

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 12, 2008—Manetuck Elementary 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 8:10 p.m., followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2008 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2008.

RECOGNITION: *National Geographic Geography Bee Winners* – Tristan C., Stephen D., Justin D., Thomas H., Sean McS., Michael M., Sean W.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Tricia Mileti, Health Teacher, effective January 31, 2008 (H.S.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Pauline Damiani, Library Media Specialist, effective September 4, 2007 to February 15, 2008 (Manetuck, Step 1<sup>2</sup>, replacing P. Giarrusso).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kathryn Amendola, Account Clerk, effective January 24, 2008, Step 1, District Office (replacing C. Safina who is now Senior Account Clerk; she replaced S. Beck, resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Bloom and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Linda Moore, Senior Account Clerk, effective February 25, 2008, Step 1, District Office (replacing V. Becker who is now a Senior Account Clerk, Confidential; she replaced F. Nodell, retired).

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Tana Patti, Senior Clerk Typist, effective February 6, 2008, Step 1, Udall (replacing P. Denninger who is now a Senior Clerk Typist, Confidential; she replaced N. Schiano, resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Barbara Susajlo, Cafeteria Aide, effective January 11, 2008 (Step 7, Oquenoek; change from a 6-hour leave replacement special ed aide to a 3-hour cafeteria aide).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER (\$14.68 HR van / \$21.12 HR big bus): Robert Watts, effective January 28, 2008; SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$25.74/HR): Nicole Schiano, effective January 22, 2008; SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): \*John Testa, effective January 29, 2008; SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): \*Elizabeth Salerno, effective January 15, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): *Student Teachers*: \*Diane Barrientos, effective January 22, 2008; \*Joseph Bond III, effective March 24, 2008; Caitlin Clock, effective January 28, 2008; Jennifer Hill, effective January 30, 2008; \*Jennifer Martinez, effective January 22, 2008; Nicole Michaels, effective January 15, 2008; Kathleen Mulvaney, effective January 30, 2008; \*Corinn Munroe, effective January 30, 2008; \*Tonya Olin, effective January 30, 2008; \*Melissa Pecere, effective January 22, 2008; Laurent Plompen, effective January 22, 2008; Laura Pylyp, effective January 22, 2008; Jacqueline Rosato, effective January 22, 2008; \*Keara Troy, effective January 16, 2008. *Substitute Teacher*: Donna Mazur, effective February 6, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FACULTY (\$3,903. budgeted): Robert Weiss, U.S. History (1 class, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Bloom and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: High School: Linda Marino, Art Club (replacing S. Donato); Ed Wielunski, Orchestra Club (replacing J. Hayes).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: Elementary School: Combined Music: Michelle Martin, Combined Elementary Orchestra (replacing J. Hayes).

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2008 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Baseball: Steve Mileti, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Asst. V. Coach; Shawn Rush, JV Coach; Ed Kemnitzer, JV2 Coach. Softball: Paul Rush, Varsity Coach; Paul Vecchione, Asst. V. Coach; Colleen Reilly, JV Coach; Michelle Schroeder, JV2 Coach. Boys Track: Sal Alaimo, Varsity Coach; Jim Dooley, Asst.

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

V. Coach. Girls Track: Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, Asst. V. Coach. Boys Lacrosse: Scott Craig, Varsity Coach; William Turri, Asst. V. Coach; Tim Horan, JV Coach; Eric Rao, Asst. JV Coach; Mike Hazelton, JV2 Coach; Ed Pieron, Asst. JV2 Coach. Girls Lacrosse: Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, Asst. V. Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, JV Coach; Natalee Rubcewich, Asst. JV Coach. Boys Tennis: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; Norman Wingert, JV Coach. Girls Golf: Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve: SPRING 2008 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: Baseball: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach; Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach. Softball: Beth Sherwood, 7-8 Udall Coach; Frank Franzone, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Track: Ed Aromando, 7-8 Udall Coach; Denise Radesky, 7-8 Beach Coach. Girls Track: James Wood, 7-8 Udall Coach; John Lavery, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Lacrosse: Tom Powers, 7-8 Udall Coach; Ryan Howard, Asst. Udall Coach; Chris Scharf, 7-8 Udall Coach. Girls Lacrosse: Beth Fiorini, 7-8 Udall Coach; Jessica Carroll, Asst. Udall Coach; Christin Potak, 7-8 Beach Coach; Bonnie Rabin, Asst. Beach Coach. Boys & Girls Swimming: Noreen Matthews, 7-8 Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach; KristiLee Schubert, Asst. Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach. Boys Tennis: Nancy Silvestrini, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR (School functions - \$75 per event; Rental functions - \$50 per hour): Elizabeth Eidenback – H.S.; Melissa Prieto – H.S.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: The Finance Committee met on 2/11, and was reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Policy Committee did not meet; however, a First Reading was held tonight for Policy 2210--Committees of the Board. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Policy 2210. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to waive policy and adopt Policy 2210 on a single reading.

The School Board/Student Liaison committee did not meet. The Public Relations Committee met on 2/8 and was reported on by Mrs. Bieselin. Mr. Gellar reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 2/11. Mr. Gellar also reported on Legislative Action Committee. There will be an education and taxpayer rally at noon on March 1 in Farmingdale to protest Governor Spitzer's proposed cuts of education funding. The Audit Committee and the Health and Wellness Committee did not meet. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE # 23144, 5440, 5926, 5932, 4616, 5572, 4836, 6263, 5023, 4895, 4859, 4256, 5368, 101175, 5836, 5799, 4472, 100666, 100735, 6385, 3219, 3071, 6079, 5863, 23453, 6085, 5786, 5930, 2919, 100902, 6179, 5944, 3390, 5952, 5594, 5966, 4335, 6228, 5085, 5652, 5862, 6097, 5919, 4405; CPSE# 6197, 6406, 6470, 6468, 6469, 6326, 6463, 6462, 6145, 6293, 6323, 6362, 6467, 6365, 6256, 100772, 6278.

The Treasurer's Report for December was presented. The beginning balance was \$9,598,176.90; ending balance was \$10,864,681.58.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Boiler Maintenance. Bid was awarded to Bain Heating and Piping Corp.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Roof Repairs. Bid was awarded to Best Roofing of NJ, Inc.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Cleaning of Closed Drainage Systems. Bid was awarded to National Water Main Cleaning Co.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Beach Street PTA – Arts in Education \$1,000; West Islip Soccer Club \$1,481. for tree and fencing; Beach Street PTA – Science Event \$895.; Beach Street PTA – Theatre Event \$1,250.

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare the following items as surplus equipment, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit: three Sharp cash registers at Udall Road Middle School, Model #'s ER2590; Sanyo cash register at Bayview, Model #ECR645; and assorted athletic equipment at H.S.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition and health service charges with Sachem CSD (Special Education student) \$48,942.86.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Bloom and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition and health service charges with Half Hollow Hills CD (Upper Room Christian School) 4 students @ \$4552.28.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Smith congratulated the wrestling team's win in League III. He also attended the Vocal Motion's performance at Disneyland, and was very proud of our students, as well as his son.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Biennial Review – Recertification of the District's Compact Plan.

Dr. Blau reminded everyone about Substance Abuse Awareness Week, February 25-29, 2008 and the 5K run on Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, PAWS Dinner Dance is on March 14. The Transportation Safety Committee met on January 18<sup>th</sup> and ideas were discussed to improve children's safety in relation to school bus transportation. Ideas were presented regarding departure from school, daily vehicle report, bus driver training, and communication improvements. There will be bi-monthly meetings to review procedures.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. Heine thanked Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Koelbel and Dr. Blau for tracking documents she requested. Thanks to Buildings & Grounds committee for inviting custodial chiefs to attend meeting. Mr. W. Smith mentioned busing issue.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:35 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Section 913 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. Friedman, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Friedman, is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to §913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform his duties.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Section 913 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. Randall Solomon, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Randall Solomon, is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to §913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform his duties.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve change in tenure date for Susan Lombardi, Teacher Assistant, to April 15, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve change in tenure date for Christine Alongi, Teacher Assistant, to April 18, 2009.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Burton, Behrendt, Smith (BBS) as architects for bond projects, subject to an attorney-approved contract.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Bieselin, 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

February 28, 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. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Presentation: Construction Management firms. Discussion Items: Budget meeting dates; Student Activities Coordinator job description; Clerk of the Works/Construction Manager interviews; BOCES nomination; Johnson Controls internships; professional contracts.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution nominating Mrs. Susan Lipman as a candidate for a position on the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the First Supervisory District of Suffolk County.

Mr. Gellar reported on Legislative Action committee.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. Meeting reconvened on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned to a Super Executive Session, reconvened and adjourned at 12:00 a.m. on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk