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

# **Regular Meeting**

March 31, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. - Central Boulevard School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:08 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Michael J. Kelly, President; Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Anna

Israelton; Kurt Spears; and Sandra Watson.

Absent: Mr. Hugh Walker.

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; Mr. Steve Furrey, CBS Principal; Ms. Jessica Hall, music teacher; and Laura Granelli, Esq.,

of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

Approximately 40 members of the public were present at the beginning of the

meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Marsh introduced Mr. Mike Polansky, President of the Greater Long Island Running Club, who thanked the District for allowing the club to "stage" the Ho Ho Ho Jingle Bell Run at Bethpage Schools for many years. Mr. Polansky then presented Mr. Kelly with a check in the amount of \$700, as a token of the club's appreciation. Mr. Kelly gladly accepted the donation on behalf of the District, and noted that it will be deposited into the General Fund.

Mr. Furrey introduced Ms. Hall, who recently instituted the CBS Chamber Orchestra. The orchestra is comprised of 13 students, and this was their first performance. The musical selection was "Eagle's Pride," and the audience expressed their sincere appreciation for these talented musicians with a round of applause.

Afterward, Dr. Marsh reported that 18 students are interested in taking French during the 2009-2010 school year. Therefore, French will be offered during the upcoming school year. Many members of the audience were appreciative of this fact.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the

minutes of the February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting.

#### MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on March 24, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER'S REPORT

## MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

## MOTION

by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending February 28, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

## **PERSONNEL**

(Please see pages 172 and 173 for additional Personnel items.)

# Resignations

#### **MOTION**

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

Jodi Blafford	Part-Time School Monitor	March 6, 2009
Jacqueline Keane	BHS Senior Class Asst. Advisor	February 24, 2009
Donna Patsos-Meehan	Part-Time School Monitor	March 6, 2009
Nicole Samlick	Permanent Per Diem Substitute	March 13, 2009

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Resignation for Retirement**

## **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education ratify the irreversible resignation for retirement of Gerald McCloskey, Custodian, effective March 26, 2009.

# **Appointments**

# Cleaners (Part-Time Substitutes)

## MOTION

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Cleaners (Part-Time Substitutes), 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.

Anthony Sadauskas Matthew Sandvik

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## Teacher Aides, Part Time

#### **MOTION**

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following appointments of Teacher Aides (Part Time) with effective dates noted, at a rate of \$15.45 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2008-2009 salary schedule, without benefits:

Jodi Blafford	March 9, 2009
Rosemarie Crossan	April 1, 2009
Donna Patsos-Meehan	March 9, 2009

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Extracurricular Appointments**

#### **MOTION**

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve/ratify the following extracurricular appointments for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year:

Matthew DeMaria	Pit Band Volunteer Musician	ND	3/23/09
Clifford Jansen	Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Volunteer	ND	3/31/09
Charles Jordan	Boys' Varsity Volleyball Volunteer	ND	4/1/09
Jared Richter	Varsity and JV Baseball Volunteer	D	4/1/09

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# School Monitor, Part Time

## **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Caterina DelMonaco as School Monitor (Part Time), effective April 1, 2009, at a rate of \$10.38 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2008-2009 Elementary Monitor Salary Schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours week, without benefits.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# School Monitors, Part Time

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of School Monitors Part Time, effective upon fingerprint clearance, at a rate of \$10.38 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2008-2009 Elementary Monitor Schedule, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week, without benefits:

Janine Kachadourian Michelle Saldana

Note: These are not new positions.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# Regents Review Sessions

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following instructors of Regents Review Sessions for the 2008-09 school year, effective April 1, 2009, at \$51 each per hour, not to exceed five hours each:

Robert Fisher Gary Maerz Andrea Mastellone Jody Smith

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Family Medical Leave of Absence**

#### MOTION

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Denise Leemon effective May 21, 2009 through October 23, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Child-Rearing Leave of Absence**

#### **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence for Andrea Swicord for the first semester of the 2009-2010 school year.

# **Family Medical Leave of Absence**

## MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Ann Feyrer effective September 11, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence**

## **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the November 25, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Ploumitsa Lazaridis shall be deemed ratified effective November 25, 2008 to indicate that Ms. Lazaridis' Family Medical Leave of Absence shall be effective February 27, 2009 through May 1, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence**

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the resolution from the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Nancy Bertrand-Loesch shall be deemed ratified January 27, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Bertrand-Loesch's Family Medical Leave of Absence shall be effective March 19, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Correction to Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activity Schedule**

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Nancy Reich shall be deemed ratified effective February 24, 2009 to indicate her appointment as Senior Class Assistant Advisor at an annual stipend of \$3,004, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **Stipend Schedule for Confidential Employees**

#### MOTION

by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the Stipend Schedule for Confidential Employees, as submitted, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Note: A copy of the stipend schedule is available in the Human Resources Office.

## **Correction to Start Date**

# MOTION

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Patricia Hantzidiamantis shall be deemed ratified effective January 27, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Hantzidiamantis' appointment is effective March 27, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

#### MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education declare the attached list of 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: These books are from the High School Library; a copy of the list is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education declare the following equipment, currently located at Bethpage High School, obsolete and of no value or use to the District, and authorizes that it may be removed from the District inventory:

> Minolta Reader/Printer Model Rp503 Barcode #XANF0021983

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

: January 14, 2009 February 10, 2009 March 11, 2009	January 21, 2009 March 3, 2009 March 16, 2009	February 3, 2009 March 9, 2009
January 20, 2009 February 2, 2009 February 12, 2009 February 24, 2009 March 3, 2009 March 11, 2009	January 27, 2009 February 3, 2009 February 13, 2009 February 25, 2009 March 4, 2009 March 16, 2009	January 29, 2009 February 9, 2009 February 23, 2009 February 28, 2009 March 5, 2009

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

## PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman: 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 Projects as follows:

- a. <u>Bethpage High School</u> 28-05-21-03-0-001-030 Removal of asbestos containing pipe wrap from existing crawl space piping. Reinsulate all piping.
- b. <u>John F. Kennedy Middle School</u> 28-05-21-03-0-002-026 Removal of asbestos containing pipe wrap from existing crawl space piping. Reinsulate all piping.
- c. <u>Kramer Lane Elementary School</u> 28-05-21-03-0-004-014
  Removal of asbestos containing pipe wrap from existing crawl space piping.
  Reinsulate all piping.

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 projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

WHEREAS, these projects fall 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, on 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, all the above referenced projects fall 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 (a)."

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- a. <u>Bethpage High School</u> 28-05-21-03-0-001-029 Ventilation Reconstruction @ Chemical Storage Room
- b. <u>John F. Kennedy Middle School</u> 28-05-21-03-0-002-025 Ventilation Reconstruction @ Chemical Storage Room

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 projects mentioned above are now classified as Type II Actions as determined by 6NYCRR§617.5 and

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All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## CORRECTION TO RESOLUTION RECITED IN AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 25, 2008

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the resolution from the November 25, 2008 Regular Meeting regarding the Special Education Services Agreement with Jericho UFSD for the 2007-2008 school year be deemed ratified effective November 25, 2008, to indicate a total cost not to exceed \$18,604 for two students.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

**MOTION** 

by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County for the period December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, for Nutrition Classroom Presentations for Grades 2-8. The fee for classroom presentation is \$110 per presentation (40 minutes). A minimum fee of \$220 per school visit for two consecutive presentations (same topic) is required. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION CONTRACT

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special education services for two (2) Bethpage students during the 2008-2009 school year at a total estimated cost of \$108,164. 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 Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the West Islip Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) Bethpage student during the 2007-2008 school year at a total cost of \$3,704.83. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS

**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 Half Hollow Hills Central School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) Bethpage student for the following years:

July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 at a total cost of \$29,233 July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 at an estimated cost of \$34,300 The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreements on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

# **MOTION**

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the following Health Services Agreements for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>District</u>	# Students	Cost per <u>Student</u>	Total Cost
Hicksville Schools	72	\$512.12	\$36,872.64
Levittown Schools	1	\$796.20	\$ 796.20
Uniondale Schools	11	\$610.49	\$ 6,715.39
West Islip Schools	1	\$577.83	\$ 577.83

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### CENTRALIZED TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION SERVICES AGREEMENT

#### **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 agreement between Textbook Central and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the purpose of managing the procurement and distribution of textbooks for approximately 66 students residing in the Bethpage School District and attending participating non-public schools. The fee structure is as follows:

1-25 students per school	\$25.00 per student
26-250 students per school	\$20.00 per student
Over 250 students per school	\$15.00 per student

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## **DONATION OF FUNDS**

#### **MOTION**

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$230.62 from Target Stores and the "Take Charge of Education" School Funding Program and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the children at JFK Middle School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2008-2009 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$230.62 at JFK Middle School.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## **DONATION OF FUNDS**

#### MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$463.31 from Target Stores and the "Take Charge of Education" School Funding Program and allow this donation 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 2008-2009 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$463.31 at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### ADOPT 2009-2010 SCHOOL BUDGET

#### MOTION

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education adopt a budget in the amount of \$71,539,276 for the 2009-2010 school year, said budget to be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, with voting to take place on the same day, namely Tuesday, May 19, 2009, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### ADOPT 2009-2010 SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education adopt the School Property Tax Report Card for the 2009-2010 school year.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and the Association for the Help of Retarded Children for the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$90 per visit, not to exceed seven (7) visits, for parent training. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

# **REJECTION OF BIDS**

## MOTION

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education reject the bids for the below noted projects from the March 10, 2009 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.

Toilet Reconstruction Contract No. 1 – General Construction Bethpage High School SED # 28-05-21-03-0-001-027 John F. Kennedy Middle School SED # 28-05-21-03-0-002-024

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## FIRST READING OF EXISTING POLICY

**MOTION** 

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed the first reading of the following policy, as submitted:

No. 3280 Community Use of School Facilities

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## **DONATION OF FUNDS**

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$700 from the Greater Long Island Running Club and allow the donation to be deposited into the General Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

# RESIGNATION

**MOTION** 

by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dina Forgione as JFK Drama Club Director effective April 1, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### EXTRACURRICULAR APPOINTMENT

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Michelle Cooper as JFK Drama Club Advisor for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year, effective April 2, 2009, at an annual stipend of \$2,449, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# PROBATIONARY - TEACHER ASSISTANT APPOINTMENT

**MOTION** 

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the full-time probationary appointment of Lisa Camilleri as Teacher Assistant in the special subject tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012, at an annual salary of \$22,000, with benefits, to be prorated from date of commencement.

Note: This is not a new position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## CONTRACT FOR GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

**MOTION** 

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Thomas Howard for the purpose of services related to his presentation on drug and alcohol abuse at John F. Kennedy Middle School on April 20, 2009 at an amount not to exceed \$300. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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**MOTION** 

by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District and Louis Gambeski for the purpose of services related to his presentation on drug and alcohol abuse at John F. Kennedy Middle School on April 20, 2009 at an amount not to exceed \$300. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on their behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

➤ BHS Senior Kevin Sackel earned the top score in New York State in the nationwide American Mathematics Contest. Two other students – Gautam Dagur (grade 12) and Hyun Jeong (grade 11) – placed very high in the standings. Because of their achievements, the Bethpage Math Team ranked third place in New York State. Dr. Marsh congratulated these outstanding students, and also their teachers and parents.

- ➤ Bethpage Varsity Kickline won the National Championship in South Caroline this past weekend. Dr. Marsh congratulated Coach Jeanna Novelli and the team.
- ➤ Bethpage Robotics Team participated in the FIRST Robotics Competition at Hofstra University. This was the first time they participated, and since they did very well they received a "Rookie Inspiration" award. Dr. Marsh thanked Mr. Zabell for doing a great job in guiding the students, with assistance from Mr. Granieri.
- Tomorrow evening is the fifth Recognition of Excellence Dinner, where nine graduating seniors each select a teacher from elementary, middle and high school who most inspired them. Aramark Corporation, the District's food service company, will provide the complimentary dinner.
- ➤ On April 2-4, the BHS Masquers Guild will be performing a musical entitled, "Back to the 80's." Please come out and support it.

## PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

# OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Ms. Linda Asmar, LOTE teacher, addressed the Board and audience concerning the importance of having French available for students. Parents and students spoke in support of the program.

## **BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION

by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel and contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

## **ACTING DISTRICT CLERK**

MOTION

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Clark to serve as District Clerk Pro Tem.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

# **BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:20 p.m. and reopened the meeting.

The following resolution was voted upon:

## SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

#### MOTION

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve requests for defense and indemnification submitted by Board Members, Officers and Employees in Connection with the Summons and Complaint discussed in Executive Session; and the benefits and protections of Section 18 of the Public Officers' Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Sections 3811, 3028 and 3023, of the Education Law as applicable, are hereby conferred upon the aforementioned persons, and it is further resolved, that the District shall accordingly, indemnify and save harmless such persons, for any costs, attorneys' fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines or penalties, provided that the act or omission from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose occurred while such persons were acting within the scope of their public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education. No Certificate of Good Faith or Merit shall be required. Insurance defense counsel selected for the defense of this claim by the applicable District insurance carrier shall be deemed hereby appointed for the purpose of this resolution.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

#### **BOARD RE-ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:23 p.m.

## **BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION** 

by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board exit Executive Session All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

## **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 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Clark
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta District Clerk