

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special/Agenda Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2007 – 7:30 p.m. – Administration Building - Boardroom

A Special/Agenda Meeting of the Bethpage Board of Education was held in the Boardroom at the Administration Building on March 20, 2007. Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Anna Israelton; Kurt Spears; and Sandra Watson.

Hugh Walker arrived during Executive Session.

Also Present: Richard Marsh, Ed.D., Superintendent; Terrence Clark, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; John DeTommaso, BHS Principal; Kerri McCarthy, JFK Principal; Steve Furrey, CBS Principal, Kevin Fullerton, Director of Social Studies and K-12 Libraries; Chryseis Corson, Director of English Language Arts; Janice Yale, Director of Science; Angela Kozlowski, Director of Mathematics; Kim Parahus, Director of Facilities & Operations; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspas Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately two members of the public were present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District is the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Process for the purpose of required determinations respecting the proposed Capital Improvement Project as follows:

1. Central Boulevard Elementary School

Full-Day Kindergarten: Room 102 (currently 800 SF) will be increased to approximately 1,060 SF, including toilet. This work will include adding a new addition that is approximately 6'-0" deep x the width of the classroom. Additionally, a new steel beam and associated footings and columns will be installed at the window wall. This will allow for the removal of two (2) existing columns which are located within the existing exterior window wall.

Additionally, approximately 400 SF from each of the Boys and Girls Locker Rooms shall be reclaimed as teaching space (i.e., Resource Room, ESL or possibly CSE Meeting Room). Each space will be less than 500 SF and will therefore only need (1) means of egress. Each space will require new mechanical ventilation and cooling as per Section S606-3 of the Manual of Planning Standards.

2. Kramer Lane Elementary School:

Full-Day Kindergarten: Construction of one (1) new classroom addition (Kindergarten) of 1,100 SF. The construction of the new addition will be Type 2B construction, as per Table 601 of the BCNYS.

3. Charles Campagne Elementary School:

Full-Day Kindergarten: Construction of two (2) new Kindergarten classrooms, along with two (2) new small group instruction spaces (4,800 SF). Convert existing Locker Room area into additional Gymnasium storage. Install new pair of exterior doors along east wall of new storage space.

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the State Environment Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") Regulation (Part 617) to classify projects, which will be excluded from the requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (Type II Actions). The project(s) mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

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 of 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 closing, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School District Architect, the Board of Education, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, finds that all the above referenced projects fall under Categories (A) or (B) and (C). 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)." And, be it further resolved that the Board of Education directs that an official copy of this resolution be forwarded to the New York State Department of Education as appropriate.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 20, 2007, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 15, 2007, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears: WHEREAS, it is the Board of Education's present intention to pursue the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten in the District;

WHEREAS, in the exploration of same, the Board of Education reviewed its demographic studies, physical needs for space, Capital plans and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been apprised that EXCEL monies are being made available to it by the State that may be put towards Capital construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Bethpage Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 15, 2007, a Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 15, 2007, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

EXCEL PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake an improvement project (the "EXCEL Project") substantially as described in a plan prepared for the District by John A. Grillo, Architect, P.C. (the "Plan"), which Plan is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, said EXCEL Project consisting of the construction of additions and improvements to various District buildings, including (as and where required): building additions to provide additional instructional space; the

reconstruction and/or reconfiguration of existing space to provide for additional instructional and storage space; installation of exterior doors; and ventilation and air condition system improvements; the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, furnishings, apparatus, and all ancillary and related site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$3,152,388; provided that the costs of the components of the EXCEL Project as set forth in detail in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) That a tax is hereby voted therefor in the amount of not to exceed \$3,152,388 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,152,388 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and

(c) That the District expects to receive as reimbursement from the State of New York (the "State") \$987,657 under the new Expanding our Children's Education and Learning (herein called "EXCEL") State aid program, and additional amounts of other State aid, and all of such aid as and when received by the District shall be applied to offset and reduce the taxes hereby authorized.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election in substantially the following condensed form:

EXCEL PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct additions and improvements to various District buildings and to expend therefor not to exceed \$3,152,388;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$3,152,388 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,152,388 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (c) that the District expects to receive EXCEL

aid in the amount of \$987,657 and other aid from the State of New York, and such aid as and when received by the District shall offset and reduce the taxes hereby authorized.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

FIRST READING OF EXISTING POLICY 6551 – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed the first reading of existing Policy No. 6551 entitled “Family and Medical Leave Act,” as submitted.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY NO. 4532 – SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of new Policy No. 4532 entitled “School Volunteers,” as submitted.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

RESIGNATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept/ratify the following irrevocable resignations with effective dates noted:

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| David Gill | Custodian | March 19, 2007 |
| Lauren Resnitzky | Speech Language Pathologist | June 30, 2007 |

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Following the Board’s approval of this evening’s agenda, Ms. Corson, Mr. Fullerton, Ms. Kozlowski, and Ms. Yale presented reports concerning their departments.

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board enters into Executive Session to discuss particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Walker arrived at approximately 8:30 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW/DISCUSSION

- Update on Change Orders/Garage Renovations
- Review agenda for March 27, 2007 Regular Meeting
- Chairperson for Annual Meeting
- High School athletic fields

BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and construction litigation.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education adjourn the Special/Agenda Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Special/Agenda Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Clark
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk