

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 26, 2008 – JFK Middle School Auditorium
Agenda Meeting/Anticipated Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

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; and Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:12 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. and Mr. Kelly convened the Regular Meeting at 8:03 p.m. with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Kerri McCarthy, JFK Principal; Ralph Tocco, JFK Assistant Principal; Kevin Fullerton, Director of Social Studies and Libraries K-12; Susan Sciglibaglio and Chris Pollatos, JFK Science teachers; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman, LLP. Approximately 30 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Seventh and eighth grade students gave an overview of the Science Research Program for their respective grades. Ms. Sciglibaglio is the mentor of the seventh grade program, and Mr. Pollatos mentors the eighth grade. The projects in which the students were involved were extremely interesting, and the audience appreciated the effort that the students and teachers put forth during tonight's presentation.

With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Fullerton discussed the world of Social Studies and Libraries. He also reviewed various activities that take place during the school year involving both Social Studies and Library. He explained how the student intern program helps prepare high school students for college interviews. At the end of his informative presentation, the audience showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 29, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending December 31, 2007.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending January 31, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

A resident questioned whether tenure can be revoked. Both Mr. Kelly and Dr. Marsh offered explanations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education set Tuesday, April 8, 2008 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2008-2009 School Budget.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 20, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education set the following dates for the Board of Registration to meet for the purpose of registering voters:

Saturday, May 3, 2008	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg. - Boardroom
Wednesday, May 7, 2008	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	High School Lobby

Note: The District has continuous registration, but is also choosing to set specific dates for the Board of Registration to meet in order to facilitate voter registration.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to publish the notice of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election, and make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election of Trustees, in accordance with law.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PERSONNEL

Rescind Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the following extracurricular appointments for the 2007-2008 school year:

James Benjamin	JV Baseball Coach (shared position)
Joseph Inghilterra	JV Baseball Coach (shared position)
Christine Kennedy	Grades 7-8 Head Track Coach
Emily Kennedy	Grades 7-8 Assistant Head Track Coach

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Rescind Continuing Education Instructor Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Chrissy Bennett as Kardio Kickboxing instructor for the Continuing Education program during the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Positions

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education create the following positions, effective February 26, 2008:

- One (1) Account Clerk. 12 months, full time, with benefits
- Two (2) Stenographic Secretaries, 12 months, full time, with benefits

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Continuing Education Instructor Resignation

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation of Julie Bloom as Pilates instructor for the Continuing Education program during the 2007-2008 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following co-curricular/extracurricular appointments of District employees for the 2007-2008 school year with stipends noted:

Suzanne Brunelle	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	\$2,247.50
Leigh DeProspero	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	\$2,247.50
William Evans	Game Guard	Per BCT Contract
Kerry Hannigan	Grades 7-8 Asst. Head Track	\$3,732.00
Kerri Spatz	Grades 7-8 Track Head Coach	\$4,204.00
Benjamin Whittemore	JV Baseball Coach	\$4,496

JFK Assessment Prep Classes - \$49 per hour:

Tim Brace	Daniel Fier	Robert Fisher
Andrea Mastellone	Jody Smith	

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Monitor Part Time Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Stacy Ferraro as Monitor 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 \$7.36 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aide Part Time Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Felicia Salvo as Teacher Aide Part Time, Substitute, effective February 27, 2008. Salary will be \$9.69 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

School Monitor Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kelly Sozio as School Monitor Part Time, 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 \$10.38 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2007-2008 salary schedule, without benefits, not to exceed 19 1/2 hours per week.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) appointment of Mallary Blask in the area of elementary education for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, effective February 6, 2008. Salary will be \$49,018, based on Step 1 of the BA 2007-2008 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status. Ms. Blask is initially certified to teach elementary education in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers commencing February 27, 2008 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:

Loren Corrado
Nicole Fisher

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

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

Nicholas Cestare ⁽¹⁾
Michael Connolly

Charlene Swain ⁽¹⁾
Kristy Vano

(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 (7-0).

Stenographic Secretary Appointments, 12 Months, Full Time

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following 12-Month Full-Time Stenographic Secretary appointments, with benefits, effective February 27, 2008, with a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks each. Salaries are based on Step 11 of the 2007-2008 Stenographic Secretary Salary Schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement:

Elena Becker	\$57,322	Step 11
Jeanne Wing	\$57,322	Step 11

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Continuing Education Instructors

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Martial Arts of America of Hicksville as providers of Continuing Education Instructors for Kardio Kickboxing and Pilates for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year at the following rates:

Resident:	\$22.50 per student
Non-Resident:	\$25.00 per student

Dr. Marsh noted that the above rates represent half of the fees charged (\$45 and \$50 respectively), as the company providing the instructors receives the other half of the fee.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Non-Instructional Resignations

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept the following irrevocable resignations, effective February 26, 2008:

Elena Becker	Senior Stenographer, 12 months, full time
Jeanne Wing	Senior Stenographer, 12 months, full time

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Abolishment of Positions

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education abolish the following positions, effective February 26, 2008:

- One (1) Senior Clerk Typist, 12 months, full time, with benefits
- Two (2) Senior Stenographers, 12 months, full time, with benefits

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Tenure Recommendations – Administrators

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following administrative tenure recommendations, with effective dates noted:

Kerri McCarthy	Tenure Area of Principal	May 31, 2008
Ralph Tocco	Tenure Area of Assistant Principal	June 30, 2008

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Dr. Marsh and Mr. Kelly congratulated Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Tocco, who were present at the meeting.

