

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting

November 28, 2006 – 8:00 p.m. – Central Boulevard School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:10 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then requested a minute of silence in memory of Mr. Louis N. Orfan who passed away November 16, 2006. He noted that Mr. Orfan had served on the Board of Education until October 31, 2006, after completing more than four years of service. In addition, Mr. Orfan had served as the District's legal counsel for 37 years until his retirement. Over the course of several years, he had also served on many District advisory committees and was always very proud of the Bethpage School District.

Present: Messrs. Michael Kelly, Tom Frost, Joel Dauman, Kurt Spears, Hugh Walker, and Mrs. Sandra Watson.

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Mr. Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Mr. Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Mr. Steve Furrey, CBS Principal; Dr. Deborah King, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Ms. Chryseis Corson, Director of English Language Arts; Ms. Kim Parahus, Director of Facilities & Operations; Ms. Barbara Cataldi, CBS teacher; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 25 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 30, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 9, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORTS

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending August 31, 2006.

MOTION All aye. Motion carried (6-0).
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All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending October 31, 2006.

Motion carried (5-0-1).

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Spears)

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS: No comment.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marsh introduced Mr. Furrey, who discussed a Character Education Program that is utilized at Central Boulevard School. Its motto is, "Character Builds Success." Three students described the ten traits that are highlighted throughout the school year (one per month). Mr. Furrey noted that Ms. Cataldi publishes a monthly family newsletter that is sent home with students, and he also thanked her for preparing this evening's PowerPoint presentation. The public showed their appreciation with a round of applause for this worthwhile program.

Afterward, Mr. Kelly presented the three students with pennies that the Board had donated toward their "How Much is a Million Penny Drive." The goal is to raise money which will be donated to various charities that help find cures for illnesses that affect children. The public expressed their appreciation with applause.

An update on the English Language Arts program was presented by Ms. Corson. She discussed the recent changes in ELA assessments and demonstrated the way that the Wilson Language Program has been utilized in Bethpage Schools. Ms. Corson also reviewed the new courses available at the High School and described the "Reading to Achieve" Program. At the end of her presentation, Ms. Corson thanked the Board for their support. The public appreciated Ms. Corson's presentation and applauded her efforts.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Rescind Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education rescind the extracurricular appointment of Denise Murphy as Girls' Middle School Lacrosse Coach for the 2006-2007 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular/co-curricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2006-2007 school year.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) appointment of Jill Prescott in the area of English for the 2006-2007 school year, effective January 29, 2007. Salary will be \$55,643, based on Step 1 of the MA 2006-2007 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status. Ms. Prescott is initially certified as an English teacher in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Denise Feliciano as Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute, effective immediately upon clearance from the Commissioner of Education pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE, and approval of application and fingerprinting by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. Salary will be \$9.41 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Cleaner, Part-Time Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Gary Boswell as Cleaner, Part Time Substitute, effective immediately upon clearance from the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE and approval of application and fingerprinting by

the Nassau County Civil Service Commission. Salary will be \$13.93 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Cleaners, Full Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Cleaners, Full Time, effective December 1, 2006. Annual salary will be \$39,346, based on Step 2 of the appropriate salary schedule, with benefits.

(1) Thomas Foster
Miles Romano

(1) Mr. Foster will receive an additional 5% night differential, in accordance with the CSEA Services contract.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Tenure Recommendations

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following recommendations for tenure with effective dates noted:

Diana Fippinger	Elementary Tenure Area	1/22/07
Kristen Pietrantonni	Elementary Tenure Area	1/04/07
Amanda Srsic	Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Spec. Education Tenure Area	1/04/07

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Dr. Marsh congratulated the teachers on being awarded tenure.

Extension of Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve extensions of Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year for the following teachers:

Annmarie Buran
Laura Catanzariti
Karen Hayes

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Nicole Agovino effective March 5, 2007-September 1, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Family Medical Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leaves of Absence for the following teachers with effective dates noted, not to exceed 12 weeks:

Michelle Brady	January 2, 2007-April 10, 2007
Kalliopi Koutsouras	September 18, 2006-December 4, 2006
Lorraine Marcis	February 26, 2007-April 16, 2007

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence Recited in Agenda of October 30, 2006

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the resolution from the October 30, 2006 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Christine Healy shall be deemed ratified effective October 30, 2006 to indicate that Ms. Healy's Family Medical Leave of Absence was effective Nov. 7, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Stipulation of Agreement Between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Bethpage Congress of Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the Stipulation of Agreement amending Appendix "F" of the collective bargaining agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Bethpage Congress of Teachers for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

Note: This stipulation creates an extracurricular position and accompanying stipend.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: October 24, 2006 November 8, 2006

CSE:	October 12, 2006	October 19, 2006	October 20, 2006
	October 30, 2006	November 2, 2006	November 13, 2006
	November 14, 2006		

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, 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 educational programs and services and parent notification.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF ALTERNATE TO 2005-2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BID

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify, effective August 30, 2006, its acceptance of Alternate No. 15 (Bethpage High School Auditorium Rear Vestibule) at a cost of \$48,200 from the bid of August 1, 2006 and award the work to Stalco Construction, Inc., who was the lowest responsible bidder on the Alternate and the overall project; The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education ratify the Agreement between the District and Stalco Construction, Inc., effective August 30, 2006, to include the work of the aforementioned Alternate No. 15 High School Auditorium Rear Vestibule at a cost of \$48,200, and authorizes the Board President's execution of said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

FRANK MATTERA SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN TECHNOLOGY

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the creation of a category "B" scholarship, to be known as "The Frank Mattera Scholarship for Advanced Study in Technology." In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the scholarship fund will be established in the amount of \$5,000, donated by the family and friends of Frank Mattera, which will be held in trust by the District. The 2007 scholarship award determined by the Mattera family shall be \$1,000. In subsequent years, the scholarship amount will be determined by the Assistant Superintendent for Business based upon interest earned on the scholarship fund.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment obsolete and of no value to the District, and authorizes that it may be removed from the District inventory:

One (1) PictureTel SS700 Videoconferencing Camera

Serial Number SS 020881 (Bethpage Tag 001909)

Note: The Internal Auditor has inspected the camera. All districts in Nassau County received this unit seven years ago. It uses an ISDN phone connection which the District does not subscribe to any longer.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education declare the following pianos unrepairable and therefore obsolete with no value to the School District, and authorizes that they may be removed from the District inventory:

	<u>Model Number</u>	<u>Age</u>
Baldwin Hamilton Upright Piano	192108	46 years
Everett Studio Upright Piano	184486	38 years

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education declare the following cash registers as surplus and of no use to the School District and allow them to be sold at auctions to be held at the Bethpage High School Cafeteria:

Two (2)	Tec MA-305
Four (4)	Sharp ER-A320
One (1)	Sharp ER-2386S
One (1)	Samsung ER-4916

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education declare the following maintenance vehicles as surplus with no use determined by the School District and thereby allow them to be properly disposed at a salvage value of \$700.00:

1984 GMC Van – 145,216 miles
VIN # 1GDGG35M6E518826
Undercarriage is rotted; engine burning oil.

1987 Chevy Dump Truck – 141,704 miles
VIN # 1GBHV34K8HS184934
Undercarriage is rotting; transmission is bad.

1988 Chevy Van – 153,934 miles
VIN# 1GBGG35K47J7164368
18 years old. Body is rotted; engine burning oil.

1988 GMC Pick Up Truck w/Lift Gate – estimated 150,000 miles (odometer broken)

VIN #1GTGK34K2JE532859

18 years old. Body is rotted; engine is leaking oil and transmission fluid.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the tuition agreement between the William Floyd Union Free School District and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the purpose of the Bethpage Union Free School District providing specialized educational service to three (3) William Floyd School District students during the 2005-2006 school year at the New York State Education Department estimated Non Resident Tuition Rate (NRT) of \$7,438 for half day kindergarten, \$13,428 for regular education in grades 1-6, and \$45,018 for 60% special education in grades 1-6. Based on the above rates and the students' attendance, the total tuition cost is \$16,531.70. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the William Floyd Union Free School District (sending district) to provide education and related services to three (3) students for the 2006-2007 school year at the New York State Education Department estimated Non Resident Tuition Rate of \$13,431 per student per year for regular education in grades 1-6 and \$46,643 per student per year for special education in grades 7-12. Based on the above rates, the total cost will be \$73,505. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Jericho Union Free School District (sending district) to provide education and related services to one (1) student for the 2006-2007 school year at the New York State Education Department estimated Non Resident Tuition Rate of \$46,643 per student per year. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Levittown Union Free School District (receiving district) to provide education and related services to six (6) students for the 2005-2006 school year for a total cost of \$214,410 for the 2005-2006 school year, based on the 2005-2006 New York State Education Department estimated Non Resident Tuition Rate (NRT). The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Instructional Contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Variety Child Learning Center for the 2006-2007 school year at a cost of \$55 per hour of ABA services and \$110 per hour for SEIT services. An additional \$110 per hour will be billed for attendance by a SEIT at CSE meetings, District-initiated meetings, parent training, and/or monthly supervision by a SEIT provider as per the child's IEP. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

HUMANE CONTROL OF CANADA GEESE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Oyster Bay and the Bethpage Union Free School District in relation to Intermunicipal Cooperation for Humane Control of Canada Geese, whereas services will be provided by The Geese Peace Program, for the period of January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 at a total prorated cost of \$5,000.00. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept a \$500 Gift Certificate for merchandise in the Holt, Rinehart & Winston Catalog to be used to purchase supplies for the Mathematics Department.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$2,400 from Patricia and Robert O’Keefe of Bethpage to be used toward the purchase of three spin bikes for JFK Middle School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$2,400 toward spin bikes for use in the Physical Education Department at JFK.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$500 from Guercio & Guercio to be used by the Music Department in appreciation for the entertainment provided by the Bethpage High School Jazz Combo at Guercio & Guercio’s Annual Holiday Gathering on November 5, 2006.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$500 by the Music Department.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$3,420 from the Bethpage Wrestling Alumni Club to be used toward the purchase of the following items:

- One (1) Wrestling Mat Lamp @ \$725 plus \$75 shipping
- Fifteen (15) Championship Singlets @ \$75 each
- One (1) Hoist and Cord Reel Assembly Kit @ \$1,495

which will be used by the Bethpage High School Wrestling Team.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$3,420 for said equipment.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

NAMING OF THE BETHPAGE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the naming of the Bethpage High School Auditorium as follows: “The Bethpage High School Center for the Performing Arts.”

Motion carried (5-1-0).

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mr. Spears)
Abstentions	0

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marsh thanked Mr. Clark for arranging the recent visit by the New York Knicks in conjunction with the "Reading to Achieve" Program. Third grade students from each elementary school participated in this venture by coming to Bethpage High School to meet the Boys' and Girls' High School Basketball teams. Since all members of the teams are scholar athletes, they will be mentoring the younger students and imparting to them the importance of reading in their lives. This was also stressed by Troy Bowers of the New York Knicks, which definitely was a highlight of the day.

An update on capital improvements was provided by Dr. Marsh, as follows:

- A realistic date for holding the High School Winter Concert in the newly renovated Auditorium is the third week in January, 2007.
- Ms. Parahus noted that the heat exchange for the pool will be on site tomorrow. The Department of Health is tentatively scheduled to inspect the pool on December 1st.
- New bleachers were installed in the High School Gymnasium.

Dr. Marsh gave a brief overview of the Relay for Life Program, which he feels would be a worthwhile project. It celebrates survivors of cancer and those who lost their battle.

Work is progressing at the Bethpage Community Park. Any questions should be directed to Phyllis Barry, Public Relations person at the Town of Oyster Bay: 624-6390.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: The Board entertained questions and comments from the audience.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES:

Tuesday, January 23, 2007, 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Administration Building.
Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Charles Campagne School.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:14 p.m.

DISTRICT CLERK PRO TEM

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board appoint Mr. Clark as District Clerk pro tem for the remainder of the meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The following resolution was considered by the Board of Education:

CHANGE ORDER

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted project, for the purpose of adding modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager and as described in the attached letter from Mr. Bob Caliendo of School Construction Consultants, Inc., dated November 28, 2006:

Contract for:	Electric
Contractor:	Roland Electric Inc.
Project No.:	28-05-21-03-0-001-019
Project:	Interior Renovations and Site Improvements to Bethpage High School
Change Order No.:	E1-7

The following electrical upgrades are needed for the pool filtration room:

- Remove and relocate electrical panels from pool filter room to hallway.
- Furnish and install electrical disconnect switches.
- Provide and install electrical starters for the pool pumps and equipment.
- Furnish and install new lighting.
- Furnish and install new GFI outlets.

Total Increase: \$21,200

The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Change Order on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Clark
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk