

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bethpage, New York
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2010

7:00 p.m. – Executive Session – Administration Building Boardroom
8:00 p.m. – Public Session – Bethpage High School Little Theater

Mr. Spears called the meeting to order in the Boardroom at approximately 7:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Tom Frost, President.

Also Present: Terrence Clark, Superintendent; John DeTommaso, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction & Technology; and Caroline Lavelle, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Richard Guercio, Esq., of Guercio & Guercio, was present during the Executive Session.

No members of the public were present.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for matters of particular personnel and contracts.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education appoint Mr. DeTommaso to serve as District Clerk Pro Tem.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Mr. Guercio left the meeting.

The Board proceeded to the Little Theater for public session. Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger LLC, and Marlène Jannotta, District Clerk, joined the meeting. Also present were: Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Monica Manzi, Director of Special Education; Ida Barry and Suzanne Brunelle, Special Education teachers; Rose Vezzi, Job Coach; and Maureen Mendolia, Teacher Assistant. Approximately 25 residents were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Clark introduced Michael Polansky, President of the Greater Long Island Running Club, who presented the district with a \$1,000 donation. Mr. Spears and Mr. Clark thanked him for their generosity on behalf of the district.

The next presenter was Pupil Personnel Services. Ms. Hantzidiamantis explained that Ms. Barry's ACE (Academic and Career Experience) Program students are taking an active part in the work force this year and gaining experience at the following stores: Erga Bakery, Dunkin' Donuts, TGIF, and Old Navy. Ms. Barry introduced six of her students who were present at the meeting, and noted that shortly the class will also be working in various departments at the high school. This evening the students demonstrated skills they learned at TGIF. A booklet that was prepared by the students was distributed which described their responsibilities at the job sites. The audience appreciated the students' presentation and gave them a round of applause.

A new self-contained class has been instituted at CBS this school year, and Ms. Hantzidiamantis showed a video featuring one of the students in that particular class taking the Board meeting audience on a visual tour of his new classroom. It was clear to see that the youngster thoroughly enjoyed his new class and his teacher, Ms. Kitson.

Afterward, Ms. Hantzidiamantis utilized a PowerPoint presentation that she had prepared entitled, "Think Differently – A Look at Special Education in Bethpage Schools."

Mr. Clark thanked the Pupil Personnel Services staff and the students for the thoroughly enjoyable presentations, and the audience gave everyone a round of applause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 26, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 4, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on February 9, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending September 30, 2009.

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 January 31, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

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:

Randi Bender	Social Worker	February 26, 2010
Tara McCarthy	Teacher Assistant	February 22, 2010

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Resignation for Retirement

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation for retirement of Robert Poppe, Jr., effective February 26, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Clark thanked Mr. Poppe for over 31 years of service to the District.

Appointments

Teacher Aide (Part Time Substitute)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Janet Farrell as Teacher Aide (Part Time Substitute), effective February 24, 2010, Hourly salary will be \$10.38, based upon the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Registered Professional Nurses (School Part Time Substitutes)

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Registered Professional Nurses (School Part Time Substitutes), effective February 24, 2010, at a per diem rate of \$125.61, without benefits:

Regina Femminella
Ashamole Nair

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

School Monitor, Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Tobi Indellicati as School Monitor Part Time, effective upon fingerprint clearance, at an hourly rate of \$10.74, in accordance with the appropriate salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Extracurricular/Cocurricular

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of district employees for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Payment is in accordance with the BCT contract.

Meghan Murphy	Game Guard
Ann Rich	Game Guard

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Katie Barker as Per Diem Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. Salary is in accordance with the Substitute Teacher compensation policy, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement)

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the Regular Substitute (Leave Replacement) appointment of Tara McCarthy in the

area of special education for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, effective February 22, 2010. Salary will be \$61,394, based on Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement. Ms. McCarthy is initially certified as a Grade 7-12 Special Education teacher in the State of New York.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Additional Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the following extracurricular appointments for the 2009-2010 school year, with stipends as indicated:

Alan Weber	Badminton Varsity Coach	D	\$4,599
Tim Regan	Badminton Varsity Assistant Coach	D	\$2,241
Rob Fisher	Varsity Head Baseball Coach	D	\$7,128
Christian Byrnes	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	ND	\$4,633
Jared Richter	JV Baseball Coach	D	\$2,408 ⁽¹⁾
Christopher Verde	JV Baseball Coach	D	\$2,408 ⁽¹⁾
Bennett Resnick	Grades 7 & 8 A Baseball Coach	ND	\$4,325
Ronald Abatelli	Grades 7 & 8 B Baseball Coach	D	\$4,325
Erwin Dill	Varsity Head Boys Lacrosse Coach	ND	\$7,247
Kate Danowski	Varsity Head Girls Lacrosse Coach	D	\$7,247
Gerard McCoy	Lacrosse Boys Varsity Assistant Coach	D	\$4,641
Nicole Agovino	Lacrosse Girls Varsity Assistant Coach	D	\$4,641
Patrick Gorman	Lacrosse Boys JV Coach	D	\$4,891
Christie Ruppert	Lacrosse Girls JV Coach	D	\$4,891
Matthew Danowski	Lacrosse JV Boys Assistant Coach	ND	\$4,071
Marc Sieben	Lacrosse JV Girls Assistant Coach	ND	\$4,071
Brian Hennen	Lacrosse Boys Grades 7 & 8 A Coach	D	\$4,150
Joe Renneisen	Lacrosse Boys Grades 7 & 8 B Coach	D	\$4,150
Joanna Sieben	Lacrosse Girls Grades 7 & 8 Coach	D	\$4,150
Anne DiPrima	Softball Varsity Head Coach	D	\$7,128
Sunny Oelling	Softball JV Coach	ND	\$4,816
Jeremy Indenbaum	Softball Girls 7 & 8 A Coach	D	\$4,325
Peter Zito	Softball Girls 7 & 8 B Coach	D	\$4,325
Steven Franzke	Tennis Boys Varsity Coach	D	\$4,841
Kerri Pillittier	Track Varsity Head Coach	D	\$7,018
Kerry Spatz	Track Varsity Assistant Coach	D	\$5,315
Jill Loveland	Track Grades 7 & 8 Head Coach	D	\$4,504
Chrissy Bennett	Volleyball Varsity Boys Coach	D	\$7,127
Suzanne Brunelle	Volleyball JV Boys Coach	D	\$4,815

(1) Total stipend of \$4,816 will be shared.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Corrections to Agendas

Correction to Job Title and Salary

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the resolution from the January 26, 2010 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Patricia Catalano shall be deemed ratified effective January 26, 2010 to indicate that her job title is Senior Typist Clerk, 25 Hours per Week, and her annual salary shall be \$30,351.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Start Date

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the resolution from the January 26, 2010 Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Jennifer Zito shall be deemed ratified effective January 26, 2010 to indicate that Ms. Zito's appointment is effective March 1, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Salary

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the resolution from the December 15, 2009 Special/Agenda Regular Meeting regarding the appointment of Joseph Desmonie shall be deemed ratified effective December 15, 2009 to indicate his hourly rate of pay shall be \$12.21 per hour.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Correction to Extracurricular Appointments

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the resolution from the August 11, 2009 Special/Agenda Meeting concerning the 2009-2010 extracurricular appointments of the below-named teachers shall be deemed ratified effective August 11, 2009 to indicate the following appointments and stipends:

Nancy Reich	Senior Class Advisor	\$3,750
Jacquelyn Keane	Senior Class Assistant Advisor	\$3,108

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Salary for Non-Affiliated Employee

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage Union Free School District ratify a salary of \$61,200 for Maureen Buturla, Purchasing Agent, effective November 24, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

RECERTIFICATION OF DISTRICT PLAN FOR SHARED DECISION MAKING

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Israelton: WHEREAS, the biennial review of the District's Plan for Shared Decision Making has been conducted in accordance with law by the District's Committee which, in addition to the Superintendent, contained designated representation from the District's administration, teachers and parents; NOW THEREFORE, the Superintendent recommends that the BOE recertify the District Plan for the Participation of Parents and Teachers in School-Based Planning and Shared Decision making.

Note: There were no changes made to the Plan previously adopted and submitted to the Commissioner of Education.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: January 12, 2010 January 19, 2010 January 26, 2010

CSE: December 10, 2009 December 23, 2009
 January 6, 2010 January 8, 2010 January 13, 2010
 January 14, 2010 January 15, 2010 January 20, 2010
 January 21, 2010 January 25, 2010 January 26, 2010
 January 27, 2010 January 28, 2010

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

REMOVAL OF OBSOLETE BOOKS FROM DISTRICT INVENTORY

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education declare certain High School Library 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: A list of the books is available in the Business Office.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

STRENGTH OF HEART SCHOLARSHIP IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRIAN C. HICKEY

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the following change, effective with the 2009-2010 school year, to the Strength of Heart Scholarship in Loving Memory of Brian C. Hickey, which was established via a Board resolution on April 29, 2003, from a type "B" scholarship to a type "A" scholarship.

Further, effective with the 2009-2010 school year, the Board approves an increase in the number of scholarship recipients in a given year from one (1) to two (2), and the amount of each scholarship shall increase to \$2,500.

Note: Monies for this scholarship will be entirely funded by donations and not comprised of District monies.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,500 from Cablevision and the MSG Varsity 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 \$1,500 at Bethpage High School.

Note: This is in addition to the \$1,500 donation that was approved by the Board at their Regular Meeting of November 24, 2009.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION TUITION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Location) and the Rockville Centre Union Free School District (District of Residence) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) student for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a total estimated cost of \$77,342 as follows:

Summer Est. Tuition	\$ 3,300	Summer Transportation	\$ 980	Total Est. Summer Cost	\$ 4,280
School Year Est. Tuition	67,480	School Year Transportation	5,582	Total Est. School Year Cost	73,062
Total Est. Tuition	\$70,780	Total Trans.	\$6,562	Total Est. Cost	\$77,342

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education ratify the Health Services Agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (sending district) and the Farmingdale Union Free School District (receiving district) for the purpose of providing health services to 23 Bethpage students attending a non-public school within the Farmingdale UFSD during the 2009-2010 school year at a cost of \$738.41 per student, for a total cost of \$16,983.43. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education set Tuesday, March 23, 2010 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2010-2011 School Budget and the Real Property Tax Report Card for submission to the District voters.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

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

Saturday, May 1, 2010	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Admin. Bldg. - Boardroom
Wednesday, May 5, 2010	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 (6-0).

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to publish the notice of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election, and make the necessary arrangements for the conduct of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election of Trustees, in accordance with law.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

UNEMPLOYMENT COST MANAGEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the TALX Corporation and the Bethpage Union Free School District for the performance of Unemployment Cost Management Services commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, for a cost of \$1,496 per year payable in equal quarterly installments. There is an additional fee of \$225 per unemployment hearing if the District requests a TALX representative; and an additional fee of \$60 if TALX provides an attorney, due to the District's request. 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. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education reject the bids for the below noted projects from the February 1, 2010 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.

Site Work Reconstruction Contract No. 1
John F. Kennedy Middle School SED # 28-05-21-03-0-002-027

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

AWARD OF 2009-2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACTS 2 THROUGH 5 FOR JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education accept the results of the Toilet Reconstruction Project and Locker Replacement bids for the John F. Kennedy Middle School Project #28-05-21-03-0-002-027, and award the contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidders meeting specifications as follows:

Contract # 2 General Construction (Bathroom) – Excel Builders Group, Inc.

Total Recommended Award: **\$67,000.00** including an allowance of \$5,000.00

Contract # 3 Plumbing Reconstruction - Connelly & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

Total Recommended Award: **\$35,700.00** including an allowance of \$5,000.00

Contract # 4 Electrical Reconstruction - Telsan Electric, Inc.

Total Recommended Award: **\$6,900.00** including an allowance of \$2,000.00

Contract # 5 Locker Replacement – H & E Equipment Corp.

Base Bid: \$39,465.00

Alternate 1: \$15,620.00

Alternate 1-a: \$5,640.00

Total Recommended Award: **\$60,725.00** including an allowance of \$2,500.00

Grand Total of Recommended Awards for this Project: **\$170,325.00**, including Allowances totaling \$14,500.00

The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute the contracts on its behalf with Excel Builders Corp., Connelly & Sons Plumbing & Heating, Inc., Telsan Electric, Inc. and H & E Equipment Corp., as provided for and pursuant to the terms of the bid package. The bid opening was held on February 1, 2010.

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

TUITION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Location) and the Huntington Union Free School District (District of Residence) for the purpose of providing educational services during the 2009-2010 school year to one (1) child at an estimated NRT rate of \$17,311 for general education in grades 7-12 per pupil (to be prorated from date of entrance into the Bethpage UFSD). The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

DONATION OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Greater Long Island Running Club and allow the donation to be deposited into the General Fund.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Following are some of the many district-wide events that Mr. Clark reported on:

- JFK students will be performing in "High School Musical" this weekend.
- The second TGIF for JFK students was recently held at BHS, and it was very successful – 419 students attended.
- Phase II of the BHS Athletic Field Complex is scheduled to begin next Monday. It includes new bleachers, a new press box, and a new concession stand with rest rooms, and is being paid for by the Town of Oyster Bay. Plans are for graduation to be held on the new field, under the lights, on June 25th. Supervisor Venditto will be the featured speaker.
- Schools will be open on April 5th and May 28th, due to the snow days being utilized.
- Tomorrow JFK will be holding their first ever parent orientation.
- In light of the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti, Mr. Clark was very proud of Bethpage students as they raised several thousands of dollars to aid that country.
- Next week Ms. Lavelle, Ms. McCarthy, and Mr. Clark will be doing a presentation at the ASCD Conference regarding the 21st Century initiative at Bethpage School.
- It is a tough budget year for schools, and we are facing some significant cutbacks at the state level. The current proposed budget reflects an increase of slightly under 2%, or approximately 1.85% budget-to-budget increase at this point.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: The Board entertained questions and comments from the public.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

March 16, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Boardroom
March 23, 2010	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	CBS

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for matters of particular personnel.

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:23 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (6-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeTommaso
District Clerk Pro Tem

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk