger, Senior Clerk Typist, Confidential, effective January 22, 2008 (Step 9; District Office; replacing N. Schiano, resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Nancy Gimplin, Bus Matron, effective November 26, 2007 (Step 2, Transportation Dept., replacing W. Reese, resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Frances Nodell, Senior Account clerk, Confidential, effective January 28, 2008 (District Office).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$11/hr): Marie Vizzini, effective December 3, 2007; and CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/hr): Colleen Warenik, effective November 19, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/hr): *Donna Nastasi, effective November 26, 2007; and *Renee Pollock, effective November 28, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION REVISION: Nicole Schiano, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential, effective January 18, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): Kathryn Connolly, effective January 2, 2008, *student teacher*; John Daniello, effective January 22, 2008, *student teacher*; Angela DeGasero, effective January 30, 2008, *student teacher*; *Mary Giamonco, effective January 30, 2008, *student teacher*; Michele Giua, effective January 2, 2008, *student teacher*; *Matthew Kramer, effective January 2, 2008, *student teacher*; Gelsomina Laucella, effective January 2, 2008, *student teacher*; Tara Lee, effective January 30, 2008, *student teacher*;
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Substitute Teachers - continued

Steven Meyn, effective January 22, 2008, *student teacher*; *Silvana Russo, effective January 2, 2008, *student teacher*; *Kim Ugalde, effective November 30, 2007. *conditional pending fingerprint clearance.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FACULTY (\$7,806 per full year class): Wendy Loddigs, School Counselor, effective November 26, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (replacing J. Lopiccolo).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: Linda Gifford (Jessica DiPietro, English, H.S.); Karyn Storan (Natalee Rubcewich, Health/Phys Ed, H.S./Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR: Bayview Elementary: William Raffloer, Geography Club (shared with K. Spinella, appointed at 11/15/07 BOE Meeting).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve completed curriculum development projects: Fine Arts – Studio Dance I – Grades 9-12; Fine Arts – Studio Dance II – Grades 10-12; World Languages – Do Now Manual/Activities for Speaking & Writing; Science – Biotech Push-in; Science – Biology Lab Manual; Science – Forensics Lab Manual; Business Education – Fashion Marketing; English Language Arts – Journalism; English Language Arts – Grade 2 Curriculum Map; Mathematics – Integrated Algebra.

The Finance Committee met on 12/11, and was reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Policy Committee met on 11/19, as reported on by Mrs. LaRosa. A First Reading was held tonight for Policy 2210 – Committees of the Board, Policy 6111 – Notification of Arrest, Policy 5220 – District Investments, and Policy 5520 – Extra Classroom Activities Fund. Copies were available for the public. Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 12/11, and was reported on by Mr. Gellar. No meetings held this month for School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Audit Committee, and Public Relations. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE ID# 6455, 6451, 6286, 6225, 6447, 6323, 6456, 6457, 6458, 6261, 6452, 6253, 6439, 6365, 6450; CSE ID# 4042, 3489, 5896, 5133, 5911, 6064, 4342, 5774, 4127, 22615, 97766, 6248, 6395, 3891, 5398, 5816, 5933, 4410, 5901, 5612, 3951, 5879, 3986, 5699, 4909, 6037, 6301, 22182. The Health and Wellness Committee met on 11/29 and was reported on by Mrs. Bieselin.

The Treasurer's Report for October was presented. The beginning balance was \$9,970,783.69; ending balance was \$18,998,894.52.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar 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. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Gates and Chain Link Fencing. Bid was awarded to Ideal Fence.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Rolled Paper Towel and Toilet Paper. Bid was awarded to Sterling Sanitary Supply Corp.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Bayview PTA – Arts in Education \$2,650.; Manetuck PTA – Arts in Education \$825.; WI Coaches Association \$2700. and Udall Road M.S. Activities Fund \$1,050. for purchase of portable scoreboard at Udall; PAWS Donation \$51,934.39 for H.S. laser engraver/cutter system, for H.S. Mobile Biotechnology Station and for equipment for elementary school MST Labs; Knights of Columbus \$30,000 for H.S. Varsity Football Athletic Program.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contract with West Islip UFSD: Babylon UFSD (Babylon Christian School) 1 student @ \$550.12 = \$550.12.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus equipment the following: Science textbooks grades 3-6; Business/Family and Consumer Science/Instructional Technology textbooks, and Instructional computer equipment.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mr. Smith wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Student/Teacher Calendar for 2008-09 school year.

OTHER ITEMS: Mrs. LaRosa inquired about Education Committee, and Dr. Blau stated a Second Reading next month for policy will be held and policy is then adopted. Mrs. Heine requested that if a child wishes to speak at a meeting, they should be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Smith answered that has always been done in the past. Mrs. Heine spoke about article in Newsday regarding tuition and students not applying to certain schools because of outrageous tuition. Endowment funds are high and new financial aid law will not include value of your home; it will just look at earnings.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned to a Super Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 10:16 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 2, 2008—District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. W. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Koelbel

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge. A presentation was given by Cannon Design on architectural services.

The Board discussed information regarding selection of an architect.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:07 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$300 per diem): Ed Wielunski, effective January 4, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 10:08 p.m.

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