

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

November 27, 2007 – 8:00 p.m. – Charles Campagne 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; Anna Israelton; Kurt Spears; Hugh Walker; and Sandra Watson.

Absent: Joel Dauman.

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; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

Approximately 35 members of the public were present at the start of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cintado, Charles Campagne School Principal, introduced Mr. Brian O'Connor, music teacher, who performed a song with the Beginner Recorder Ensemble which consisted of nine students. This was followed by another selection which was performed by a recorder quartet. The Board appreciated the musical program and everyone gave them a round of applause.

Dr. Marsh presented Dr. Deborah King, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, who provided an update of the Special Education program. She introduced the following personnel who are involved in the new ACE (Academic and Career Experience) and GOAL (Goal-Oriented and Academic Learning) Programs: Ms. Ida Barry and Ms. Suanne Keller, Special Education teachers; Ms. Maureen Mendolia and Ms. Linda Lembo, Teacher Assistants; and Ms. Suzanne Brunelle, School Psychologist/Job Coach. Some of the students who are enrolled in these two new programs described their positive experiences during the current school year.

Dr. King then reviewed the goals for the K-12 Special Education program for the current school year. She introduced Dr. Ervi Farkas, School Psychologist/Lead Psychologist and Ms. Eileen Vota, Special Education Coordinator and CBS Assistant Principal. They described various interventions utilized by the District to help students succeed, including RTI (Response to Intervention) – an approach to help identify students who are struggling.

Dr. Farkas then described the evolution of the Special Education program in Bethpage Schools.

The parents appreciated the update on the Special Education program by the staff and students, and showered them 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 October 23, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 1, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 8, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on November 20, 2007.

Ayes	5
Noes	0
Absentions	1 (Mrs. Watson abstained, as she was absent.)

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORTS

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending September 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the warrant for the period ending October 31, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS: None.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation of Woodrow Cromarty III as Per Diem Substitute teacher effective October 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher:

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of John Webster II as Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teacher, commencing December 17, 2007 through June 1, 2008 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 (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2007-2008 school year:

Frank Barile

John Webster II

Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teachers' compensation policy.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

School Monitor (Part Time)

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Sondra Lipari as School Monitor (Part Time), effective November 13, 2007 at a rate of \$10.38 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Director of School Facilities and Operations II

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the provisional appointment of Anthony Fede as Director of School Facilities and Operations II effective December 10, 2007, at an annual salary of \$125,000, to be prorated from date of commencement, with benefits. 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.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

School Monitor (Part Time)

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Josephine Dovas as School Monitor (Part Time), effective November 28, 2007 at a rate of \$10.76 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits. 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.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Cleaner, Part-Time Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Christine Diamant 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.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers commencing November 28, 2007 through June 1, 2008 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:

Carla Anne Bonewald

Sondra Stark

The above 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.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Terms and Conditions of Employment for Director of Facilities and Operations II

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Director of Facilities and Operations (provisional appointment) for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, as set forth in the referenced memorandum from Superintendent Marsh dated November, 2007.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Job Title and Salary Recited in Regular Meeting Agenda of October 30, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the October 30, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Joseph Niczky shall be deemed ratified effective October 30, 2007 to indicate that his job title is Lifeguard Trainee Part Time, at an hourly rate of \$7.36 per hour.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Termination Date Recited in Regular Meeting Agenda of October 30, 2007

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the October 30, 2007 Regular Meeting pertaining to the termination of George Maggio as Head Custodian I shall be deemed ratified to be effective November 16, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Child-Rearing Leave of Absence Recited in Regular Meeting Agenda of October 30, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the resolution from the October 30, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Susan Corcoran shall be deemed ratified effective October 30, 2007 to indicate that Ms. Corcoran's Child-Rearing Leave of Absence was effective November 14, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Child-Rearing Leave of Absence Recited in Regular Meeting Agenda of August 28, 2007

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the resolution from the August 28, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Jennifer Kistner shall be deemed ratified effective August 28, 2007 to indicate that Ms. Kistner's Child-Rearing Leave of Absence was effective November 13, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Doriann Furey, effective February 6, 2008 through the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Chrisanne Beltrani, to be effective on or about February 20, 2008, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

THE BOARD TABLED THE FOLLOWING TWO RESOLUTIONS:

CREATION OF EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education create two new clubs as indicated below, effective with the 2007-2008 school year:

<i>Explorations Club</i>	<i>BHS ACE Program</i>
<i>Robotics Club</i>	<i>BHS SCALE Program</i>

DONATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$800.00 from the Bethpage Dads' Club to be deposited into the Wrestling Team's account to cover the cost of overdue registration fee payments by teams that participated in the Wrestling Tournament last December. In the past, registration fee payments were used to help defray the cost of the team's tournament expenses.

APPLICATION SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and MAXIMUS, Inc for the 2007-2008 school year for the operation, maintenance and support of the

District's Database for the ASSETMAXX application and application security at a cost of \$900 per user, for a total cost of \$900. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute for the purpose of providing instruction to one Bethpage student from July 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007 at a cost of \$5,738 per pupil and \$86.70 per day for a 1:1 Aide. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute for the purpose of providing instruction to one Bethpage student from September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$33,690 for the 2007-2008 school year and \$86.70 per day for a 1:1 Aide. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TRANSITIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Abilities, Inc. for the purpose of providing transition services to students with disabilities for the 2007-2008 school year at a cost of \$12,000 for each part time student and \$14,000 for each full time student. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Association for the Help of Retarded Children for the purpose of providing instruction from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$5,021.00, per student, for the summer 2007 program and \$30,125.00 per student for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

THERAPY AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources for the purpose of receiving Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Resource Room, Counseling, Parent Training, ABA Services, Aides and/or Transitional Planning Consultations for the 2007-2008 school year at the following rates:

	<u>Summer Service Rates</u>	<u>Winter Service Rates</u>
<u>Resource Room Services:</u>		
Individual Services (1x40)	\$50.00/student per session	\$1,866.67/student per year
Individual Services (1x45)	\$60.00/student per session	\$2,100.00/student per year
Individual Services (1x60)	\$80.00/student per session	\$2,800.00/student per year
Group Services (1x40)	\$30.00/student per session (minimum 2 students)	\$1,066.67/student per year (minimum 2 students)
Group Services (1x45)	\$37.50/student per session (minimum 2 students)	\$1,200.00/student per year (minimum 2 students)
Group Services (1x60)	\$50.00/student per session (minimum 2 students)	\$1,600.00/student per year (minimum 2 students)
CSE Mtg./Team Mtg.	\$80.00 per student	\$70.00 per student
<u>Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling Services:</u>		
Individual Services (1x30)	\$45.00/student per session	\$1,640.00/student per year
Group Services (1x30)	\$30.00/student per session	
Individual Consult (1x30)	\$41.00/student per session	
Group Services (1x30)		\$1,080.00/student per year
Group Intervention (1x30)	\$54.00 per classroom	\$54.00/student per session
CSE Meeting/Team Meeting	\$45.00 per student	\$41.00 per student
<u>ABA Services:</u>		
1:1 Paraprofessional	\$30.00/student per hour	\$30.00/student per hour
Parent Training	\$100.00/student per hour	\$100.00/student per hour
Program Consultant/ Behavioral Specialist	\$150.00/student per hour	\$150.00/student per hour
Indiv. Psychological Srv.	\$100.00/student per hour	\$100.00/student per hour
Indiv. Sp. Ed. Services	\$90.00/student per hour	\$90.00/student per hour

Initial Evaluations:

Audiological	\$200.00	Classroom Observation	\$100.00
Educational	\$300.00	Central Auditory Processing	\$750.00
Personality	\$375.00	Occupational Therapy	\$280.00
Psychological	\$400.00	Physical Therapy	\$250.00
Social History	\$200.00	Psychological Diagnostic	\$450.00
Bi-Lingual Evaluation	\$100.00*	Speech Therapy	\$300.00

* In addition to the Evaluation rate.

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Variety Child Learning Center for the purpose of providing instruction to two Bethpage students from September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a cost of \$34,727 per student for the 2007-2008 school year for a total of \$69,454. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS, INC. (SCC) FOR THE EXCEL PROJECT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND REFERENDUM

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the Bethpage UFSD and School Construction Consultants, Inc. ("SCC") dated November 20, 2007, for Construction Management Services from November 15, 2007 through April 15, 2008, in connection with the District's Full Day Kindergarten Project and other building projects occurring during the course of the Agreement, subject to the Agreement reflecting such scope, at a fixed fee of \$78,750 for services performed with respect to the Project in accordance with said Agreement. Any additional services rendered subsequent to April 2008 will be billed at the following agreed-to hourly rates:

Project Executive/Principal	\$125.00 per hour
Project Manager	\$ 90.00 per hour

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on the Board's behalf.

Note: The Agreement does not include supervision of work pursuant to the 2000 Bond Referendum which is covered under a separate agreement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: October 12, 2007 October 30, 2007 November 15, 2007

CSE: October 15, 2007 October 19, 2007 October 23, 2007
 October 24, 2007 October 29, 2007 November 7, 2007
 November 8, 2007 November 14, 2007 November 15, 2007
 November 16, 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 (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Marsh provided an update on the:

- Full-Day Kindergarten Building Project.
- Status of the RFP (Request for Proposals) concerning the student transportation study.
- Connect-ED phone system, which will be utilized to call parents with important messages, such as emergency school closings. As in the past, closing will still be publicized on the website and media.
- To date, 301 bricks have been sold for the Eagle Walk of Recognition.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD:

The Board entertained questions and comments from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

Dr. Marsh noted that both the Agenda Meeting and Regular Meeting for the month of December will be held on the same date at Kramer Lane School, as follows:

Tuesday	December 18, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Meeting/Anticipated Executive Session
		8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board enter Executive Session for a discussion concerning specific personnel/issues.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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 (6-0).

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk