

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

April 24, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – Kramer Lane School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 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; Hugh Walker; 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; Dr. Frank Cicione, Principal; Ms. Pam Puglisi, District Director of Guidance; and Carol Melnick, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 18 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Cicione introduced Mrs. Deborah Stehlik, music teacher, and select members of the Kramer Lane Recorder Club. These students also performed last week at the Long Island Recorder Festival. After performing three “catchy” tunes, the audience gave the students a round of applause.

Dr. Marsh then introduced Mrs. Puglisi, who was accompanied by the following guidance team: BHS – Carol Leonardi, Jennifer Payne, and James Benjamin; JFK – Steve Suprenant, Jesica Tavolacci, and Melissa Mackenzie. Mrs. Puglisi was pleased to announce that 95% of the Class of 2006 enrolled in college, and that last year the Bethpage community donated \$48,000 for scholarships. The guidance counselors covered the following topics: College competition and financial aid; testing; cultural diversity and tolerance; and Internet safety. This was proceeded by a question-and-answer period. Dr. Marsh thanked Mrs. Puglisi and the guidance counselors for tonight’s presentation, and the public showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on March 20, 2007.

Motion carried (6-0-1).
 Ayes 6
 Noes 0
 Abstentions 1 (Mr. Spears)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 27, 2007.

Motion carried (6-0-1).
 Ayes 6
 Noes 0
 Abstentions 1 (Mrs. Watson)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 10, 2007.

Motion carried (5-0-2).
 Ayes 5
 Noes 0
 Abstentions 2 (Messrs. Kelly and Spears).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda meeting held on April 17, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation of Thomas Burke, Principal Account Clerk, effective June 29, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approves the Stipulation of Agreement dated April 24, 2007 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 a High School Assistant Badminton Coach position effective with the 2006-2007 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Cleaner, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Blanca Prassos as Cleaner, Part Time, Substitute, effective April 25, 2007. Salary will be \$13.93 per hour, based upon the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, 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:

Kaitlin Bielo

Erin Horan

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time, Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Doreen Greenwald 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. Hourly salary will be \$9.41, based upon the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Lifeguards I/Grade I Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the following hourly appointments of Lifeguards I/Grade I, Part Time for the Open Swim, Learn to Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2006-2007 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates) at \$9.59 per hour, in accordance with the 2006-2007 salary schedule, without benefits.

Ramiro Barbuzano, Jr.
Kevin Bird

Matt Caruana
Meghan McIsaac

Katie Vetrano

Note: These are not new positions.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Harold Coffin as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher effective March 27, 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, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular appointments:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jacquelyn Keane	Senior Class Assistant Advisor	2007-08 SY	\$3,501
Elizabeth Lambot	Senior Class Advisor	2007-08 SY	\$2,902
Alan Weber	BHS Asst. Badminton Coach	4/25/07	\$2,031 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ This is a new position.

Motion carried (7-0).

Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve Child-Rearing Leaves of Absence for Julie Hahn for the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 school years.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Kim Domina for the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Denise Caliguri effective May 21, 2007 through June 30, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Maria Whalen effective September 12, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Cheryl Kelly effective May 31, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Valerie Riccardello effective May 7, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Dina Forgione effective May 11, 2007, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Resignation Date Recited in Agenda of March 20, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the March 20, 2007 Special/Agenda Meeting regarding the resignation of Lauren

Resnitzky shall be deemed ratified effective March 20, 2007 to indicate that Ms. Resnitzky's resignation is effective May 9, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: March 20, 2007

CSE:	March 16, 2007	March 20, 2007	March 26, 2007
	March 29, 2007	April 11, 2007	

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, 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 (7-0).

NON-RESIDENT TUITION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Non-Resident Tuition Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Riverhead Central School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing educational services during the 2006-2007 school year to one child at an estimated sum of \$15,288. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the Health Services Agreement between Jericho Public Schools and the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) for nine (9) Bethpage students attending non-public schools within the Jericho School District during the 2006-2007 school year at a cost of \$778.11 per student for a total of \$7,002.99. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$171.91 from Target Stores and the "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising Program and allow this donation to be deposited into the

General Fund to be used to benefit the children at JFK Middle School in support of the teaching process.

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 \$171.91 at JFK Middle School for use by the Student Council.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$563.29 from Target Stores and the "Take Charge of Education" School Fundraising Program and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the children at Charles Campagne Elementary School in support of the teaching process.

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 \$563.29 towards the purchase of Physical Education and recess equipment at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE (TAN) RESOLUTION OF BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 24, 2007, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

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

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Bethpage Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,500,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of one of the following: the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District; and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was motioned by Board Member Watson and seconded by Board Member Spears and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Israelton and Mrs. Watson; Messrs. Kelly, Frost, Dauman, Spears, and Walker.

NOES: None.

The resolution was declared adopted. Motion carried (7-0).

CHANGE ORDER

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted project, for the purpose of installing 4” CMU at window ledge in order to eliminate a space in the wall at the roof-line level, and to replace ceiling tiles damaged by roof leaks at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

Contract for: Roof Construction
Contractor: WB Contracting
Project No: 28-05-21-03-0-007-012
Project: Exterior Renovations to Charles Campagne Elementary School

Change Order No. G1-03: Backcharge to Roofing Contractor at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

Total Decrease: (-\$9,266.00)

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 (7-0).

CHANGE ORDER

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted projects, for the purpose of costs for the District’s staff to clean up water from damage by roof leaks at Kramer Lane and Charles Campagne Elementary Schools.

Contract for: Roof Construction
Contractor: WB Contracting
Project No: 28-05-21-03-0-004-009
Project: Exterior Renovations to Kramer Lane Elementary School

Project No: 28-05-21-03-0-007-012
Project: Exterior Renovations to Charles Campagne Elementary School

Change Order No. G1-02: Backcharge to Roofing Contractor at Charles Campagne Elementary School and Kramer Lane Elementary School.

Kramer Lane \$20,873.55
Charles Campagne 12,592.29

Total Decrease: (-\$33,465.84)

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 (7-0).

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION IN AGENDA OF JANUARY 30, 2007 REGARDING RELEASE WITH NATIONAL GRANGE INSURANCE COMPANY

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the January 30, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the release with National Grange Insurance Company shall be deemed amended effective January 30, 2007 to indicate that these monies shall be accounted for in the revenue account for insurance recoveries (H2680) in the 2000 Bond Referendum capital fund, thus, in

accordance with Educational Law §1718, increasing the appropriations accordingly.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education appoints David Bardsley as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, to be held on May 15, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District approve Elizabeth Skrypek as Chief Election Inspector and/or Election Clerk, at a rate of \$29.46 per hour.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD OF REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Registration of the Bethpage Union Free School District approve the addition of the following qualified voters to the Board of Registration and as Inspectors of Election and/or Election Clerks. Board of Registration members, Inspectors, and Assistant Clerks shall be paid at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

1. Board of Registration : Mary Cohan Jeanette Portelli
 Peggy Meyer Barbara Sloan
2. Inspectors and/or Assistant Clerks:

Anne Adams	Leatrice D'Alessandro	Joan Lewis	Rose Portigiano
Janice Altilio	Lucy DeHaan	Otto Lipp	Mary T. Reilly
Jennie Asmussen	Joan Feerick	Edith Loesch	Doris Rosenfeld
Rose Baltrusitis	Ann Flannery	Gary Lustig	Ed Schmidt
Anthony Battaglia	Mary Floresta	Elizabeth Mason	Helen Shube
Carolyn Bernhard	Alice Flynn	Corinne McKeown	Elizabeth Skrypek
Elaine Caiazzo	Dorothy Furrey	Jeanette Meyer	Joan Skrypek
Marie Carrello	Maria Gil	Peggy Meyer	Barbara Sloan
Kathleen Catoggio	Rosemary Gross	Augusta Mirto	Maryann Strazzeri
MaryAnn Cilmi	Maria Karambatsakis	Cynthia Morris	Frances Trupiano
Jagdish Chandra	Renita Kiely	Irene Mosca	Joseph Trupiano
Mary Cohan	Muriel Krupp	Larry Nosowitz	Joann Vevgas
Joan Constantine	Helene Lang	Marianne Papayannakos	Josephine Vitale

Elizabeth Croan	Frances Leone	Jeanette Portelli	
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Note: This resolution supersedes the resolution which was approved by the Board of Education at the Reorganization Meeting on July 11, 2006.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTE ON THE 2007-2008 NASSAU BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES) ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education vote on the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (hereinafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative Administrative Operations Budget for the 2007-2008 school year (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Nassau BOCES Administrative Operations budget for its 2007-2008 school year, in the amount of sixteen million nine hundred forty-six thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars (\$16,946,349), be, and hereby is APPROVED by this Board as presented.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTE TO FILL THREE (3) VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF NASSAU COUNTY (BOCES)

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education cast votes for three of the following candidates to be elected to serve on the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2007:

George Farber (incumbent):
 Gale Ross-Srulevich (incumbent):
 Arline Strumeyer (incumbent):

The Board was polled and votes were cast for Mr. Farber, Ms. Ross-Srulevich, and Ms. Strumeyer.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY RECREATION GRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept a 2006 (calendar year) Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to be applied toward costs incurred by the High School Student Civic Association Club and also for costs associated with supervision of the High

School Pool on Saturdays, and authorizes the Board President to sign the application on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REVISION TO RESOLUTION OF OCTOBER 30, 2006 REGARDING TOWN OF OYSTER BAY RECREATION GRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify a revision to the October 30, 2006 Resolution, effective October 30, 2006, Regarding Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant to read that we “accept a Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant in the amount of \$7,500 to be applied toward costs incurred by the High School Student Civic Association Club during 2005 calendar year and also supervision of the High School pool on Saturdays, and authorizes the Board President to sign the application on its behalf.”

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Marsh noted that Earth Day was celebrated throughout the District yesterday. In addition, the District’s Earth Day festivities were featured on News 12. Mr. Clark added that every teacher in the District had activities geared toward Earth Day, and that the lessons were designed to encourage Critical Thinking.
- Senator Hannon is providing a \$10,000 grant for the purchase of AEDs. This grant will be used to replace some of the older units.
- Discussions have been held with the community concerning the two propositions for the Annual Meeting. Dr. Marsh urged everyone to vote on May 15, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.
- A meeting will be held with the PTAs on Monday, April 30th, 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Parents of the Class of 2020 have been invited to attend. The meeting is open to everyone.
- Relay for Life cancer awareness and fund raiser dinner is being held on June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. at BHS. Anyone who is a cancer survivor and wants to participate is welcome to attend.
- After the tragedy at Virginia Tech, each building Principal has reviewed their school’s building plans. The District-wide plan is also being reviewed.
- Future Board Meetings:

Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting – BHS
Tuesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.	Agenda Meeting – Boardroom
Thursday, May 31, 8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting – BHS

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions and comments from the audience.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:42 p.m.

BOARD EXITED EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk