

**BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bethpage, New York**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting**

**April 28, 2009 – 8:00 p.m. – Kramer Lane School All-Purpose Room**

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Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 8:05 p.m. and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Present:* Tom Frost, Vice President; Joel Dauman; Anna Israelton; Kurt Spears; Hugh Walker; and Sandra Watson.

*Absent:* Michael Kelly, Board President. Mr. Frost conducted the meeting.

*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; Pamela Puglisi, District Director of Guidance; Carol Leonardi, BHS Guidance Counselor; Glenn Rankin, KL Music Teacher; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP. Richard Guercio, Esq., of Guercio & Guercio, was present during Executive Session.

Approximately 40 members of the public were present.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The Kramer Lane Orchestra played “God Bless America” under the leadership of Mr. Rankin, and the audience was very appreciative of the musical selection and the students’ performance. Afterward, they expressed their thanks with a round of applause.

Mr. Clark then presented Ms. Puglisi and Ms. Leonardi, who introduced seven BHS students who are attending Career and Technical Education classes outside of the District. Four students attending programs at BOCES Barry Tech and Levittown Career & Technical provided a brief description of the courses they are taking, which includes Culinary Arts, Plumbing, Police Science/EMT, and Police Science/Criminal Justice. This was followed by a musical performance by three students attending Long Island High School for the Arts who are majoring in Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, and Musical Theatre. The audience sincerely appreciated this presentation and gave all of the students 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 March 31, 2009 Regular Meeting.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on April 21, 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 February 28, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PERSONNEL**

**Abolishment of Positions**

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education abolish the following positions, effective June 30, 2009:

- .2 Physical Education teaching position.
- .6 Social Studies teaching position.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Discontinuance of Service as a Result of Abolishment of Positions**

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education discontinue the services of the following employees, effective June 30, 2009, as a result of the abolishment of their positions:

Gary Maerz	.6 Social Studies teacher
John A. Webster, II	.2 Physical Education teacher

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Extracurricular/Co Curricular Appointment**

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Jacqueline Keane as Senior Class Advisor effective February 25, 2009, at a stipend of \$3,624, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Corrections to Agendas**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Dina Forgione shall be deemed ratified effective January 27, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Forgione's Family Medical Leave of Absence was effective March 11, 2009, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the resolution from the February 24, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Technology effective for the 2009-2010 school year shall be deemed ratified effective February 24, 2009 as submitted.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the March 31, 2009 Regular Meeting concerning approval of the stipend schedule for confidential employees for the 2009-2010 school year shall be deemed ratified effective March 31, 2009 to reflect approval of the confidential employees' salaries and stipends for the 2009-2010 school year, as re-submitted.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the resolution from the March 31, 2009 Regular Meeting concerning the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Denise Leemon shall be deemed ratified effective March 31, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Leemon is taking a Child-Rearing Leave of Absence effective April 20, 2009, inclusive of a 12-week Family Medical Leave of Absence.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Child Rearing Leave of Absence/Family Medical Leave of Absence**

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve a Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Elizabeth Lambot for the first semester of

the 2009-2010 school year, inclusive of a 12-week Family Medical Leave of Absence.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Resignation for Retirement**

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation for retirement of Timothy Walsh, Custodian, effective June 30, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**Maintainer (Part Time Substitute) Appointment**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Saad Kodsí as Maintainer (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 \$14.35 per hour, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS**

CSE:	February 12, 2009	March 10, 2009	March 16, 2009
	March 23, 2009	March 25, 2009	April 6, 2009

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).

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 28, 2009, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman: RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Bethpage Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,000,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of one of the following: the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District; and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was motioned by Board Member Spears and seconded by Board Member Dauman and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mr. Frost Mr. Dauman Mrs. Israelton  
Mr. Spears Mr. Walker Mrs. Watson

NOES: None.

The resolution was declared adopted.

**HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify the following Health Services Agreements for the 2008-2009 school year:

	<u># Students</u>	<u>Cost per Student</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Plainedge UFSD	1	\$438.28	\$ 438.28
South Huntington UFSD	25	\$764.83	\$19,120.75

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**TUITION AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education ratify 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 2008-2009 school year to one (1) child at an estimated NRT rate of \$16,063 for general 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).

**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Farmingdale Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing Gifted and Talented Services to two (2) Bethpage children during the 2008-2009 school year at a cost of \$2,496.04 per student; for a total cost of \$4,992.08. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ACCEPT FEDERAL SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Walker, that the Board of Education accept the Federal Single Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2008, as submitted by Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, on April 28, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ACCEPT ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT ON GASB NO. 45**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions, under statement No. 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, as submitted by Milliman.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ACCEPT RESULTS OF YEAR ONE (1) ENERGY REPORT**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the results of the Energy Performance Contract, Year 1 Energy Report for the period February 2008 to January 2009 and dated March 2009, as submitted by Johnson Controls.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CHANGE ORDER**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following Change Order pertaining to the below-noted project at Central Boulevard Elementary School, for the purpose of adding modifications to the scope of work by the General Contractor, as approved by the Architect and Construction Manager:

Contract for: Contract No. 1A – General Construction  
Contractor: Baruti Construction Corp.  
Project No.: 28-05-21-03-0-003-018  
Project: Bathroom Reconstruction

**Total Increase: \$ 6,500**

The Superintendent further recommends that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute the Change Order on the Board’s behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

MOTION by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education appoint David Bardsley as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, to be held on May 19, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**CHIEF ELECTION INSPECTOR**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District approve Elizabeth Skrypek as Chief Election Inspector and/or Election Clerk, at a rate of \$31.286 per hour.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District approve the addition of the following qualified voters to the Board of Registration and as Inspectors of Election and/or Election Clerks. Board of Registration members, Inspectors, and Assistant Clerks shall be paid at a rate of \$9.50 per hour.

1. **Board of Registration:** Mary Ann Cilmi Mary Cohan  
Peggy Meyer Frances Valenti
2. **Inspectors and/or Assistant Clerks:**

Jennie Asmussen	Rose Baltrusitis	Carolyn Bernhard	Kathleen Catoggio
Jagdish Chandra	Mary Ann Cilmi	Alicia Cosentino	Lea D'Alessandro
Lucy de Haan	Linda DeMartinis	Helen Dowd	Joan Feerick
Ann Flannery	Mary Floresta	Alice Flynn	Maria Gil
Tomas Gil	Mary Haugen	Renee Kantor	Muriel Krupp
Ken LeGrow	Maria Karambatsakis	Maria D. Karambatsakis	John Karambatsakis
Frances Leone	Jeanette Lessard	Joan Lewis	Otto Lipp
Rose LoDolce	Ellen LoPresti	Arlene Lustig	Gary Lustig
Paul Mammino	Corinne McKeown	Christina Meyer	Jeana Meyer
Peggy Meyer	Augusta Mirto	Doris Rosenfeld	Martha Ryerson
Ed Schmidt	Helen Shube	Elizabeth Skrypek	Joan Skrypek
Barbara Sloan	Frances Trupiano	Joseph Trupiano	Joann Vevgas

Note: This resolution supersedes the resolution which was approved by the Board of Education at the Reorganization Meeting on July 8, 2008.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).



**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS:** None.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

- Plans are moving ahead with the Bethpage High School Athletic Field Complex, and an informational meeting will be held at the High School on Monday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Marsh encouraged residents to attend the meeting.
- Ken Grimball of News 12 Long Island attended the Kramer Lane Boat Show today, and featured the school on this evening's news.
- Dr. Marsh reviewed some recent news articles highlighting Ms. Janice Yale, Director of Science K-12, the Philosophy Club, and a BHS student who was diagnosed with a rare medical condition several years ago, but does not let this interfere with her love of softball. The Superintendent reminded parents and residents to check the District's website, which is full of great stories and photos.
- On April 22<sup>nd</sup> the High School sponsored "Not My Child," a terrific program which helped parents learn more about substance abuse. Approximately 250 people turned out for this very informative meeting. Dr. Marsh commented that the staff has been very proactive in Character Education, which is extremely important in making the right decisions.

***OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD***

Several parents and students were dismayed that High School graduation was going to be held at the Capital One Theater/Westbury Music Fair instead of BHS, and requested that this decision be reversed. Dr. Marsh provided background into this decision and how the plan developed, and the Board, Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents addressed the concerns and listened to the comments of the public. At the end of the discussion, Dr. Marsh indicated this would be addressed in Executive Session and parents would be notified of the outcome.

***BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION***

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations and contracts. Dr. Marsh noted that the Board would be voting on the last item on the agenda when it exited Executive Session.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

***ACTING DISTRICT CLERK***

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:13 p.m. and reopened the meeting.

The following resolution was voted upon:

**DONATION OF SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the donation of Services and Equipment by the Bethpage Baseball Association at a total value of \$29,925, as follows:

14' x 20' Wood Storage Shed	\$ 7,925.00
Installation of District Owned Benches	1,500.00
Installation of Safety Baseball Bases	5,000.00
Installation of Lock Boxes at each Baseball Field	5,000.00
Installation of Dugout Fences	5,000.00
Installation of Backstop Fencing	2,000.00
Installation of Concrete Dugout Floors	<u>3,500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,925.00</b>

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**BOARD RE-ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:14 p.m.

**BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Clark  
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta  
District Clerk