

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

February 27, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – John F. Kennedy Middle School Auditorium

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

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Anna Israelton; Kurt Spears; and Hugh Walker.

Absent: Joel Dauman and Sandra Watson.

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Kerri McCarthy, JFK Principal; Ralph Tocco, JFK Assistant Principal; Kevin Fullerton, Director of Social Studies and Libraries K-12; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 40 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Talented eighth grade students who were members of the Eagles Chorus performed two songs, “Seasons of Love” and “Only Hope,” under the direction of Ms. Michelle Cooper, music teacher. Following their enjoyable performance, the audience gave them a round of applause.

This was followed by a presentation by Mr. Kevin Fullerton, who discussed highlights of the social studies and library programs in grades K-12. He reviewed special days that are celebrated in the District and also various guests who have visited the students. Mr. Fullerton introduced three high school students who are participating in internships in the areas of education, orthopedic sports medicine, and the New York Fire Department. He noted that over 100 students are involved in the internship program. Mr. Fullerton then introduced four students who demonstrated their skills in the “Preamble Challenge.” At the end of his informative presentation, the audience showed their appreciation with a round of applause. Dr. Marsh thanked Mr. Fullerton for his presentation and congratulated the students on their efforts.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A resident inquired what is done with obsolete books. Mr. Clark replied that the books being declared obsolete are old and in poor condition. If there is any value to them, the District sells them to a company that buys second hand books.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on February 13, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education set Tuesday, April 10, 2007 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2007-2008 School Budget.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 15, 2007, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education set the dates for the Board of Registration to meet, for the purpose of registering voters, for:

Saturday, May 5, 2007	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg. - Boardroom
Wednesday, May 9, 2007	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	High School Lobby

Note: The District has continuous registration, but is choosing to set specific dates for the Board of Registration to meet in order to facilitate voter registration.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

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

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 (5-0).

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education ratify the resignation of Maritza Signorella as Part-Time School Monitor, effective February 2, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Appointments

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy, without benefits.

Nicole Foglia

Randi Tatz

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Per Diem Substitute Nurses

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the following Per Diem Substitute Nurses for the 2006-2007 school year, without benefits. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Nurse compensation policy.

Dorothy Bausch	Effective February 28, 2007
Tricia Bestany	Effective upon fingerprint clearance

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

School Monitor, Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Dawn Nicoletti as School Monitor Part Time, effective upon fingerprint clearance, at a rate of \$10.08 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2006-2007 Elementary Salary Schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michael Ierano as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher commencing February 28, 2007 through June 1, 2007 and thereafter at the Board's discretion on a per diem basis, as necessary. Salary is in accordance with the Permanent Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule. This is an emergency conditional appointment and is conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. This appointment shall immediately terminate if the District receives notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of James Benjamin as JV Baseball Co-Coach for the 2006-2007 school year. The total stipend of \$4,365 will be shared equally with Joseph Inghilterra who was originally appointed as JV Baseball Coach on August 8, 2006.

Note: The baseball season will begin March 5, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education declare the following High School Library books obsolete and of no use and no value to the School District, and authorizes that they may be removed from the District inventory:

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Title / Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Pub Date</u>
XANF0012057	Fell/Kerr, M. E.	HarperCollins	1987
XANF0010714	Dark Angel/Andrews, V. C.	Simon & Schuster	1986
XANF0032521	Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees	College Board	2001
XANF0032460	SAT Success	Peterson's	2001
XANF0032458	ACT	Kaplan	2000
XANF0010438	ACT, American College Testing Program	Macmillan	1995
XANF0032850	The Best 331 Colleges	Princeton Review	2000
XANF0019814	The Fiske Guide to Colleges	Random House	1999
XANF0017432	The Contender/Lipsyte, Robert	HarperCollins	1967
XANF0022924	You Know you Love me/ Von Ziegesar, Cecily	Little, Brown	2002
XANF0011703	The Firm/Grisham, John	Dell	1991
XANF0011704	The Firm/Grisham, John	Dell	1991

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education declare the following old uniforms of no value to the School District and approve they be sent to New Orleans to be used by schools who are in need of help:

- 35 Volleyball Shirts – Boys and Girls – 7/8, JV, V
- 48 Softball Shirts – Girls – JV & V
- 45 Lacrosse Shirts – Girls – JV & V
- 44 Basketball Shirts & Shorts – Boys – JV
- 60 Track Shirts & Shorts – Boys & Girls – JV & V
- 42 Cheerleading Sweat Shirts – Girls
- 40 Cheerleading Skirts & Tops – 7/8
- 46 Basketball Uniform – Girls – JV & V

- 24 Tennis Shorts – Girls
- 50 Football Jerseys – JV

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: February 6, 2007

CSE:	January 22, 2007	January 24, 2007	January 30, 2007
	February 1, 2007	February 5, 2007	February 6, 2007
	February 7, 2007	February 8, 2007	

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, 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 (5-0).

DISTRICT TUITION RATE

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the following *estimated* 2006-2007 school year tuition rates, based upon net costs per students, for non-resident children attending Bethpage Public Schools:

Regular Education Students:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$11,383
Full Day K-6 Students	\$13,105
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$15,288

Special Education Students:

a. Receiving Services 60% or more of the school day:

Full Day K-6 Students	\$60,323
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$62,506

b. Receiving Services 20% or more of the school day:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$36,381
Full Day K-6 Students	\$38,103
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$40,286

The total *estimated* tuition is subject to the New York State Education Department calculations which could result in an increase in the cost of tuition.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District adopts the District calendar attached hereto for the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Architect of Record, John A. Grillo Architect, P.C., contained in a letter to the Bethpage Union Free School District dated February 6, 2007, we hereby declare the following proposed projects, noted as "2006/2007 and 2007/2008 Capital Improvements Program":

1. Bethpage High School – SED Control No. 28-05-21-03-001-023
Corridor Locker Replacement – Partial replacement of existing 1st floor corridor lockers;
VAT/VCT Tile Installation – (2) Two classrooms on 2nd floor.
2. Central Boulevard Elementary School - SED Control No. 28-05-21-03-0-003-017
Reconstruction of (4) four existing bathrooms for handicapped accessibility;
(1) One Multi-stall Boys' and Girls' toilet located off the main corridor of the building. The toilets on the second floor are directly over the first floor. Work shall include fixture replacement, toilet partition and accessory replacement, and replacement of all finishes.

WHEREAS, these projects fall under the following categories:

- A. Routine Maintenance and Repair 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (1): Maintenance or repair involving no substantial change in an existing facility.
- B. Replace or Rehabilitation 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (2): Replacement or rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work excess a threshold for a Type I action in 6NYCRR§617.4.
- C. 6NYCRR§617.5 (c) (8): Routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, all the above referenced projects fall under Categories “A” or “B” above. The procedure for Type II Actions, with regard to the SEQRA Process for Capital Projects noted above is “No Additional Required Action under 6NYCRR§617.5(a).”

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: *The Board tabled approval of the maintenance agreement with Acorn Media effective March 1, 2007 and expiring February 28, 2008 at a cost of \$990, in order to have more time to review it:*

ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY 7421 – SCHOLARSHIPS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has waived the first reading of revised Policy 7421 Scholarships and approves it for adoption.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

RIDER TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BETHPAGE UFSD AND SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS, INC. (“SCC”)

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify a Rider dated February 27, 2007 to the Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and School Construction Consultants, Inc. (“SCC”) dated July 8, 2003, which Rider shall extend the services of SCC on a full-time basis until the earlier of the completion of all existing projects or January 31, 2007, for a total fee of \$8,440, and should services be required thereafter, extend services on a part-time basis at a rate of \$90 per hour except for default and/or litigation work which will be compensated at a rate of \$125 an hour for a Project Executive/Principal and \$90 per hour for a Project Manager, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Rider on the Board’s behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS, INC. (“SCC”) FOR 2005 CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify an amendment to an agreement dated March 29, 2006 with School Construction Consultants, Inc. ("SCC") for Construction Management Services in connection with the District's 2005 Capital Construction Project (as set forth in the May 17, 2005 proposition) and Energy Performance Contract for a total fee of \$44,060 and any additional services as defined in the Agreement at a rate of \$90 per hour except for default and/or litigation work which shall be compensated at a rate of \$125 per hour for a Project Executive/Principal and \$90 per hour for a Project Manager, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Amendment on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the amendments, as submitted and set forth in Exhibit "A", to the Energy Performance Contract between Johnson Controls, Inc. ("JCI") and the Bethpage Union Free School District dated January 5, 2006, which amendments indicate that JCI's installation of energy conservation measures, facility improvement measures and operational efficiency improvements shall guarantee that the District achieve total guaranteed project benefits of \$4,084,340 during the term of the Agreement (18 years) and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Amendments on the Board's behalf.

Note: This Amendment reflects an increase in the guaranteed energy savings from the \$3,890,512 previously set forth in the Agreement.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The first meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee was cancelled due to the weather; the next one will take place on Thursday, March 1st.
- The Nassau County Police Special Operations Unit held a training exercise at Bethpage High School on February 21st during the Winter Recess. They reported that their training went very well.
- A special community forum concerning the implementation of full day kindergarten will be held at Bethpage High School on Tuesday, March 13th, at 8:00 p.m.
- The PTA is sponsoring Internet Safety Night on Thursday, March 15th, at 8:00 p.m. at Bethpage High School, in conjunction with Cablevision's Power to Learn Division.
- Cablevision's Power to Learn Division is filming another commercial at various schools around the District.

- The 3rd Astronomy Night will be held on Friday, March 23rd. It will feature presenters from Northrop Grumman.
- A Relay for Life kick-off meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Bethpage Jewish Community Center. The event will take place on June 2nd at Bethpage High School.
- We are creating the “Bethpage Educational Foundation.” If either you or someone you know would be interested in helping out, please call Dr. Marsh’s office.
- Seven out of nine winter teams are Scholar Athlete Teams, which brings the total to 13 out of 17 for fall and winter sports.
- Girls’ Gymnastics won their 9th County Championship in a row.
- Girls’ Bowling became Conference Champions.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions/comments from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. – Agenda Meeting – Boardroom

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting – Central Boulevard School

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contracts and specific personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk