

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting – August 7, 2007

7:30 p.m. – Executive Session/Special Meeting/Executive Session – Boardroom

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; Hugh Walker; and Sandra Watson.

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 11 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board enter Executive Session for a discussion concerning particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board exit Executive Session and reconvene the public session.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. and resumed the public session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Reorganization/Special Meeting held on July 11, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**PERSONNEL*****The Board tabled the following resolution:***

Leave of Absence: *The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve a leave of absence for George Maggio from the position of Custodian effective August 24, 2007.*

Create Positions

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education create the following positions, effective September 1, 2007:

- One (1) Full-Time Special Education teacher position in the special subject tenure area of Education of Children With Handicapping Conditions – General Special Education tenure area.
- One Full-Time Job Coach Position – ACE/GOALS Programs, with benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments***The Board tabled the following resolution:***

Head Custodian: *The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the provisional appointment of George Maggio as Head Custodian I, effective August 24, 2007. Salary will be \$63,925, based on Step 9 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, with benefits.*

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 Lauren Manley in the area of Mathematics for the 2007-2008 school year, effective September 1, 2007. Salary will be \$60,965, based on Step 3 of the MA 2007-2008 salary schedule,

with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status. Ms. Manley is initially certified as a Mathematics teacher in the State of New York. 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 (7-0).

Cleaner, Part-Time Substitute

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alvin E. Clark 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 \$14.35 per hour, without benefits.

Motion carried (6-0-1).

Ayes	6
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mr. Frost)

Summer Student Worker

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Greg Miller as Summer Student Worker part time, effective July 16, 2007, at a salary of \$7.36/hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular Appointment

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular appointment of Patrick Braglia as Ice Hockey Coach for the 2007-2008 school year with a stipend of \$4,224.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Probationary Instructional

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of John Ogilvie, in the special subject tenure area of Education of Children With Handicapping Conditions – General Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009. Salary will be \$60,965, based on Step 3 of the MA 2007-2008 salary schedule.

Mr. Ogilvie is permanently certified to teach Special Education in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Callan Lonergan, in the special subject tenure areas of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions – General Special Education tenure area, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2009. Salary will be \$59,100, based on Step 2 of the MA 2007-2008 salary schedule. Ms. Lonergan possesses a Special Education Transitional B 1-6 certificate from the State of New York. Her certification is pending for Special Education PK-12 and Childhood Education 1-6.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The above two appointments are emergency conditional appointments and are conditioned upon and subject to criminal clearance from the Commissioner pursuant to the requirements of Project SAVE. If the District receives notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner regarding one or more of the appointments, the appointment(s) shall immediately terminate.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ACTION CONTINUES ON PAGE 39.

STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release dated August 7, 2007, in connection with the matter of a student with a disability, as listed in Confidential Attachment “A,” and further authorizes the Board President to execute the stipulation on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education declare the following books obsolete and of no value and no use to the school district, and authorizes that they may be removed from the district inventory.

Glencoe Life Science (Glencoe; 1997) – 150 copies

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SOFTWARE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Software Program License Agreement and Addendum between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Postini, Inc, for the purpose of providing SPAM email filtering for the 2007-2008 school year, at a cost of \$3,960. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CORRECTION TO SCHOOL YEAR RECITED IN AGENDA OF JULY 11, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the July 11, 2007 Reorganization/Special Meeting regarding increasing the voter-approved 2006-2007 school year budget appropriation in the amount of \$21,250 shall be deemed ratified effective July 11, 2007 to indicate that the Board of Education is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2007-2008 school year budget appropriation in the amount of \$21,250.

Note - Reason: For unanticipated increase in AP exams.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that, in accordance with New York State Law and District Policy No. 7610, the Board of Education approve the District's Special Education Plan for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years, as submitted.

