

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Anticipated Executive Session
8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
Charles Campagne School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Kurt Spears; 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; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger Hoffman LLP.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (5-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Mrs. Israelton joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Walker arrived at 7:16 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and at that point Mr. Frost left the meeting. Mr. Kelly began the public session at 8:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: Angelita Cintado, CC Principal; Nazli River, music teacher; and Chryseis Corson, Director of English Language Arts. Approximately 25 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cintado introduced Ms. River, who led the Charles Campagne Chamber Orchestra in performing two musical arrangements. The audience expressed their appreciation for these fourth and fifth grade musicians with a round of applause.

Tonight Ms. Corson was accompanied by students from various grade levels who read poetry that they had written. She noted that high school students are encouraged to continue with their poetry writing; in fact, two students from the Creative Writing class at Bethpage High School read their poems. All of the poems presented this evening were very enjoyable, and the effort that the students put into their poetry writing/reading was sincerely appreciated by the public. The audience thanked Ms. Corson and the students by giving them a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 7, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Agenda/Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 27, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending February 29, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

A resident requested clarification on the hiring of a CSE Chairperson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**PERSONNEL****Resignations**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the following irrevocable resignations with effective dates noted:

Patricia Pascullo	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	February 13, 2008
Christine Reilly	Part-Time Teacher Aide	February 28, 2008

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Rescind Extracurricular Appointments

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

Kerry Hannigan	Grades 7-8 Asst. Head Track Coach
Kerry Spatz	Grades 7-8 Track Head Coach

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify the creation of the position of CSE Chairperson effective March 1, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Appointments**Per Diem Substitute Teachers**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, 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.

Michelle Keating
Melissa Schlosser

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Teacher Aide Part Time

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Barbara Guida as Teacher Aide Part Time effective March 4, 2008, at a rate of \$15.45 per hour based on the 2007-2008 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Extracurricular

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments for the Spring 2007-2008 sports season:

Kerry Hannigan	Grades 7-8 Track Head Coach	\$4204
Kerry Spatz	Grades 7-8 Assistant Track Coach	\$3732

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Probationary – Teacher Assistant

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education ratify the full-time probationary appointment of Patricia Pascullo as Teacher Assistant in the special subject tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective February 13, 2008 through February 12, 2011, at an annual salary of \$22,000, with benefits, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CSE Chairperson

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Ida Tobia-Russo as CSE Chairperson effective March 1, 2008, at an annual salary of \$30,000, to be prorated from date of commencement, without benefits. There is no probationary period or tenure credit or status associated therewith.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Family Medical Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify/approve the following Family Medical Leaves of Absence with effective dates noted:

Barbara Cataldi
Karen Livingston

February 25, 2008
May 12, 2008

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Child-Rearing Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Karen Hayes, effective May 22, 2008 through the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence Recited in Agenda of November 27, 2008

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the resolution from the November 27, 2007 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Chrisanne Beltrani shall be deemed ratified effective November 27, 2007 to indicate that Ms. Beltrani's Family Medical Leave of Absence was effective January 30, 2008, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Salary Recited in Agenda of February 26, 2008

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the February 26, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Mallery Blask shall be deemed ratified effective February 26, 2008 to indicate her annual salary will be \$57,312, based on Step 1 of the MA 2007-2008 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Terms and Conditions of Employment of CSE Chairperson

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the CSE Chairperson effective March 1, 2008, as set forth in the referenced memorandum from Superintendent Marsh dated March 25, 2008.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: February 12, 2008 March 4, 2008 March 6, 2008

March 12, 2008

CSE:	January 10, 2008	January 14, 2008	February 12, 2008
	March 10, 2008	March 12, 2008	

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).

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve an agreement with Commerce Bank, NA effective March 26, 2008 for the use of two (2) safety deposit boxes, at no cost to the District, and further authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS

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

Half Hollow Public Schools	1 student	\$552.28	\$ 552.28
Garden City Public Schools	1 student	\$640.59	\$ 640.59
West Islip Public Schools	2 students	\$532.74	\$1,065.48

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Dr. Karl Friedman as school physician at Bethpage High School and JFK Middle School during the 2007-2008 school year at a fee of \$15,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

Motion carried (5-1-0)

Ayes	5
Noes	1 (Mrs. Watson)

Abstentions 0

SERVICE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the Service Maintenance Agreement between CC Productions, Inc., and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the 2008-2009 school year at the following costs:

Bethpage High School	\$1,868.50
JFK Middle School	\$1,177.40
Kramer Lane Elementary School	\$ 861.37
Charles Campagne Elementary School	\$ 540.57
Central Boulevard Elementary School	\$ 881.00
QSP Hub License	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
Total:	\$5,328.84

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

GRANT AWARD

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the grant of \$20,000 from Senator Marcellino to be deposited into the General Fund.

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 the aforementioned \$20,000.00 for the reconstruction of the pool at Bethpage High School.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (receiving district) and the Lindenhurst Union Free School District (sending district) for the purpose of providing specialized education services during the 2007-2008 school year to one student at an estimated cost of \$46,643 per pupil. 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 agreements between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Hicksville Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special education services for three (3) Bethpage students during the 2006-2007 school year at a total cost of \$18,560.00. 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 Hicksville Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) Bethpage student during the 2005-2006 school year at a total cost of \$4,800.00. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

REJECTION OF BIDS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education reject the bids for the below-noted projects from the March 10, 2008 bid opening, based on a determination that it is in the best interests of the School District to reject the bids since they were excessive in cost, and further resolve to take all steps necessary and appropriate to submit the project to be re-bid.

Contract No. 1 – General Construction at Central Boulevard Elementary School
(003-018)

Contract No. 2 – Swimming Pool Reconstruction at Bethpage High School
(001-025)

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$412.59 from Target Stores and the “Take Charge of Education” School Funding Program and allow these funds to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the children at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

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 \$412.59 at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ING PROXY

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker that:

WHEREAS, the Bethpage Union Free School District is the owner of a group variable tax-deferred annuity contract for an Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) plan with ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company in which District employees may elect to participate; and

WHEREAS, ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company seeks to reorganize certain funds and portfolios under its control and requires approval from shareholders to allow such reorganization; and

WHEREAS, participant employees are entitled to provide voting instructions regarding the proposed reorganization and may only have their instructions counted if so authorized by the District as plan owner,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education ratify authorization for ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company to cast the votes attributable to the District's contract in accordance with the instructions received by ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company from the individual participants under the District's contract, effective December 19, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Assistant Superintendent for Business to sign the authorization form on behalf of the District.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

PHYSICIAN/CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between Dr. Robert Edleman and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the purpose of conducting psychological evaluations at a cost of \$800 per evaluation 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).

ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of the following new policy and approves its adoption:

No. 3280A Naming of Facilities

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed the first reading of the following existing policy, and approves its adoption:

No. 8480 Class Size

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT SERVICES

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following proposition to be placed on the ballot and submitted to the voters at the District's Annual Meeting to be held on May 20, 2008:

Shall the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District be hereby authorized and directed to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Education Law §3651 to be known as the "Building Capital Reserve Fund" with the purpose of such fund being to finance site work, construction, renovation, alteration, improvement and equipping of school buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith and costs incidental thereto. The ultimate amount of such fund shall be Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) plus interest earnings thereon; the probable term of such fund shall be ten (10) years; and the Building Capital Reserve Fund shall be funded by monies derived from fund balance, State Aid received as reimbursement for expenditures

by the District in connection with the work and as a result of expenditures from the Building Capital Reserve Fund and such other available sources as the Board or voters of the District may direct from time to time, in accordance with law. Each expenditure from this Reserve Fund must be authorized separately by the voters. No additional tax levy shall be specifically implemented to fund this Reserve Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Over 500 people participated in Astronomy Night on March 18th, even though it was not a clear night.
- Thank you to Mr. Clark and also Ms. Lavelle for putting together a very successful Superintendent’s Conference Day. The emphasis was on “21st Century Learning.”
- The Citizens’ Budget Advisory Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Signor Maio’s Italian Feast was held today. As usual, it was a huge success.
- Masquers’ Guild will be performing “Little Shop of Horrors” April 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

The Board entertained comments and questions from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Wednesday	April 16, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Boardroom
Tuesday	April 29, 2008	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Kramer Lane

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk

