

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

September 29 , 2009 – 8:00 p.m. – Bethpage High School Little Theater

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

Present: Tom Frost, President; Kurt Spears, Vice President; Joel S. Dauman; Anna Israelton; Michael J. Kelly; James A. McGlynn; and Sandra Watson.

Also Present: Terrence Clark, Superintendent; John DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Michael Spence, BHS Principal; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

Approximately 11 members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending August 31, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

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

Pamela Lissy-O’Britis	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	9/1/09
Nicole Fisher	Permanent Per Diem Substitute	9/1/09
Janine Kachadourian	School Monitor	9/11/09
Esther Pascal	Permanent Per Diem Substitute	9/1/09
Krista Yulfo	School Monitor	9/1/09

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Create Position

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education create one (1) full-time Maintainer position September 30, 2009.

Motion carried (6-2-0).

Ayes	6
Noes	1 (Mr. Kelly)
Abstentions	0

Appointments

Extracurricular/Co-Curricular

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular/co-curricular appointments, as submitted, for the 2009-10 school year.

Note: A copy of the Extracurricular/Co-Curricular Activities Schedule is available in the Office of Human Resources.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Permanent Per Diem Substitute Teachers commencing October 1, 2009 through June 1, 2010 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:

Jaimie Grothmann	Annmarie Martello
Eric Sacher	Christopher Verde

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Inservice Staff Developer

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kristen Garvey as Inservice Staff Developer effective September 29, 2009, at an hourly rate of \$60, not to exceed five hours.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Teacher Aide, Part Time Substitute

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kimberly Coyne as Teacher Aide, Part-Time Substitute, effective upon fingerprint clearance. Hourly salary will be \$10.38, based upon the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Lifeguard I/Grade I Part Time

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education ratify the following appointments of Lifeguards I/Grade I, Part Time for the Open Swim, Learn to Swim, and Family Swim Programs during the 2009-2010 school year (CPR and Lifeguard Certificates), effective September 1, 2009, at the hourly rate of \$10.23, based on the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits:

Justin Marchisotta
Thomas Theophilidis

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teachers

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Per Diem Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year, without benefits. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy.

Melanie Arigo	Christina Meyer
Daniel Mulhall	Christopher Verde

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Increase Appointment

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education ratify a .2 increase in appointment for Linda Candela in the area of Art for the 2009-2010

school year, effective September 1, 2009. The additional compensation for the increase will be prorated to reflect current salary and step.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the resolution from the May 26, 2009 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Valerie Tina shall be deemed ratified effective May 26, 2009 to indicate that Ms. Tina’s Family Medical Leave of Absence was effective September 14, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: August 12, 2009	August 25, 2009	
September 15, 2009	September 16, 2009	
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CSE: July 28, 2009	July 30, 2009	August 12, 2009
August 25, 2009	September 1, 2009	September 3, 2009
September 8, 2009		

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

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education declare the following books obsolete and of no value and no use to the school district, and authorizes that they may be removed from the district inventory:

- Elements of Writing, First Course* – Copyright 1988 by Harcourt Brace and World (147 copies)
- Elements of Writing, Second Course* – Copyright 1988 by Harcourt Brace and World (162 copies)

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

RENEWAL AGREEMENT – OMNI FINANCIAL GROUP

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves the Renewal

Services Agreement (“Agreement”) with OMNI Financial Group for the third party administration of the District’s 403(b) annuity plan for the 2009-2010 school year, which Agreement supersedes and nullifies any prior agreement for the same services, and hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on the Board’s behalf.

Motion carried (6-1-0)

Ayes 6
Noes 1 (Mrs. Watson)
Abstentions 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the agreements between the Bethpage Union Free School District (Sending School) and the following schools (Receiving School) for the purpose of providing specialized educational services:

School District	Period Covered	Number of Students	Estimated Cost per Student	Total Estimated Cost
Farmingdale UFSD	July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Jericho UFSD	July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009	1	\$9,300.00	\$23,702.00
		1	\$14,402.00	
Jericho UFSD	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
N. Bellmore UFSD	July 6, 2009-August 14, 2009	1	\$3,592.00	\$3,592.00
Seaford UFSD	September 1, 2008-June 30, 2009	2	\$34,759.00	\$69,518.00
Seaford UFSD	September 2, 2009-June 30, 2010	2	\$35,000.00	\$70,000.00
Variety Child Learning Center	September 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	1	\$43,000.00	\$43,000.00

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$250.00 from the D’Amico family and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to benefit the children at Kramer Lane Elementary School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2009-2010 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$250.00 at Kramer Lane Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

2009-2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2009-2010 school year budget appropriation in the amount of \$68,492 (with fringes) to provide for the addition of a new Maintainer position. This Maintainer position was necessitated for the health, welfare and safety of students and staff within the District. The attendant salary for the subject position will be funded through the unreserved, undesignated fund balance (management reserve).

Motion carried (6-1-0).

Ayes	6
Noes	1 (Mr. Kelly)
Abstentions	0

OFFICIAL BANK DEPOSITORY

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education designate the HSBC Bank USA, N.A. as an official bank depository for district funds; maximum dollar amount is \$30,000,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$347.35 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 2009-2010 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$347.35 at Charles Campagne Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$398.09 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 students at Bethpage High School. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be and is authorized by law to increase the voter approved 2009-2010 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$398.09 at Bethpage High School.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Prior to the Board voting on the following, Mr. Clark gave a brief explanation of the history and rationale for the resolution.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURE

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following proposition to be placed on the ballot and submitted to the voters at the District's Special Election to be held on November 17, 2009:

Shall the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District be authorized to expend Five Million, One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$5,167,875) out of the District's Capital Reserve Fund, which was established on May 20, 2008, which monies shall be for the purpose of:

- Sitework/masonry repair at Bethpage High School, JFK Middle School, Central Boulevard School, and Kramer Lane School.
- Replacement of one elevator at Bethpage High School.
- Replacement of three boilers at Bethpage High School.
- Scraping and painting of steel joists at Bethpage High School and Central Boulevard School.
- Replacement of student lockers at Bethpage High School.
- Replacement of bathrooms at Bethpage High School, Charles Campagne School, and Kramer Lane School.
- Repair of tennis courts at Bethpage High School.
- HVAC work at Bethpage High School, JFK Middle School, Central Boulevard School, and Charles Campagne School.
- Auditorium refurbishment at JFK Middle School.
- Replacement of gymnasium bleachers at JFK Middle School and Central Boulevard School.
- Replacement of JFK Middle School gymnasium folding partition.
- Renovation of JFK Middle School locker rooms.
- Ceiling replacement/asbestos abatement at JFK Middle School.
- New internal doors at Central Boulevard School and Charles Campagne School.
- Replacement of Public Address System at Central Boulevard School.
- Replacement of vacuum condensates at Bethpage High School, JFK Middle School, Central Boulevard School, Charles Campagne School, and Kramer Lane School.

If the proposition is approved, the monies will be drawn from the District's existing funds in the Capital Reserve Fund and, thus, will not result in an increase to the tax levy.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Dauman: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education set the date of the Public Informational Hearing for the Special Meeting regarding the Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theater.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET TIME FOR SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Kelly: It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education set the time for the Special Meeting regarding the Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 to be from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 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).

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

GAME/EVENT CONTRACT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District) and The Harlem MagicMasters, Int'l., Inc. (Performer) for the purpose of the Performer and its employees and/or agents participating in an exhibition game with the Bethpage Faculty Dream Team on Friday, November 6, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Thanks to Mr. Spence for hosting this evening's Board meeting and providing the Board with an update on the opening of BHS.
- Thank you to the Buildings & Grounds Committee. They did the groundwork and provided information for the district to move forward on capital projects.
- It was a great opening of school. Mr. DeTommaso and Mr. Clark visited practically every classroom.
- The ribbon-cutting of the BHS Athletic Field Complex on September 12, 2009 was attended by Town officials. The soccer team greatly appreciated being able to play at BHS.
- Thursday evening is the Powder Puff game: Senior Kickline and Cheerleading vs. Kickline and Cheerleading members in lower grades
- Pep Rally is scheduled for Friday evening.
- An awesome community event will be held on Saturday, October 3, beginning with a 5K Run at 9:30 a.m. (Kids' Run at 9:10 a.m.). The Tara Costa Health and Wellness Fair begins at 10:30 a.m. Weather permitting, Homecoming will begin at 12:00 noon with a parade down Stewart Avenue. The football game kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Many health vendors have signed up for the Health and Wellness Fair. It is hoped that the Tara Costa event will provide funds for school events.
- Thank you to the PTAs for planning a safe Halloween party on Friday, October 30, at BHS. Youngsters will be coming to the party.
- TGIF @ BHS is being planned for approximately 16 Friday evenings during the school year; the first one is scheduled for October 9. BHS students are invited to participate in all kinds of different activities (e.g., pool, dodge ball, ping pong, volleyball). We think they need a place to come, and we are hoping to have a nice turnout.
- We are being vigilant about H1N1 and have had no confirmed cases; no increase in absences.
- Mr. DeTommaso and Mr. Clark met with all JFK students in assemblies to explain 21st Century Learning; the program has been a great success. Mr. Clark also attended Back to School Night to review it with parents. He is grateful to teachers who have new ideas, and would appreciate the same from parents.
- The article devoted to 21st Century Learning which was published in the September 2009 issue of "Educational Leadership" that featured BHS and JFK students has generated a lot of e-mails from districts across the United States. Oyster Bay Schools will be coming here tomorrow to learn more about our program.
- Mr. Clark shared a letter from the Nassau County Police Department regarding heroin use in the vicinity of Bethpage. The district is being vigilant about this, and he will be meeting with several school districts tomorrow about creating a heroin summit. It would take place in late October. School districts located within the boundaries of the Eighth Precinct will be meeting with the Nassau County Police Department shortly concerning this problem.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Recently Mrs. Israelton was in the pool area at BHS and noted a new electrical timer system was installed. She was pleased to report that one of the young swimmers also noticed it and he was very enthusiastic about having a state-of-the-art timer, similar to that which is used at professional competitions such as the Olympics!

OPPORTUNJITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- Mrs. Poggio applauded the Board for acting on the list of items in the resolution concerning the Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure, which had been compiled by the Buildings & Grounds Capital Improvements Committee.
- The Board entertained questions/comments from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m. – Special/Agenda Meeting
Administration Building

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 8:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
JFK Middle School

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk