

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG

Public Hearing – January 13, 2011

Ned Pilchman: Inquired why the property tax exemption for volunteer fire fighters hadn't been approved before; is in favor of its approval.

Eliot Bloom: Feels strongly in favor of the property tax exemption for volunteer fire fighters.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING**

January 13, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. ULRICH,
MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. SMITH

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The following agenda item was discussed, with no objection: Volunteer Fire Fighter Property Tax Exemption.

Two residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to add the volunteer fire fighter property tax exemption to the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR,
MRS. LAROSA (left at 10:11 p.m.), MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. SMITH

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a property tax exemption for volunteer fire fighters. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to grant the exemption.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2010.

RECOGNITION: Girls Varsity Gymnastics – All County: Paula P. & Jessica L.; Suffolk County Coaches Association Scholar Athlete: Kailey L.. Girls Varsity Soccer – All County: Brooke K., Marissa S.; All State: Samantha W.. Boys Varsity Soccer – All County: Sean S. & Cameron E.; League II Coach of the Year: Ed P.. Girls Varsity Cross Country – All County: Ali F. & Jess B.. Boys Varsity Volleyball – All County: Brian S.. Girls Varsity Volleyball – All County: Marisa E.; All County Tournament: Erin B., Erin McG. & Marisa E. Girls Varsity Tennis – All County: Brianna F., Erin C. & Samantha S.; Coach of the Year: Kevin Lewis. Girls Varsity Swimming – All County: Andie C., Rachel M., Julia E. & Bridget W.. Varsity Football – All County: Drew F..

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid):** Paulina Zarokostas-Panagos, School Counselor; effective December 13, 2010 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING ASSISTANT: RESIGNATION:** Melissa DeVivo, Special Education; effective December 24, 2010 (Beach).

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Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Maura Young, Special Education; effective January 7, 2011 to January 6, 2014 (Beach; Step 3; replacing M. DeVivo {resigned}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESS OF POSITION: Seann Kirby, Special Ed Aide; effective December 16, 2010 (student at Oquenock no longer needed an aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESS OF POSITION: Maura Young, Special Ed Aide; effective December 15, 2010 (student at Westbrook no longer needed an aide).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Sunshine Alessi, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective January 14, 2011 (Step 1; High School; replacing V. Tardugno who is now an Assistant Cook).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Michael Maresca, Custodial Worker I; effective January 14, 2011 (Step 1; High School; replacing R. Hunter; {retired}).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERK TYPIST (\$11.00/hr): Freshta Akley, effective January 18, 2011.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/hr): James Ferayorni, effective January 14, 2011; Kevin Kuchler, effective January 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/hr): Dawn Lotter, effective January 14, 2011; Kathleen Mosher, effective January 14, 2011; Chiara Turturro, effective January 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$100 per diem): Mary Healy, effective January 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/hr): Maria Byrne, effective December 17, 2010.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Camille Persico, Music Director – Musical Production.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Justin DeMaio, Musical Director (Musical Production) (shared); Paul Spinella, Musical Director (Musical Production) (shared).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Brady to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2011. Mrs. LaRosa asked if the program is self-sustaining. After a brief discussion, motion carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2011: Susan Batzar (Word) \$35.00/hr; Lenny Butler (CPR, First Aid) \$25.00/hr; David Conroy (Circuit Training) \$25.00/hr; Kim Crichton (Belly Dancing, Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga) \$30.00/hr; Marie Cuttonaro (French) \$25.00/hr; Mike Dalia (Tai Chi for You) \$25.00/hr; Jennifer Friaglia (Zumba) \$25.00/hr; Janice Heitz (About Boating Safety); Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30.00/hr; Vera Kavanaugh (Drawing/Watercolor/Oil Painting) \$25.00/hr; Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving); Lawrence Merrill (Excel) \$35.00/hr; Frank Olish (Volleyball, Basketball) \$25.00/hr; Patricia Walsh (Planning Ahead for all the Right Reasons); Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$25.00/hr; Roberta Woolsey (Aquacise) \$25.00/hr.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Jennafer Agulla, effective January 20, 2011, student teacher; Heather Barbaria, effective January 10, 2011, student teacher; George Baritis, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Craig Beale, effective January 24, 2011, student teacher; Andrea Bone, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Kerryann DeMauro, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Vanessa Escaldi, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Deanna Esposito, effective January 19, 2011, student teacher; Melissa Farrell, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Kaitlin Fehn, effective March 21, 2011, student teacher; Brian Ferrara, effective January 24, 2011, student teacher; Marco Flores, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Timothy Fox, effective March 7, 2011, student teacher; Anthony Iannone, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Robert Izzo, effective January 24, 2011, student teacher; Savannah Keicher, effective January 24, 2011, student teacher; Deanna Lamberson, effective January 26, 2011, student teacher; Sarah Lipman, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Michelle Ngai, effective January 24, 2011, student teacher; Rod Parisi, effective January 26, 2011, student teacher; Chelsea Reimer, effective March 21, 2011, student teacher; Alyssa Rizzuto, effective March 21, 2011, student teacher; Anne Sidoti, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher; Jessica Smith, effective

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January 3, 2011, student teacher; Megan Smith, effective January 10, 2011, student teacher; *Mark Zelonski, effective January 18, 2011, student teacher; David Ziff, effective January 31, 2011, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Krystina White, effective January 14, 2011.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Dr. Parvey discussed the first elementary forum and professional development. Mrs. Burns discussed professional development workshops, Regents exams, and the senior class play.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Ulrich reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 1/11/11. Mr. Brady reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 1/4/11. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 1/13/11 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mrs. Biesel reported on the COMPASS Health and Wellness Alliance meeting of 1/6/11. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 1/11/11.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, Education Committee, and Legislative Action Committee.

Mr. Marquardt, principal of Udall Road Middle School, gave a presentation on the goals and initiatives of the Bullying Awareness Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2010 was presented. Beginning balance as of October 31, 2010 - \$29,765,592.05; ending balance as of November 30, 2010 - \$19,727,550.42.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: General Fund Tran # 2862 - 2868; Capital Fund Tran # 2861 - 2866.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mrs. Biesel to approve change orders. Mrs. LaRosa asked what the change orders were for. After a brief discussion, motion carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following change orders: Watral Brothers, Inc. - #1 at the High School for \$18,108.00; Watral Brothers, Inc. - #1 at Westbrook for \$7,824.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Vocal Motion Parent Group to Vocal Motion for \$3,970.00; Box Tops for Education to P.J. Bellew for \$1,122.70.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprinting Clearance

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: COMPUTER LEASE PURCHASE: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the West Islip Board of Education hereby approves a four year lease purchase of computer equipment with A+ Technology Solutions, Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company for a total payment of \$160,036.20. Furthermore; the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute such documents as are necessary with such lease purchase.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following materials/equipment: GMC van – Vin # 2GDGG35J5J4503603; wrestling mat.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Brady to approve Special Education contract, pending attorney review. Mrs. LaRosa recommended that the contract be tabled at this time. Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table the following Special Education contract: The New England Center for Children.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lionheart wrestling exhibition will be held at the high school on February 4, 2011. PAWS annual dinner dance will be held April 1, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simon discussed the following agenda items: 2011 resolutions, formation of a study group, Eastern Suffolk BOCES Special Election – February 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of alternate chief school physicians as follows: Dr. Philip Lloyd Schrank, Dr. James Louis Marzec.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mr. Gellar reminded the board members to complete their building inspections. There will be a blood drive at the high school on January 14, 2011.

One resident wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subject of concern has been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:12 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with West Islip Teaching Assistant Chapter of West Islip Teachers' Association, re: Coleen Nicolosi.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve attendance zone request for student named in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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Robert Maresca: Requested employment contracts be posted on the district website; discussed teachers' pay scale.