

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

April 27, 2010 – 8:00 p.m. – Charles Campagne School All-Purpose Room

Mr. Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 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; Joseph Marchesiello, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Angelita Cintado, CC Principal; Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Sandi Saltzman (CC reading specialist/coach); Ploumitsa Lazaridis (CC first grade teacher); Nazli River (CC music teacher); Daniel Zabell, (BHS computer literature teacher); Joseph Granieri (BHS math teacher); and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

Approximately 50 members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Cintado introduced two student violinists who played, “America.” She thanked Ms. River and the students for the wonderful performance, and the audience gave them a round of applause.

Mrs. Saltzman and Mrs. Lazaridis discussed the Writers’ Workshop and then presented four first grade authors who read their books for the audience. This workshop helps students to understand how writing and reading are connected. The public enjoyed the students’ reading and showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Mr. Clark introduced members of the BHS Robotics team, who provided us with a demonstration of the robot which they built. Mr. Zabell showed a video from last year’s Robotics Competition at Hofstra University, and the students described some of the projects on which they have worked. The audience was extremely interested in the robot, and thanked the students and teachers with a round of applause.

Mr. DeTommaso reviewed the results of the 2009-2010 Pride Survey, which is a federally sponsored questionnaire designed to help school districts measure student alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. Parents must give permission for students to participate, and this resulted in 232 eighth graders and 145 tenth graders partaking in the survey. Mr. DeTommaso then reviewed the various anti-drug/alcohol/tobacco programs and initiatives for grades K-12 that have been utilized in the District. Afterward, Mr. DeTommaso and Mr. Clark replied to questions from the audience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 23, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda Meeting held on April 20, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORTS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending February 28, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending March 31, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Mr. Clark responded to a resident’s query about the last resolution (“Budget Transfer”).

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Resignations

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept/ratify the following irrevocable resignations with effective dates noted:

Joanne Coscino	Part-Time Teacher Aide	April 21, 2010
Kimberly Coyne	Part-Time Teacher Aide Sub	April 13, 2010
Scott Lynch	BHS Cafeteria Duty	April 14, 2010
Daniella Rusin	LOTE Teacher	July 1, 2010
Kerri Spatz	English Teacher	June 26, 2010
Fritz-Lynn Valescot	ESL Teacher	June 30, 2010

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Resignation for Retirement

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the irrevocable resignation for retirement of Sandra Topol, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Appointments

Clerk, Part Time Sub

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Tara Pizzuto as Clerk, Part Time Sub, effective March 22, 2010, at a rate of \$8.90 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Cleaner, Part Time Subs

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Cleaners, Part Time Subs, effective April 28, 2010, at a rate of \$14.85 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

Harry G. Lowes Maxwell Souza
Vincent Trentadue

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Per Diem Substitute Teacher

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Charles Woodham 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 (7-0).

Security Aide, Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Joseph Hose as Security Aide, Part Time, effective April 28, 2010, at a rate of \$12.21 per hour, based upon Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Typist Clerk, Part Time

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Kimberly Coyne as Typist Clerk, Part Time, effective April 14, 2010. Salary will be \$13.13 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Assistant Head Custodian

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Robbie Lynch as Assistant Head Custodian, effective May 13, 2010, with a maximum probationary period of 26 weeks. Salary will be \$52,686, based on Step 4 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, to be prorated from date of commencement, with benefits.

Note: In the event that Mr. Lynch is assigned to the evening shift, there will be a 5% differential, according to the CSEA contract.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the following Game Guard appointments of district employees for the remainder of the 2009-2010 sports season. Compensation is in accordance with the BCT contract.

Lori Bochichio	Lisa Gennaro
Tara Pizzuto	Steve Suprenant

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Typist Clerks (Part-Time/Substitutes)

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments of Typist Clerks (Part-Time/Substitutes) pending fingerprint clearance, at an hourly rate of \$8.90 per hour, based on Step 1 of the 2009-2010 salary schedule, without benefits:

Daniel S. Arnold
Conrad Skuza

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Co-Curricular

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education ratify the appointment of Arati Marathe as Academic Coach for the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year, at an annual stipend of \$5,114, to be prorated from date of commencement.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Student Worker

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Andrew Flanagan as Student Worker, effective April 28, 2010, at a rate of \$7.62 per hour, based upon the 2009-2010 Student Worker salary schedule, without benefits.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Family Medical Leaves of Absence

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve Family Medical Leaves of Absence for the following teachers, with effective dates noted, not to exceed 12 weeks:

Kim Morales Barnett	June 14, 2010
Melissa Sokolowski	June 22, 2010
Maria Whalen	September 14, 2010

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Correction to Effective Date of Family Medical Leave of Absence Recited in Agenda of March 23, 2010

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the resolution from the March 23, 2010 Regular Meeting regarding the Family Medical Leave of Absence for Karen Livingston shall be deemed ratified effective March 23, 2010 to indicate that Ms. Livingston's Family Medical Leave of Absence shall be effective May 18, 2010, not to exceed 12 weeks.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Education Law §913

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman: RESOLVED, that pursuant to §913 of the Education Law, the employee named in executive session (and as set forth in confidential attachment "A") is hereby directed to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Solomon, and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Solomon is hereby appointed school medical inspector pursuant to §913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee's ability to perform his/her duties.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Increase Appointment

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education ratify a .3 increase in appointment for Scott Lynch in the area of AP US History for 19 days during the 2009-2010 school year, effective April 12, 2010. The additional compensation for the increase will be prorated, based on the current salary and step.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Personal Vote Day

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mr. Spears, that the Board of Education provide Marlène Jannotta, in her capacity as Superintendent's Secretary, with one (1) additional personal day for each Bethpage Union Free School District community vote (i.e. Annual Meeting, Bond Vote, etc.) per year that she works at as District Clerk on behalf of the District ("Personal Vote Day"). Such Personal Vote Days are in addition to the five (5) personal days per year currently allotted to Ms. Jannotta as Superintendent's Secretary and may not be used for any purpose other than working at the District's community vote. Personal Vote Days may not be accumulated and shall have no reimbursement value.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY NO. 8218 WELLNESS POLICY ON NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education acknowledge that it has performed its first reading of revised Policy No. 8218 Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity and approves its adoption.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

CPSE: March 4, 2010	March 16, 2010	April 6, 2010
CSE: March 8, 2010	March 9, 2010	March 11, 2010
March 16, 2010	March 17, 2010	March 18, 2010
March 22, 2010	March 24, 2010	April 7, 2010

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, 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).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Residence) and the Glen Cove School District (District of Location) for the purpose of providing special education services to one (1) Bethpage student for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, at an estimated cost of \$10,000, plus transportation at an estimated cost of \$8,724.70, for a total estimated cost of \$18,724.70. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the following Health Services Agreements for the 2009-2010 school year:

	# Students	Cost per Student	Total Cost
Plainview Old Bethpage CSD	1	\$759.00	\$ 759.00
Syosset CSD	13	\$760.92	\$9,891.96

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. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education accept the donation of \$7,500 from the Bethpage Educational Foundation and allow this donation to be deposited into the General Fund to be used to purchase classroom materials for teachers who submitted minigrant proposals.

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 the \$7,500.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SPECIAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District (District of Residence) and the Hicksville Public Schools (District of Location) for the purpose of providing special education services to three (3) Bethpage students for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at a total estimated cost of \$13,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

FIXED ASSET INVENTORY AGREEMENT

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education approve the agreement between the Bethpage Union Free School District and CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC, to provide Fixed Asset Inventory accounting and valuation professional services to the Bethpage School District, for the period June 28, 2010-September 4, 2010, at the basic rate of \$13,150, plus provide additional services in the area of supplemental consulting (as needed) at \$130 per hour, plus all applicable travel, living and administrative expenses, and barcode tags provided at \$200/1,000 tags, total contract not to exceed \$20,000. The Board further authorizes the Board President to execute said agreement on its behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Mr. Clark thanked the former anonymous student who established the following two scholarships.

TERRENCE CLARK RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

MOTION by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Dauman, that the Board of Education approve the amendment of category "B" scholarship known as the "Terrence Clark Recognition Scholarship," which was established via Board resolution on May 31, 2007, from a one-time \$250.00 scholarship to a recurring \$250.00 scholarship. In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the scholarship funds will be donated by an anonymous donor that is not the District and held in trust by the District. If the scholarship fund fails to provide the District with the \$250.00 to be held in trust and awarded in a particular year, the scholarship will not be given in that year. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Senior of Bethpage High School who has played two Varsity sports during his or her Junior and Senior years, who must have an 85% minimum grade average, and who exemplifies characteristics of Mr. Clark. The recipient shall be chosen by Mr. Clark.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VINCENT MAIO RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIP

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the amendment of category “B” scholarship known as the “Vincent Maio Recognition Scholarship,” which was established via Board resolution on May 31, 2007, from a one-time \$250.00 scholarship to a recurring \$250.00 scholarship. In accordance with District Policy No. 7421, the scholarship funds will be donated by an anonymous donor that is not the District and held in trust by the District. If the scholarship fund fails to provide the District with the \$250.00 to be held in trust and awarded in a particular year, the scholarship will not be given in that year. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Senior of Bethpage High School who has played two Varsity sports during his or her Junior and Senior years, who must have an 85% minimum grade average, and who exemplifies characteristics of Mr. Maio. The recipient shall be chosen by Mr. Maio.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BUDGET TRANSFER

MOTION by Mr. Dauman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the request for the budget transfer in the amount of \$210,209, as submitted, to cover the cost of implementing the early retirement incentive for teachers agreed to by the parties in November, 2009.

Note: Budget appropriation transfers over \$50,000 are required to be approved by the Board of Education.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – MR. CLARK

- Thanked the PTA for tonight’s hospitality.
- Was saddened to report that Sam Watson, World War II Tuskegee Airman, recently passed away. Mr. Watson had visited the District last year and had described to the students the discrimination he faced at that time in his life. The BHS student who had originally invited Mr. Watson to the high school attended the memorial service and presented his family with a video of Mr. Watson’s visit to BHS.
- Budget-to-budget increase is 1.88%. The budget newsletter will be mailed shortly.
- Meet the Candidates Night will be held tomorrow evening at BHS.
- “Willy Wonka” at CBS was a huge success, as was “The Music Man” at BHS and “High School Musical” at JFK. All three shows were phenomenal.
- “Dancing with the Teachers” will be held Friday evening.
- This past Sunday was the 21st Senior Citizen Prom. Over 250 senior citizens attended, and about 80 students tended to their needs.
- TGIF was a very big success. Two more scheduled for the remainder of the school year.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Frost noted that, as everyone knows, this is a very tough year. However, he was pleased to report that Mr. Clark came forward and requested that he not get a raise for the upcoming year, and the Assistant Superintendents followed suit.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None.

FUTURE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

April 28, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Meet the Candidates Night	Little Theater
May 11, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Special/Agenda Meeting	Boardroom
May 11, 2010	8:00 p.m.	Budget Hearing	Little Theater
May 18, 2010	7AM-9PM	Annual Meeting	BHS Gym
May 25, 2010	8:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Little Theater

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marléne Jannotta
District Clerk