

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 8, 2005—Paul J. Bellew School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer,
Mr. Micucci
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Biesel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2005 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2005. Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes, as amended: Regular Meeting of November 9, 2005: page 6, first paragraph: Mrs. McAteer reported on NYSSBA convention (not Mrs. Heine).

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Thomas Biesel, Lisa Corey, Jennifer Ginsburg, Kevin Murphy and Kerri Swan: All-County Chorus. Chas Huggins: All-County Orchestra, Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, All County Jazz Band and Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Jazz Band. Tesah Munoz: All-County Orchestra. Olivia Bruno and John Eiseman: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony and All County Orchestra. A.J. Leiman and Ryan Hershkowitz: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony. Christine Caranante and Kathryn Sullivan: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band. Karen Seylar and David Kastner: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Biesel who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: MariKate Cavanagh, Special Education Teacher, effective November 28, 2005 to November 27, 2008, Step 2⁴, replacing A. Lempin, resigned.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Biesel who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Rita Lombardo, Special Education Teacher, effective November 28, 2005 to November 27, 2008, Step 1¹, grant funded.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Biesel who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Karyn Storan, Physical Education Teacher, effective November 14, 2005 to November 13, 2008, Step 2⁴, replacing J. Sparacio, Dean.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Biesel who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Camella Jelardi, PT Assistant Cook, effective December 23, 2005.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Laurie Cortigino, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 14, 2005, Step 1, replacing D. Cummings.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Francine Couillard, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 14, 2005, Step 1, replacing S. MacGregor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donald DeStefano, Custodial Worker I, effective November 22, 2005, Step 1, replacing S. D'Angelo, groundskeeper, replacing W. Quinn, retired.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Sidney Johns, Custodial Worker I, effective November 21, 2005, Step 1, replacing R. Grotz, resigned.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jeanine Valentine, Custodial Worker I, effective December 27, 2005, Step 1, replacing A. Romano, terminated.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present, except Mrs. Bieselin who was out of the room, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Kathleen Brosnan, Assistant Cook, effective January 3, 2006, Step 5, change from p/t food service worker, replacing C. Jelardi, resigned.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Eleanor Maxwell, Custodial Worker I, effective December 12, 2005 to March 6, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$8.83/HR): Laurie Johnson, effective November 17, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30/HR): Dave Alvarado, effective November 30, 2005.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30/HR): Christopher Morris, effective November 29, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$6.50/HR): Laurie Johnson, effective November 17, 2005; Nalan Rosenberg, effective November 16, 2005; Theresa Rueb, effective December 1, 2005; Georgianna Ruotolo, effective November 16, 2005; Marie Vizzini, effective November 23, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$6.75/HR): Laurie Johnson, effective November 17, 2005; Georgianna Ruotolo, effective November 16, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Mary Louise Cairo, effective December 1, 2005; Briana Cassidy, effective November 21, 2005; Jill Cohen, effective December 1, 2005; Dennis Pettas, effective December 1, 2005; Jason Lacertosa, effective November 15, 2005, *student teacher*; Deirdre Gibbins, effective November 15, 2005, *student teacher*; Ann Marie Palumbo-Uher, effective September 6, 2005, *student teacher*; Jessica Sowinski, effective January 3, 2006, *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR: Udall Road Middle School: Janet Loehr, International Club.

The Finance Committee met on 12/6, as reported by Mr. Micucci. The Finance Committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor for submission to the Board. Mrs. Lipman reported on Policy Committee meeting of 11/17. A First Reading took place tonight for File 3280: Public Use of School Facilities, and File 7242: Student Directory Information. Copies were available for the public. School Board/Student Liaison Committee and Public Relations Committee did not meet. Mrs. Biesel reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 12/6. Mrs. McAteer reviewed Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE #22621, 5784, 6110, 6105, 6122, 6145, 6109, 6125, 6108, 5836, 6121, 5781, 6137, 6119, 6091, 6123, 6146, 5754, 6037, 6112, 6008, 6007, 6095; Sub CSE # 5715, 6064; CSE # 3465, 2822, 2879, 5624, 4768, 6071, 2419, 4578, 6080, 5634, 6092, 6027, 6077, 4572, 5523, 5221, 5612, 5730, 5415, 4544, 5855, 5888, 4640, 3825, 5427, 3814, 6056, 5246, 5483, 3216, 5112, 3088, 5080.

Dr. Blau reported on Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 12/01. The second annual pre-prom party will be held on June 22, 2006 at Southward Ho Country Club.

The Treasurer's Report for October was presented. Beginning balance: \$7,024,948.77 and ending balance: \$17,140,417.97.

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Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by Finance Committee. (included in Supplemental File)

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bids for Gates and Chain Link Fencing (Ideal Fence Corp.) and Boiler Maintenance (Bain Heating & Plumbing).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks:

Brian Fitzpatrick – funds (\$450.) to purchase moveable basketball net for Oquenock

West Islip Little League - funds (\$1600.) to purchase softball uniforms

Manetuck PTA Arts In Education - \$775.

West Islip Athletic Scholarship Program (Scholarship America) Donation - \$1,000.

Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. Donation – Robotics - \$750.

Robotics Booster Club – Robotics \$500.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approval defaulting on Schrier Co. Food Service Cooperative bid.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith discussed the district's financial report. Both auditing firms (R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP and Callaghan Nawrocki LLP) have extensive experience. Our district is one of the best they have seen; internal controls were found to be "adequate", which is one of the best results you can have. Mr. Smith said the Board will review the reports and make any appropriate changes in our auditing process. The district is in very good financial shape. We have saved thousands in energy costs with the Energy Education program, saved over two million dollars by serial bond refunding. Mr. Smith discussed fund balance and unappropriated fund balance. We have a sizeable unappropriated fund balance, and with a community vote, we could replace boilers, or things of that nature, but cannot restore program cuts or increase spending on a community-approved budget. Finally, Mr. Smith wished everyone Happy Holidays. (Documents referenced: "Summary of the Auditor's Results" ; "Agreed Upon Procedures Pertaining to the Internal Controls for Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, Payroll and Budget Transfers"; "Flowcharts"; and "Exhibits" prepared by Callaghan Nawrocki LLP, and "Independent Auditors Report" by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Student/Teacher Calendar for the 2006-07 School Year.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve PAWS fund-raising project to renovate the high school football field, track and bleachers and install artificial turf.

OTHER ITEMS: Mrs. Heine requested the Nawrocki report be put on the district's website. Mrs. Heine asked Mr. Stern about 4th grade ELA results at Westbrook.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:17 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:55 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 13, 2005—District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Bieselin, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer,
Mr. Micucci
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge. A discussion was held with regard to test scoring.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:25 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 PM on motion made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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