

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2014 – 8:00 PM. –Bethpage High School – Little Theatre

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:00pm and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Sandra Watson, Vice-President; Anna Israelton; John Lonardo, James A. McGlynn, Kurt Spears, and Marie Swierkowski

Also Present: Terrence Clark, Superintendent; Caroline E. Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; David Schneider, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology; Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel and Laura Granelli, Esq. Jaspan, Schlesinger, LLP.

There were approximately 36 members of the community present.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Clark introduced Mr. Michael Polansky, President and Mr. Ric DiVeglio of The Greater Long Island Running Club, who presented the district with a \$1,531 donation. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Clark thanked them for their generosity on behalf of the district.

Mr. Clark then spoke to the community about the Health and Wellness Initiative. Mr. Clark introduced the students who were going to explain the initiative. Students in all five schools met during the February break to discuss their ideas for the Health and Wellness Initiative. They would like to involve students, faculty, parents and community members to take part in different activities to get people moving and to live a healthier lifestyle. Some of the events they are thinking of is a community zumba class on the front lawn of the high school, taking bike rides through the trails as well as compiling a recipe book for healthy recipes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December, 2013.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending January, 2014.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education approve the following personnel actions:

1. Creation of Positions

Title	Effective Date
None	-

2. Abolishment of Position

Title	Effective Date
None	-

3. Resignations/Retirements

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Name	Position	Note	Effective Date
None	-	-	-
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Brigida D'Esposito	School Monitor PT	Resignation	Ratify 1/23/14
*Fred Breisacher	Cleaner FT	Retirement	2/26/14

4. Terminations

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Name	Position	Note	Effective Date
None	-	-	-
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
None	-	-	-

5. Appointments

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL						
Name	Position	Tenure Area	Salary	Probationary Period Dates	Certification Status	
None	-	-	-	-	-	
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL						
Name	Position	10 or 12 Months	Salary	Probationary Period	Benefits	Effective Date
*Deborah Pfeifer	School Monitor PT	10 Months	\$10.95/hr 12/13 Sal. Schedule	No	No	Pending Civil Service Approval
CERTIFIED PERSONNEL						
Name	Position	Tenure Area	Salary	Effect. Date	Certification Status	
Nicole Iovino	Per Diem Sub	-	As per Board Policy	2/26/14	-	

6. Family Medical Leave of Absence

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Not To Exceed 12 Weeks
Jamie Bula	Art Teacher	4/4/14	Yes
Julianna LaLuna	Math Teacher	4/4/14	Yes
Mary Padalino	Phys Ed Teacher	5/5/14	Yes
Ann Pomeranz	Special Ed	5/24/14	Yes
Melissa Seidita	Elementary	4/4/14	Yes
Elisa Wilkens	District Behavior Consultant	4/6/14	Yes
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
None	-	-	-

7. Child Rearing Leave of Absence

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Name	Position	Effective Date	Notes

None	-	-	-
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
None	-	-	-

8. Corrections

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
Name	Position	Correction	Effective Date of Correction
None	-	-	-
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL			
None	-	-	-

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

EXTRACURRICULAR/CO-CURRICULAR

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular/co-curricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2013-2014 school year.

Note: A copy of the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Activities Schedule is available in the Office of Human Resources.

Yeas 6
 Noes 0
 Absentions 1 (Mr. McGlynn)

Motion carried.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education ratify the following appointments of teachers for the Professional Development Academy for the 13/14 school year: and compensation as per the BCT contract.

Sara Dionne Andrea Morelli
Kate Peters Allison Robb

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TENURE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the administrative tenure of **Kerri McCarthy** in the tenure area of Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2014.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following adult education instructor for the 2013-2014 school year, pending fingerprint clearance:

Jim Cudney Smart World Technology Workshops "ND"

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE	January 7, 2014	January 29, 2014	
CSE	December 11, 2013	December 18, 2013	January 8, 2014
	January 9, 2014	January 13, 2014	January 14, 2014
	January 15, 2014	January 16, 2014	January 17, 2014
	January 29, 2014		

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, BE IT RESOLVED that the recommendations of the CPSE/CSE for the above dates have been reviewed by the Board of Education, and arrangements will be made for the special education programs and services and parent notification.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education set Tuesday, March 25, 2014 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2014-2015 School Budget and the Real Property Tax Report Card for submission to the District voters.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 20, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education set the following date for the Board of Registration to meet for the purpose of registering voters:

Saturday, May 3, 2014 10:00am – 1:00pm Admin. Bldg.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to publish the notice of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election and make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election of Trustees, in accordance with law.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education appoints **George Moerler** as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, to be held on May 20, 2014.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept a donation of \$275 from the Bethpage Association of Music and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the music students at Kramer Lane Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2013-2014 school year budget to allow for the expenditure of \$275.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PAMELA KARPIAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the scholarship known as the "Pamela Karpiak Memorial Scholarship," which was established via Board Resolution on January 31, 1995, and change the scholarship from a Category "A" to a Category "B" effective the 2013-2014 school year; all criteria for the scholarship will remain the same. In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the District will award this scholarship to the successful candidate selected by the District. If the donors fail to provide the District with the monies to be held in trust and awarded in a particular year, the District will not hold the funds and the scholarship, as established, will not be given.

Note: Funding of this scholarship does not utilize District monies.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THOMAS QUINN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AMENDMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the scholarship known as the "Thomas Quinn Memorial Scholarship," which was established via Board Resolution on June 30, 1998, to change the scholarship, at the request from the donor, from a Category "A" to a Category "B" effective 2013-2014 school year; all criteria for the scholarship will remain the same. In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the District will award this scholarship to the successful candidate selected by the District. If the donors fail to provide the District with the monies to be held in trust and awarded in a particular year, the District will not hold the funds and the scholarship, as established, will not be given.

Note: Funding of this scholarship does not utilize District monies.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the donations totaling \$4.13 from Pathmark for the School Fundraising Program and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the children of the Bethpage School District.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

NEW YORK STATE BULLET GRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the NYS Bullet Grant secured by Senator Hannon and Assemblyman Lavine, in the amount of \$75,000 and allow this grant to be deposited into the General Fund for the purpose of purchasing Chromebooks for students.

Resolved, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2013-2014 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$75,000 for instruction.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

**AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSET SECURITIES SYSTEM
MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AS AMENDED AND RESTATED AS OF
MARCH 14, 2014**

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn. recommends that the Board of Education approve the amendment dated March 14, 2014 to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS, in which certain terms are modified so that the NYCLASS Investment Policy better conforms to New York State General Municipal Law, that the Governing Board is empowered to further amend the Investment Policy without further amendment to the cooperative, but while maintaining appropriate notice to Participants and to allow for the potential creation of other investment options as market conditions change or improve over time. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said Amendment on their behalf.

Note: The Bethpage Union Free School District is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

APPROVAL OF STIPULATION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement in the matter of a classified student, as set forth in Confidential Exhibit "A", and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Stipulation on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the following school (sending district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational and related services, as well as transportation:

School	Period Covered	# Students	Total Est. Cost
Valley Stream Central High School District	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	1	\$93,100

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SASHA SAFRONOV MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the creation of a Category "B" annual scholarship for the next four years in the amount of \$500, to be known as the "Sasha Safronov Memorial Scholarship," donated by Debra Ciresi. In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the District will award this scholarship to the successful candidate selected by the District, in accordance with the following criteria submitted by the donor:

- A graduating Senior
- Grade point average of 90 or above for all four school years
- Participant in Girls' Varsity Gymnastics for all four school years
- Volunteered or performed community service in her Junior and Senior years

If the donor fails to provide the District with the monies to be held in trust and awarded in a particular year, the District will not hold the funds and the scholarship, as established, will not be given.

Note: Funding of this scholarship does not utilize District monies.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA:**DONATION OF FUNDS**

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1531.00 from the Greater Long Island Running Club and allow the donation to be deposited into the General Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Clark reported that due to the snow days used, the school will now be open on April 21st, April 22nd, and May 23rd.
- The Bethpage School hosted Governor Cuomo and County Executive Ed Mangano for the Civilian Preparedness Seminar. There were approximately 600 in attendance and all who were there were given a "Go Bag" with some essentials in case of an emergency.
- Mr. Clark congratulated Ms. Lavelle on the Bullying Prevention Week. All students, teachers and staff were involved in the week long activities that were planned in all the buildings.
- In light of the recent events at the Walt Whitman Mall, Mr. Clark reported that we do have CO2 sensors, gas detectors and heat sensors in all of the buildings. There are multiple ones in each of the buildings.
- The Battle At Bethpage IV will host Princeton vs. Cornell on April 26th. Ticket sales will be held on Saturday, April 5th and Saturday, April 12th.
- The Challenger Basketball home game will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27th against Levittown.
- Mr. Clark gave a "shout out" to the cast/crew of the JFK Middle School Production of "*Aladdin, Jr.*" It was a wonderful show.
- The High School Masquer's Guild will be performing "*Anything Goes*" on March 27th, 28th and 29th.
- Environmental testing has been done at the High School during the break week by H2M Company. I will share the results as soon as I receive them.
- Recognition of Teacher Excellence will be held on April 2nd at 6:00pm.
- Mr. Clark reported that they are pleased with the Tax Certiorari decision. We are looking at a budget with a tax increase of 0.22% and a no cuts budget this year.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES: March 18th and March 25th.

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education appoint David Schneider to serve as District Clerk Pro Tem.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss matters of particular employment of personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board exit Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive session at 9:20 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elena Becker
District Clerk

David Schneider
District Clerk Pro Tem