

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special/Agenda Meeting
August 12, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. – Administration Building Boardroom

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 7:42 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Kurt Spears; Hugh Walker; and Sandra Watson. Anna Israelton arrived at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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. Richard Guercio, Esq., of Guercio & Guercio, arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Approximately one member of the public was present.

Dr. Marsh noted that this past week the Board received both hard and electronic copies of the packet, in an effort to go “paperless.” Mr. Clark then asked for comments, questions, and/or suggestions that could facilitate the process of going paperless. It was agreed that copies of the upcoming packet will be prepared both ways again this week.

The conversation turned to setting the tax levy, and a few scenarios were discussed.

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education recess the meeting in order to receive private counsel from the Board’s attorney. The Board indicated to the public that it would reconvene the meeting in approximately ten minutes.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board recessed the Special/Agenda Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board reconvene the meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Reorganization/Special Meeting held on July 8, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending June 30, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Board replied to questions/comments from a resident.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignation

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the irrevocable resignation of Cynthia Morris as Stenographic Secretary, effective July 17, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Rescind Instructional Appointment

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education rescind the appointment of Justin Olive as Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) which was to be effective September 1, 2008.

Note: Mr. Olive was originally appointed to this position on June 24, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Positions

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education create the following positions, effective September 1, 2008:

- 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 (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 (1) .2 Physical Education teaching position in the area of Physical Education and Recreation.
- Twelve (12) part-time Monitor positions, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Probationary Instructional

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Erika Lemaire, in the special subject tenure area of children with handicapping conditions – general special education tenure areas, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011. Salary will be \$61,169, based on Step 2 of the MA 2008-2009 salary schedule. Ms. Lemaire is initially certified to teach Early Childhood Ed. B-Gr. 6 and Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6/Pending Literacy Studies B-6 in the State of New York.

Note: This is a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Andrea Morelli, in the elementary tenure area, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010. Salary will be \$59,318, based on Step 1 of the MA 2008-2009 salary schedule. Ms. Morelli is initially certified to teach Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6 in the State of New York.

Note: This is a new position.

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 Melissa McKinney, in the special

subject tenure area of children with handicapping conditions – general special education tenure area, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010. Salary will be \$76,746, based on Step 7 of the MA+30 2008-2009 salary schedule. Ms. McKinney is permanently certified to teach Special Education K-6 in the State of New York.

Note: This is a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Courtney Young, in the special subject tenure area of art, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011. Salary will be \$59,318, based on Step 1 of the MA 2008-2009 salary schedule. Ms. Young is initially certified to teach art in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Danielle Rannazzisi, in the special subject tenure area of school psychologist, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011. Salary will be \$69,932, based on Step 1 of the MA+75 salary schedule. Ms. Rannazzisi is provisionally certified as a school psychologist in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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 Jill Loveland in the area of science for the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year, effective September 1, 2008. Salary will be \$59,318, based on Step 1 of the MA 2008-2009 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with no accrual toward seniority or probationary status. Ms. Loveland is initially certified to teach Biology 7-12 in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Probationary – Teacher Assistant

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Joseph Granieri as Teacher Assistant in the special subject tenure area of teaching assistant, effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2011, at an annual salary of \$22,000.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Cleaner (Part-Time Substitute)

Typist Clerk Hourly Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Joann Saya as Typist Clerk hourly substitute, effective June 30, 2008. Rate of pay will be \$13.17 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Student Workers

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify the following appointments of Student Workers, with effective dates and salaries noted, based on the 2008-2009 salary schedule, without benefits:

Victoria LaMagna	July 1, 2008	Step 2	\$7.64 per hour
Kevin Sackel	July 7, 2008	Step 1	\$7.36 per hour
Elena Saitta	July 1, 2008	Step 2	\$7.64 per hour

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Summer Exploratory Camp Instructor

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Jon LaRochester as Summer Exploratory Camp teacher effective June 25, 2008, at a rate of \$200 per day, not to exceed four days.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Increase Appointment

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve a .1 increase in appointment for Paul Iasevoli in the area of LOTE (Spanish) for the 2008-2009 school year, effective September 1, 2008. The additional compensation for the increase will be prorated to reflect current salary and step.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Creation of Extracurricular Clubs

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education create three new elementary clubs, effective with the 2008-2009 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Tenure Date

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the resolution from the June 24, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Ploumitsa Lazaridis shall be deemed ratified effective June 24, 2008 to indicate her tenure period is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

FIRST READING OF REVISED POLICIES

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed the first reading of the following revised policies, as submitted:

- Policy No. 1260 Submission of Questions & Propositions at Annual Elections & Special District Meetings
- Policy No. 6130 Evaluation of Personnel
- Policy No. 7110 Student Attendance Policy
- Policy No. 7310 Code of Conduct
- Policy No. 7412 Censorship of School Sponsored Student Publications & Activities
- Policy No. 8260 Parental Involvement (replaces #8260 Title I Programs & Projects)

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

FIRST READING OF NEW POLICIES

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of the following new policies, as submitted:

- Policy No. 6171 Conflict of Interest
- Policy No. 6172 Tutoring

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Maintenance Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Acorn Media effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009 at a cost of \$1,548. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education declare one (1) Xerox WorkCentre Pro 665 fax machine currently located in the Business Office at the Administration Building obsolete and of no value or use to the District, and authorizes that it may be removed from the District inventory.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2008-2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter-approved 2008-2009 school year budget appropriation by \$5,628 to allow for the unanticipated contingent additional expenditure required to cover the unanticipated salary and supply costs associated with the Exploratory Camp, Technology Camp, and SAT Camp which took place during the Summer, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Instructional Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Association for the Help of Retarded Children for the Summer 2008 at a cost of \$5,825 and the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$34,952. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

THERAPY SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the Therapy Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Corinthian Therapy Management Services, Inc., commencing June 30, 2008 through August 30, 2008, for one Bethpage student receiving Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy three times per week (1:1) at a cost of \$50 per 30-minute session. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Syosset

Home Tutoring for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$43 per hour for homebound tutoring services and \$43 per period for Resource Room/Special Education Services. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TUITION CONTRACT

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 North Bellmore Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services to one child at a cost of \$3,767 for the Summer 2008 program and \$50,000 for the 2008-2009 school year. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

TRANSFER OF MONIES TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears: WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that due to the capital needs of the District and the availability of funds as now finalized after closure of the District’s fiscal books for the 2007-2008 school year, it is fiscally prudent to deposit a greater amount of funds from the 2007-2008 fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund than initially contemplated and the initially contemplated monies have not yet been transferred;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education rescind the resolution dated June 24, 2008 regarding the contemplated amount of money to transfer from the 2007-2008 fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$1,998,974 be transferred from the 2007-2008 General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund which was approved by the voters on May 20, 2008.

Motion carried 6-0-1.

Ayes	6
Noes	0
Abstentions	1 (Mrs. Watson)

TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson: 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 2008-2009, as follows:

Real Property Class Assessed Valuations

One	\$ 7,035,665
Two	\$ 50,284
Three	\$ 367,308
Four	\$ <u>4,762,860</u>

TOTAL \$12,216,117

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education certifies that the budget gross amount of the necessary claims and expenditures for the 2008-2009 School Year amount to:

\$69,803,268	For School Purposes
\$ <u>2,522,150</u>	For Library Purposes
\$72,325,418	TOTAL

And, that the following sums are the amounts to be raised by taxation for the year 2008-2009, 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.

\$53,168,461	For School Purposes
\$ <u>2,124,650</u>	For Library Purposes
\$55,293,111	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, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW ADJUSTMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the following resolutions:

1. Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption: Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the Laws passed in 2003, amending §459 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Up to and including \$28,000	50%
At least \$28,001 but less than \$29,000	45%
At least \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	40%
At least \$30,000 but less than \$31,000	35%
At least \$31,000 but less than \$31,900	30%
At least \$31,900 but less than \$32,800	25%
At least \$32,800 but less than \$33,700	20%
At least \$33,700 but less than \$34,600	15%
At least \$34,600 but less than \$35,500	10%
At least \$35,500 but less than \$36,400	5%

The exemption will take effect for assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2009, and will apply to the 2009-2010 school tax bills. The filing period for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Exemption is September 1ST through January 2nd.

2. **Senior Citizen Exemption:** Pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 462 of the New York Real Property Tax Laws passed in 2003, amending §467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Board of Education hereby adopts the income eligibility level for exemption from taxation of a percentage of assessed valuation as set forth in the following schedule:

Income	Percentage Exemption
Less than \$28,000	50%
At least \$28,001 but less than \$29,000	45%
At least \$29,000 but less than \$30,000	40%
At least \$30,000 but less than \$31,000	35%
At least \$31,000 but less than \$31,900	30%
At least \$31,900 but less than \$32,800	25%
At least \$32,800 but less than \$33,700	20%
At least \$33,700 but less than \$34,600	15%
At least \$34,600 but less than \$35,500	10%
At least \$35,500 but less than \$36,400	5%

The exemption will affect the assessment rolls with taxable status dates occurring on or after January 2, 2009 and will apply to the 2009-2010 School and the 2009 Municipal tax levies. The property tax exemption filing period for Senior Citizen Exemptions is September 1st through January 2nd.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CORRECTION TO AGENDA

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the Service Maintenance Agreement with CC Productions, Inc. for the 2008-2009 school year shall be deemed ratified effective March 25, 2008 to indicate the total cost is \$6,728.84.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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

Mrs. Israelton left the meeting at approximately 11:00 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 11:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board adjourn the Special/Agenda Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Special Meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk