

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

February 15, 2011 – 8:00 p.m. – Bethpage High School – Little Theatre

Mr. Dauman called the meeting to order in the Boardroom at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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

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; Patricia Hantzidiamantis, Executive Director of Pupil Personnel Services; and Laura Granelli, Esq., of Jaspán Schlesinger LLP.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session for matters of litigation.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

ACTING DISTRICT CLERK

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:59 p.m.

The Board proceeded to the Little Theater for public session. Elena Becker, District Clerk joined the meeting. Approximately 22 residents were present at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Dauman led the public with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Clark introduced the Mathletes. Daniel Alanko spoke about their experience Competing in the 2011 Nassau Math Tournament at SUNY Old Westbury. Daniel explained the Lower Division Team (9th and 10th graders) placed 10th out of 54 teams, earning a plaque which will be displayed in the showcase near the Center for Performing Arts. Members of the Lower Division Team are Tyler Albert, Harshil Garg, Chang Jeong, Nisha Shah, and Yu En (Ian) Tsang. In addition, the Upper Division Team (11th and 12th graders) placed 14th out of 65 teams with Patrick Cao and Jerry Kim both earning top 20 honors for all 11th graders.

Mr. Clark then introduced the members of the Bethpage High School Ethics Team. Amy Gaines spoke on behalf of the team. All of the Bethpage teams made it to the semi-final round, but it was Bethpage Team A consisting Michelle Durnack, Mark Han, Matt Lippertshauser, Amy Gaines, and Alex Mangano that made it to the final round against Moorestown Friends Academy from New Jersey. After an hour of intense commentary and rebuttal Bethpage ultimately prevailed and took home the trophy.

Mr. Clark also congratulated the Bethpage Gymnastics Team, under the direction of Kim Rhatigan, who won the County Championship.

Mr. Clark then introduced Jermaine John who won the Nassau County Wrestling Championship and will be representing Bethpage at the State Meet on February 24th and 25th. Jermaine mentioned that he has already been accepted to Penn State and awaiting word from Cornell University. Mr. Abatelli and Mr. Resnick were with Jermaine and expressed how proud they are of him and his accomplishments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda/Regular Meeting held on January 25, 2011.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

MOTION by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Israelton, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Special/Agenda/Regular Meeting held on January 18, 2011.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANT

MOTION by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. Watson, that the Board of Education accept the Warrant for the period ending January 31, 2011.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept the Treasurer’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2010.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL

Create Positions

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Frost, that the Board of Education approve the following:

Resignations

Christine Celeste	Teaching Assistant	Effective 12/17/10
Michael Dunn	Teaching Assistant	Effective 2/4/11
Lauren Amendola	Permanent Per Diem Sub	Effective 2/4/11

Appointments

Lauren Amendola, Teaching Assistant, Probationary Period 2/7/11-2/6/14, Salary \$22,000 (2010-2011 Salary Schedule), Initial Certification –ELA7-12 & 5-6 Extension

Cristina Spathis, Permanent Per Diem Substitute, Effective 2/4/11, Salary \$98.00 per day

Family Medical Leave of Absence

Melissa Lullo, Special Education Teacher, Effective 5/31/11, Not to exceed 12 weeks.

Barbara Damiani, Account Clerk, Effective 12/6/10, Not to exceed 12 weeks.

Child Rearing Leave of Absence

Elizabeth Lambot, LOTE, Extension of Child Rearing Leave of Absence through 2011-2012 school year.

Correction to Effective Date

Lauren Amendola, Permanent Per Diem Substitute – Correction to Board Resolution of January 25, 2011, Effective Date of Appointment is 2/1/11.

Jaelyn Ensel, Special Education Teacher – Correction to Board Resolution of February 8, 2011, Effective Date of Appointment is 3/2/11.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Extracurricular/Cocurricular

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. McGlynn, that the Board of Education approve the extracurricular/cocurricular appointments, as submitted for the 2010-2011 school year.

Note: A copy of the Extracurricular/Cocurricular Activities Schedule is available in the Office of Human Resources

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

CPSE AND CSE DOCUMENTS

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CPSE: January 25, 2011

CSE:	December 6, 2010	December 10, 2010	December 16, 2010
	December 20, 2010	December 21, 2010	December 23, 2010
	January 3, 2011	January 5, 2011	January 10, 2011
	January 12, 2011	January 13, 2011	January 14, 2011
	January 20, 2011	January 24, 2011	

BE IT RESOLVED 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.

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, 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 (7-0).

SET DATE TO ADOPT BUDGET AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education set Tuesday, March 29, 2011 as the date on which it will consider the adoption of the 2011-2012 School Budget and the Real Property Tax Report Card for submission to the District voters.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board of Education set the date of the Budget Hearing for Tuesday May 10, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Little Theatre.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SET DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING, BUDGET VOTE, AND ELECTION

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election for Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be held in the High School Gymnasium.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

VOTER REGISTRATION

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

Saturday, April 30, 2011 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Admin. Bldg. –
Boardroom

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. High School Lobby

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

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

MOTION by Mrs. Swierkowski, seconded by Mr. Kelly, 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 (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that that the Board of Education appoints George Moerler as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting, to be held on May 17, 2011.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENTS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education approve the following Health Services Agreements for the 2010-2011 school year:

School District	# of Students	Cost per Student	Total Cost
Farmingdale U.F.S.D.	21	\$793.14	\$16,655.94
Plainview-Old Bethpage C.S.D.	1	\$814.00	\$ 814.00

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. McGlynn that the Board of Education approve the following:

2009 CAPITAL RESERVE

Toilet Reconstruction at Bethpage High School

State Environment Quality Review
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

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:

Bethpage High School: SED #28-05-21-03-0-001-028
Toilet Reconstruction – (2) sets of Boys’ & Girls’ multi-stall toilets (ADA accessible): demolition, asbestos abatement, finishes, partitions installation, plumbing reconstruction, electrical reconstruction.

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

WHEREAS, this project falls 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 or facility, in kind, on the same site, unless the work exceeds 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, the above referenced project falls 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).”

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

SECOND AMENDMENT TO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education of the Bethpage UFSD approve a Second Amendment dated February 15, 2011 between the Board and Mr. Terrence Clark, which shall amend the Employment Agreement dated January 27, 2009 between the Board and Mr. Clark for services as Superintendent of Schools for the period commencing July 1, 2009 to and including June 30, 2012, as well as the first Amendment to the Agreement dated April 20, 2010, and authorizes the Board President to execute such Second Amendment to the Employment Agreement on the Board's behalf.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

RECEIPT OF FUNDS

MOTION by Mrs. Israelton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the Board of Education accept a check in the amount of \$47.20 from TerraCycle, Inc., which students earned by participating in collecting non-recyclable waste, and allow this check 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 2010-2011 school year budget appropriation to allow for the expenditure of \$47.20 at Kramer Lane Elementary School.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. McGlynn, seconded by Mrs. Swierkowski, that the Board of Education approve the contract between the Bethpage Union Free School District and H.M.B. Consultants for the purpose of furnishing consulting services and advice as requested by the Bethpage Union Free School District in the area of Child Nutrition Programs and for the development of the Food Service Bid Specifications for use in the 2011-2012 Food Service Bid for the Bethpage U.F.S.D. at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 and includes all expenses, fees, lodging, meals, copying , postage, etc., for the period February 15, 2011 through July 15, 2011.

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

OLD BUSINESS: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – MR. CLARK:

- Mr. Clark and Mr. DeTommaso visited the Elementary Schools today in celebration of 100 days of school.
- Mr. Clark thanked Dr. Mary Hannon on her presentation at the last meeting on the K-12 ELA program and the new Common Core Standards and the new English Regents.
- Mr. Clark congratulated Mrs. Hantzidiamantis on receiving her Doctorate.
- A video was made by Mrs. Gregory's class on bullying. The videos are available on the JFK website and Mr. Clark thanked the students and Mrs. Gregory.
- Mr. Clark congratulated Hannah Kim, Bethpage High School Senior on her accomplishment of being accepted to West Point.
- Mr. Clark mentioned that we have used our allotment of snow days and therefore, school will now be open on April 26, 2011 and May 27, 2011.
- Mr. Clark thanked the Budget Advisory Committee. It will be a tough budget year as everyone knows. Cuts will be made. The District will lose \$1 million in State Aid. The Board is struggling with that and would like to minimize the effect on students.
- Mr. Clark informed the audience that Mark Wood will be at the Bethpage High School on March 2, 2011 and will be performing with JFK and BHS student. Mr. Wood plays the electric violin.
- On March 2nd there will be a basketball game for 15 students, juniors and seniors, with special needs and they are very excited about the game.
- Family Math Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at Mattlin Middle School. Registration forms are available are on the district website.
- Next Wednesday, February 23rd there is a 21st Century trip to The Cloisters for middle school students.
- Mr. Clark does not have any information on The Duke/Denver Lacrosse game tickets as of now.
- Mr. Clark announced the next board meetings are scheduled for March 22nd and March 29th. All are welcomed.

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. McGlynn spoke about a workshop he attended. It was a workshop on how to bring information to the budget committees and address the committees with the financial hardships we are facing in the upcoming years.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

One member of the public spoke about a field trip to the Philharmonic that her daughter had attended. She was concerned about where her daughter sat in the theatre. She stated that her daughter sat isolated from the other groups and she was upset that the chaperones did nothing to rectify the situation. She stated her daughter was upset and that this should never happen to a child. Mr. Clark mentioned that he had already spoken with the parent and that a memo would be sent to all chaperones about their duties. Mr. Clark apologized to the parent.

BOARD ENTERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. McGlynn, that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation.

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:48 p.m.

BOARD EXITS EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

All aye. Motion carried (7-0).

The Board adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John DeTommaso
District Clerk Pro Tem

Elena Becker
District Clerk