Tenure Recommendation

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the tenure recommendation for Jeanne Cano in the elementary tenure area, effective April 3, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Resolution Regarding Family Medical Leave of Absence/Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the January 29, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Doriann Furey shall be deemed ratified effective January 29, 2008 to indicate that Ms. Furey began a Family Medical Leave of Absence effective February 5, 2008, which will run concurrently with a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: November 28, 2007	December 11, 2007	January 3, 2008
January 15, 2008	January 29, 2008	

CSE: January 23, 2008 February 5, 2008

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, 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).

PHYSICIAN/CONSULTANT AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following agreements during the 2007-2008 school year.

Dr. Patricia Rieves-Bright	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$750
Island Speech Pathology Services	Speech/Language Services	\$70/45-min. session
Dr. Vijaya Atluru	Neurological Evaluation	\$500
St. Charles Physical Therapy	Therapy Services	\$75/30-min. session

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TUITION AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the tuition agreements with Melmark, Inc. for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years at the following rates which were approved by the New York State Education Department:

2006-2007:

2-Month Tuition Rate per Child (July-August 2006)	\$12,322
10-Month Tuition Rate per Child (September 2006-June 2007)	\$60,218

2007-2008:

2-Month Tuition Rate per Child (July-August 2007)	\$12,875
10-Month Tuition Rate per Child (September 2007-June 2008)	\$79,393

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

Note: One Bethpage student was enrolled at Melmark during 2006-2007, and currently one student is attending for 2007-2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following Health Services Agreements for the 2007-2008 school year:

Farmingdale UFSD	30 students	\$660.09	\$19,802.70
South Huntington UFSD	22 students	\$719.50	\$17,268.00

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

COPIER DONATION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the donation of a Canon 6230 Copier at an approximate value of \$3,995 and 20 boxes of toner at an approximate value of \$400 by Mrs. Irene Waldman, a resident of the District.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District adopts the calendar attached hereto for the 2008-2009 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2007-2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AT JFK MIDDLE SCHOOL – SEQRA

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

- a. Locker Replacement at John F. Kennedy Middle School

28-05-21-03-0-002-022

Interior locker replacement and replacement of asbestos-containing floor tiles (VAT/VCT)

WHEREAS, in 1995, amendments were made to the 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 mentioned above is now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

WHEREAS, this project falls 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, or 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 closings, but not changes in use related to such closings.

THEREFORE, as the lead agency for the SEQRA determination, the above referenced project falls under Categories “A” or “B” above. 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.”

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment obsolete and of no value or use to the District, and authorizes that the items may be removed from the District inventory:

1 Dell Latitude 610 Laptop Computer	Serial Number 79HR971
1 Dell Latitude Laptop Computer	Serial Number 90YLK21
1 Dell Latitude Laptop Computer	Serial Number 41YLK21

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DISTRICT TUITION RATE

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following *estimated* 2007-2008 school year tuition rates, based upon net costs per students, for non-resident children attending Bethpage Public Schools:

Regular Education Students:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$ 7,669
Full Day K-6 Students	\$13,021
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$16,434

Special Education Students:

Half Day Kindergarten Students	\$34,918
Full Day K-6 Students	\$40,270
Full Day 7-12 Students	\$43,683

The total *estimated* tuition is subject to the New York State Education Department calculations which could result in an increase in the cost of tuition.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY RECREATION GRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept a Town of Oyster Bay Recreation Grant for the 2007 calendar year in the amount of \$7,500, to be applied toward costs incurred by the High School Student Civic Association Club, and authorizes the Board President to sign the application on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TABLED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, IN ORDER TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR REVIEW:

TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT SERVICES: *The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education accept the results of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Transportation Consultant Services and award the contract to Excelsior Transportation Consultants, D.B.A. ETC, at a cost of \$37,500.*

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute the contract with Excelsior Transportation Consultants, as provided for and pursuant to the terms of the bid package, on its behalf. The RFP opening was held January 7, 2008.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Kelly announced the following Board meetings for March:

Tuesday	March 18, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Boardroom
Tuesday	March 25, 2008	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Campagne

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The District is cooperating fully with legal authorities concerning the investigation of Mrs. Carol Hoffman of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.
- Aramark, the District's food service provider, does not deal with the vendor that provided tainted beef to some school districts.
- We have received a \$100,000 grant from New York State for use toward the implementation of full-day kindergarten.
- A \$50,000 grant has been received to enhance elementary technology. Senator Hannon was instrumental in helping us get these funds.

- The next Budget Advisory Meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.
- A rally protesting the cutting of Long Island school aid is scheduled for March 1st at Ellsworth W. Allen Park, Farmingdale. Dr. Marsh urged residents to participate.
- JFK Mathletes and BHS Mathletes took first place in Nassau County.
- PTA blood drive is scheduled for tomorrow at BHS, 3:30-8:45 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained questions/comments from the audience.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:26 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m. Ms. Granelli was present during Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk