

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSESSION
March 9, 2004—Beach Street Middle School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM, followed by the Pledge. The 2004-05 proposed budget was discussed. Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 11, 2004—Westbrook Elementary School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern
Attorney: Mr. Volz, Ms. Guercio, Mr. G. Guercio

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during “An Invitation to the Public”.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2004 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: James T. Stidd, Jr., Technology Teacher, effective February 2, 2004 to August 28, 2006 (change in status from regular substitute; Step 1.2).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Beth A. Schmitz, Speech Language Pathologist, effective February 23, 2004 to May 23, 2004 (change from child bearing leave [paid]).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Gail Block, School Social Worker, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Frederick L. Butler, Health Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: J. Dennis Deasy, Mathematics Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Christine A. Doran, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Susan B. Jennings, Mathematics Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Carolyn M. Rotter, Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Judith R. Silver, Science Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Lorna G. Williams, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Ralph D' Amato, Jr., Mathematics Teacher, effective August 31, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Vivian Becker, Paraprofessional, effective February 9, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Amy Birnbaum, Paraprofessional, effective February 23, 2004, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Christine Phelps, Paraprofessional, effective January 6, 2004, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Rosalie Vecchione, Paraprofessional, effective December 1, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Luanne Castagna, Senior Clerk Typist, effective February 23, 2004, Step 2.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONALS (\$6.75/hr.): Mary Howard, effective March 4, 2004; Danielle Lennon, effective March 3, 2004; Diane Scherer, effective March 4, 2004.

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Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PEACE OFFICER (\$14.87/hr.): William Hurley, effective February 16, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Jeanne Flad, effective March 4, 2004; Michael Grady, effective February 12, 2004; Joseph McEvoy, effective February 12, 2004; Michelle Merrill, effective February 12, 2004; Diane Morris, effective February 12, 2004, student teacher; Katharine Smith, effective February 12, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: BUILDING WEBMASTER: Kevin McLoughlin, Manetuck Elementary School.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern reported on second quarter grades.

The Finance Committee met on 3/9, as reported on by Mr. Pastore. Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve warrants for payment. Warrants are on file in the District Office.

The Policy Committee and the Public Relations Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison Committee meeting of 3/10. Mr. Hodgson reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held on 3/9. Mrs. McAteer reported on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID#3740, 3176, 5706, 4342, 3347, 4618, 2435, 3004, 3698, 5724, 5298, 2648, 5375, 3866, 4166, 5657, 5668, 5698, 5709, 5418.

Mrs. Bieselin reported on Health and Wellness Alliance meeting of February 26. Mrs. Lipman reported on REFIT meeting that she recently attended, as member of its Executive Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for January was presented.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve library bond issue change orders, as recommended by Finance Committee: \$18,515.40 to All Weather Temperature Control; \$53,615.77 to Hirsch & Co., LLC.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: \$1,000 scholarship from Suffolk Transportation Inc.; \$1,000 West Islip Coaches Association for outdoor scoring table; \$975 from Westbrook PTA for cultural arts; and weight bar for Fitness Center from Bob Rushton.

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Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare the following items as surplus, and to allow Business Office to dispose of as it sees fit: 2 universal gyms, weight benches, dumb bells, bar bells, lat machine, hip sled, dumb bell rack, weight plates; outdated math textbooks from schools districtwide.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: West Islip Public Library Budget Vote-April 20, 10 AM – 9 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Budget workshop on Tuesday, March 16 at Beach Street at 7:30.

An Invitation to the Public was held, with 3 residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize board president to sign Memo of Agreement with WITA, re: social worker.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

**Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk**

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSESSION
March 17, 2004—Beach Street Middle School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Hodgson (8:00 PM), Mrs. Lipman (8:55 PM), Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Mr. Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM, followed by the Pledge. The purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss proposed 2004-05 budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. McAteer who left the room, voted in favor to adjourn at 8:52 PM for a Super Executive Session.

Meeting reconvened at 9:17 PM on motion made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: TRANSFER: Rosalie Vecchione, Paraprofessional, effective March 17, 2004, Step 1, Bayview.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 24, 2004—Beach Street Middle School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore
ABSENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge. The 2004-05 proposed budget was discussed. Items for discussion included robotics competition and a technology presentation by Mr. Pathak, the Network and Systems Coordinator.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:35 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:17 PM on motion made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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**WEST ISLIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION
March 30, 2004—Beach Street Middle School**

Following the Pledge, Dr. Blau presented the proposed budget to the community. Booklets were available. The public had an opportunity to comment.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSESSION
March 31, 2004—Beach Street Middle School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore
ABSENT: Mrs. Biesel
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M., followed by the Pledge. Proposed budget was discussed. Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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