Note: A copy of the plan is available in the Superintendent's Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

District Level Meetings:

February 7, 2007	February 8, 2007	February 9, 2007	February 27, 2007
March 2, 2007	March 7, 2007	March 8, 2007	March 9, 2007
March 14, 2007	March 21, 2007	March 22, 2007	April 18, 2007
April 19, 2007	April 24, 2007	April 26, 2007	April 27, 2007
April 30, 2007	May 2, 2007	May 3, 2007	May 9, 2007
May 10, 2007	May 14, 2007	May 16, 2007	May 18, 2007
May 23, 2007	May 31, 2007	June 7, 2007	June 13, 2007
June 14, 2007	June 21, 2007		

Sub-CSE Meetings:

March 2, 2007	March 7, 2007	March 9, 2007	March 14, 2007
March 16, 2007	April 10, 2007	April 11, 2007	April 30, 2007

May 16, 2007	May 17, 2007	May 21, 2007	May 22, 2007
May 23, 2007	May 24, 2007	May 30, 2007	May 31, 2007
June 4, 2007	June 5, 2007		

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, 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).

SCHOOL AID PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the results of the School Aid Professional Consultants RFP/Q and award the contract to School Aid Specialists, the most responsible bidder meeting specifications, at a fee of 15% of additional monies appropriated by the State to the District for each particular Aid re-filing. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute the agreement with School Aid Specialists, as provided for and pursuant to the terms of the bid package, on its behalf. The bid opening was held July 23, 2007.

Note: a copy of the bid summary is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION IN AGENDA OF JUNE 26, 2007 REGARDING SETTLEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE AGREEMENT – G&A RENOVATION & RESTORATION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the June 26, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement among the Bethpage Union Free School District, the Commissioner of Labor of the State of New York and Travelers Indemnity Company (“Travelers”) shall be deemed amended effective June 26, 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).

UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE FUND

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$200,000, as stipulated in the June 26, 2007 agenda, from the 2006-2007 fund balance to the existing Unemployment Reserve Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

COMPENSATED ABSENCES RESERVE FUND

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$300,000, as stipulated in the June 26, 2007 agenda, from the 2006-2007 fund balance to the existing Compensated Absences Reserve Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bethpage Union Free School District Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Certification of the Chairman and Chief Deputy Assessor of the Nassau County Department of Assessment for the Bethpage Union Free School District. Such certification indicates the assessed valuation of the property appearing on the School District Assessment Rolls of the Town of Oyster Bay for the year 2007-2008, as follows:

Real Property Class Assessed Valuations

One	\$ 6,795,782
Two	\$ 44,164
Three	\$ 355,467
Four	<u>\$ 3,580,610</u>
 TOTAL:	 \$10,776,023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education certifies that the budget gross amount of the necessary claims and expenditures for the 2007-2008 School Year amount to:

\$66,488,062	For School Purposes
<u>\$ 2,596,650</u>	For Library Purposes
 \$69,084,712	 TOTAL

And, that the following sums are the amounts to be raised by taxation for the year 2007-2008, to be levied upon the taxable property of the School District as said property has been certified to by the Board of Assessors of Nassau County.

\$51,059,679	For School Purposes
<u>\$ 2,124,650</u>	For Library Purposes
 \$53,184,329	 TOTAL

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, pursuant to Sections 6-18.0, 6-19.0 and 6-20.0, and amendments thereto of the Nassau County Administrative Code, to file those resolutions with the Nassau County Legislature and the Board of Assessors, Mineola, New York, on or before August 15, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education create the position of Elementary Assistant Principal/Special Education Coordinator in the administrative tenure area of Elementary Assistant Principal/Special Education Coordinator, effective September 1, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Probationary – Elementary Assistant Principal/Special Education Coordinator

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Eileen Vota as Elementary Assistant Principal/Special Education Coordinator in the administrative tenure area of Elementary Assistant Principal/Special Education Coordinator, effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010, at an annual salary of \$111,111. Ms. Vota is permanently certified as both a School Administrator and Supervisor and a School District Administrator. 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 upon receipt of notice of denial of clearance by the Commissioner or shall continue with the conditional status removed, if and when full clearance is granted.

Note: This is a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for discussions concerning contracts..

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board adjourn the Special Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Special Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk