

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Agenda Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
December 18, 2007 – Kramer Lane School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Anna Israelton; and Sandra Watson. (Kurt Spears arrived during Executive Session.)

Absent: Hugh Walker.

Also Present: Dr. Richard Marsh, Superintendent; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Dr. Frank Cicione, Kramer Lane Principal; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

No members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the draft agenda for tonight's Regular Meeting.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Spears joined the Board during Executive Session.

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 approximately 7:50 p.m. and convened the Regular Meeting. Approximately 30 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting and joined Mr. Kelly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Cicione introduced Mr. Glenn Rankin, instrumental music teacher. Under his conduction, the Kramer Lane Orchestra brilliantly performed an abridged version of the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s “Messiah.” Dr. Marsh thanked Mr. Rankin and the students for their special performance, and the audience gave them a round of applause.

Ms. Angela Kozlowski, District Director of Mathematics, invited the audience to participate in a lesson utilizing a Master Ruler. She demonstrated how this ingenious learning tool helps students comprehend different units of measure, and then assisted the participants in completing an activity sheet utilizing the Master Ruler. It was truly an interesting experience for everyone who shared or observed this math activity, and Dr. Marsh thanked Ms. Kozlowski for her presentation. The audience showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion carried (5-0-1).

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstentions 1 (Mr. Dauman abstained because he had been absent.)

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending November 30, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the following irreversible resignations effective November 29, 2007:

Kristen Garvey	Varsity Track Coach	District
James Stuart	Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Non-District

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Rescind Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the following extracurricular appointments effective December 18, 2007:

Ann Feyrer	Girls' Lacrosse Varsity Assistant	District
Michelle Nucci	Girls' JV Lacrosse	Non-District

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments

Teacher Aide (Part Time)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Therese Mikulus as Teacher Aide (Part Time) effective January 2, 2008, at a rate of \$15.45 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, without benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) appointment of Sondra Stark in the area of Science for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, effective January 10, 2008. Salary will be \$57,312 based on Step 1 of the MA 2007-2008 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status. Ms. Stark is initially certified to teach Biology/General Science in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following appointments of Permanent Per Diem Substitute teachers for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, with effective dates noted, without benefits. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy.

James Asselta	December 19, 2007
Jaclyn Lee	January 2, 2008

Tim Regan

January 2, 2008

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular appointments for the 2007-2008 school year with stipends noted:

Nicole Agovino	District	Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$6,765
Kate Danowski	District	Girls' Varsity Asst. Lacrosse Coach	\$4,333
Ann Feyrer	District	Girls' JV Lacrosse Coach	\$4,566
Gerard McCoy	District	Game Guard	Per BCT Contract
Jill Prescott	Non-District	Game Guard	Per BCT Contract
John Webster	District	Game Guard	Per BCT Contract

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, without benefits. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy.

Scott Bitterman
Nicole Fisher ⁽¹⁾
Kerri Jantzen ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ These 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).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Kristen D'Orazio effective January 20, 2008, for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Michelle Maio effective January 11, 2008, to run concurrent with her Child-Rearing Leave of Absence which was approved at the October 30, 2007 Regular Meeting. Ms. Maio's leaves of absence are for the second half of the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Start Date Recited in November 27, 2007 Agenda

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the resolution from the November 27, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Anthony Fede as Director of School Facilities and Operations II shall be deemed ratified November 27, 2007 to indicate that Mr. Fede's appointment is effective December 17, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Start Date Recited in November 8, 2007 Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the November 8, 2007 Special Meeting regarding the appointment of Jamie Bellini as Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) shall be deemed ratified November 8, 2007 to indicate that Ms. Bellini's appointment is effective November 13, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Stipulation of Agreement dated December 11, 2007, amending Appendix "E" of the collective bargaining agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Bethpage Congress of Teachers (BCT) dated June 26, 2007, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

Note: This stipulation creates the positions of: (1) Robotics Club Advisor at JFK with an annual stipend of \$2,205; and (2) Explorations Club Advisor at BHS (three days per week for ACE students) with an annual stipend of \$5,000.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SPECIAL COUNSEL

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education appoint Bronwyn Black, Esq., of the Law Offices of Black & Black, 66 Commack Road, Suite 102, Commack, New York 11725, as Special Counsel, to perform an investigation as noted in Confidential Attachment "A" and discussed in Executive Session; the aforesaid services to be performed at the rate of Two Hundred Ten (\$210.00) Dollars per hour.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

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

Note: A list of the books is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CSE DOCUMENTS

November 20, 2007	November 27, 2007	November 28, 2007
November 30, 2007	December 4, 2007	

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the recommendations of the 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).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Plainedge Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services during the 2007-2008 school year to one student at the SED Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is estimated at a cost of \$46,643 per pupil for the 2007-2008 school year and \$3,300 per pupil for the Summer 2007 tuition. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and The Levittown Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special educational services to six (6) Bethpage students during the 2007-2008 school year at the SED Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is estimated at \$35,612 per student for grades K-6 and \$39,491 per student for grades 7-12. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Northport-East Northport Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing educational services during the 2007-2008 school year to one pupil at the SED Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is estimated at \$15,288 per pupil for regular education in grades 7-12 per pupil. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CAREER AND TECHNICAL TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Levittown Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services to approximately 16 Bethpage students during the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$9,470 per pupil. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the tuition contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Huntington Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services during the 2006-2007 school year to one student at the SED Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is estimated to be \$3,300 per pupil for summer tuition and \$46,643 per pupil for the 2006-2007 school year, plus transportation costs. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the tuition contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Huntington Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services during the 2007-2008 school year to one student at the SED Non-Resident Tuition Rate which is estimated to be \$3,300 per pupil for summer tuition and \$46,643 per pupil for the 2007-2008 school year, plus transportation costs. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Instructional Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Gersh Academy for the purpose of providing instruction to one Bethpage student during the 2007-2008 school year at a rate not to exceed \$50,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Independent Consultant Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Dr. Robert Edleman for the purpose of providing a Psychiatric Evaluation at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

GRANT AWARD

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the grant of \$1,200.00 from the CitiGroup Success Fund, a program sponsored by the Citi Foundation and administered on Long Island by the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island, and deposited into the General Fund to be used to

benefit the children at Central Boulevard 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 2007-2008 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$1,200.00 at Central Boulevard Elementary School to be used in support of their "Creating Bridges to the Home" project.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MILEAGE RATE REIMBURSEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the increase in the Mileage Rate Reimbursement from \$.485 to \$.505 per mile, as of January 1, 2008, in accordance with the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

FIRE ALARM 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 SimplexGrinnel for the period of December 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at the following prorated rates:

Bethpage High School	\$6,930
JFK Middle School	\$3,435
Charles Campagne Elementary School	\$2,795
Kramer Lane Elementary School	\$3,015
Central Boulevard Elementary School	\$1,415

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

COPIER AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Purchase Option Plan Agreements between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Xerox Corporation, under the NYS Contract Award #01649-E, Contract No. PC49472, for 20 copiers for the period of 60 months and one copier for the period of 36 months at the following rates:

Installation Location	Contract Term	Annual Cost Per Copier
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Administration Building	60	25,578
Administration Building	60	4,477
Administration Building	60	4,477
Administration Building	60	1,574
Administration Building	60	14,886
Bethpage High School	60	13,358
Bethpage High School	60	13,358
Bethpage High School	60	4,791
Bethpage High School	60	4,791
Bethpage High School	60	4,042
Bethpage High School	60	2,406
JFK Middle School	60	13,358
JFK Middle School	60	13,358
JFK Middle School	36	975
JFK Middle School	60	4,791
Central Boulevard Elementary	60	13,358
Central Boulevard Elementary	60	4,042
Charles Campagne Elementary	60	13,358
Charles Campagne Elementary	60	4,042
Kramer Lane Elementary	60	13,358
Kramer Lane Elementary	60	4,042

Annual Cost For All Copiers

\$176,836

Copier plans include all supplies, excluding staples and paper. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on their behalf.

Note: A complete listing is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Center for Developmental Disabilities, Inc. (receiving district) for the purpose of providing instruction to one child during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at an estimated cost of \$5,079 for the summer and \$30,814 for the academic year. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BUTEHORN BROTHERS POST 4987 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS SCHOLARSHIP

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the creation of a category “B” scholarship, to be known as the “Butehorn Brothers Post 4987 Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarship.” This one-time \$500.00 scholarship, which was donated by the Butehorn Brothers Post 5987 Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be awarded to a graduating senior enrolled in any United States Military Academy, enrolled in a college who has a parent currently serving in any branch of the United States military, or a senior enrolled in a college who has a parent that has a disability sustained as a result of his or her military service. The scholarship committee shall make the selection to one or two seniors. If no senior qualifies for the award during the 2007-2008 school year, the District will hold the funds in trust for the following year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Marsh discussed the following topics:

- Full-Day Kindergarten Project.
- Student Transportation Study/status of the RFP (Request for Proposals).
- Eagle Walk of Recognition Project – To date, 350 bricks have been sold. The cut-off date for the first phase is January 31, 2008.
- Thanked the Kramer Lane PTA and Dr. Cicione for their hospitality this evening.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Rankin and Ms. Kozlowski for their presentations.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions and comments from the audience.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

January 22, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Administration Building
January 29, 2008	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Central Boulevard School

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk