

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 14, 2006-Udall Road Middle School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine,
Mr. Micucci, Mr. W. Smith

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public". Announcements: The fiftieth anniversary for the High School and Captree Elementary will be celebrated with a reception on September 30, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. following homecoming game. The proposed tax rate of 5.96% that was approved in May will be reduced to 5%, due to homestead/non homestead rate changes. Channel 7 News, and newscaster Art McFarland visited Manetuck School in recognition of the district's compliance with state mandates on bus drills and safety. The news segment should be on Channel 7, tomorrow night on the 5 or 6 o'clock news show.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 17, 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meeting on August 31, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Stephanie Azzariti, Elementary Teacher, effective September 23, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Andrea Miller, Elementary Teacher, effective September 5, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer 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): Karen Ricciardi, Elementary Teacher, effective September 11, 2006 to November 22, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Marissa Aramini, Reading Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to June 30, 2007, Step 5⁴, .6, Captree.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Elaine Herman, Reading Teaching, effective September 5, 2006 to June 30, 2007, Step 2⁴, .6, Udall.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Wendy Schou, Special Education Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to June 30, 2007, Step 5⁴, .6, Oquenock, Resource Room (grant funded).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Frances Clark, Teacher Aide, effective August 23, 2006.

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: RESIGNATION: Sidney Johns, Custodial Worker I, effective September 14, 2006.

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: CHANGE IN STATUS: Andrew Moschetto, Provisional Head Custodian, effective August 25, 2006, Step 6 (Captree, replacing W. Otranto-resigned; change from Acting Head).

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: RECALL: Laurie Johnson, Teacher Aide, effective September 5, 2006, Step 2, Bayview (replacing F. Clark, resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RECALL: Stacey MacGregor, Teacher Aide, effective September 5, 2006, Step 7, Manetuck (new position at the YMCA, grant funded).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Randy Koeper, Groundskeeper, effective September 11, 2006, Step 9.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE: Robert Russell, In School Suspension Teacher, effective September 18, 2006 to June 30, 2007, \$127.14 per day 2005-06 daily salary; High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem) *conditional pending fingerprint clearance: *Abbie Brodtman, effective September 8, 2006; *Ryan Howard, effective September 7, 2006, *student teacher*; *Diana Saadat, effective September 7, 2006; *Michelle Schroeder, effective September 7, 2006, *student teacher*; *Sondra Stark, effective September 8, 2006; *Kerri Zawatsky, effective September 5, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INTERN – SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST: Kim Mason, School Psychologist – Intern, effective September 15, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTORS PROGRAM 2006-07: Catherine Dolan-Stefanak, Coordinator (\$1,500 stipend).

The Finance Committee met on 9/12, as reported on by Mr. Micucci. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the district's Internal Auditor for submission to the Board. There were no meetings held for: School Board/Student Liaison, Policy, and Health and Wellness. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 9/12, as reported on by Mr. Gellar. Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE ID# 6028, 6094, 6279, 6009, 6281, 6275, 6228, 6284, 6152, 6280, 6097, 6285, 6278, 6277, CSE ID# 6222, 5605, 5291, 5741, 4089, 5754. Mr. W. Smith reported on the Public Relations Committee meeting held tonight.

The Treasurer's Report for June was presented. Beginning balance \$28,546,318.70 and ending balance \$13,807,747.30.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution: 2006/2007 Tax Levy:

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Union Free School District, for the school year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$92,735,206 proposed in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on May 16, 2006, and,

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Public Library, for the fiscal year 2006/2007 in the amount of \$3,455,512, proposed in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on April 4, 2006, for a total approved budget of \$96,190,718 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2006/2007 tax levy in the amount of \$58,801,492 for the West Islip Union Free School District and \$3,397,512, for the West Islip Public Library, for a combined tax levy of \$62,199,044 be approved and levied upon the real property of the District. (The tax levy of \$58,801,492 for the School District plus \$31,589,964 other income as estimated on July 1, 2006, including State Aid and \$2,343,750 of additional Appropriated Fund Balance equals a budget of \$92,735,206. The tax levy of \$3,397,512 for the Public Library plus \$58,000 other income as estimated on July 1, 2006 equals a budget of \$3,455,512).

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution: Establish Reserve Fund:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the establishment of a reserve account as prescribed under General Municipal Law as follows:

Employees Retirement System Contribution Reserve

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the funding of this reserve for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 from Unappropriated Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,590,000. The Board of Education further authorizes the expending of these funds to accommodate the School District's obligations for contributions to the Employees Retirement System.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Heine who was opposed, to approve Resolution: Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund:

WHEREAS, the School District's responsibility for long term compensated absence liability has increased by \$475,212,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes funding for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 from Unappropriated Fund Balance, to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve, in the amount of \$475,212.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Authorization for Board President to execute Callahan Nawrocki Engagement Letter:

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the School Board has reviewed the engagement letter for Callaghan Nawrocki LLP, to provide internal audit services for the 2006/2007 school year for the fee of \$42,000,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School Board President, George Smith, to sign said engagement letter on behalf of the School Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approved bid for Snow Removal and Ice Control. Bid was awarded to Quintal Contracting Corp.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Tree Pruning and Care Services. Bid was awarded to Stapleton Tree and Landscape Service.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donation, with thanks, from Target to the High School for \$1545.43.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve stipend increase of 4% for printing services for John Zuhoski.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve stipend increase of 4% for Driver's Education, Saturday Enrichment, and Adult Education for Larry Kazemier.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith welcomed everyone back to a new school year. Captree and the High School are celebrating 50th anniversary, Channel 7's Art McFarland visiting Manetuck for bus safety, new dance program getting praise from parents and students, high potential student program in place, tax levy rate to be set at 5% instead of projected 5.96%, plans for infrastructure improvement and energy project (replacing 2 boilers and lighting upgrades) will make the district more energy efficient.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve parent member to the CPSE and CSE: Mr. Frank Fabio.

OTHER ITEMS: Mrs. Heine suggested the new preschool lab program information be added to upcoming newsletter and our website. With regard to financial matters, and the closing out of the year, we were able to fund many initiatives; she is very pleased with the financial condition of the district. Mrs. Heine thanked the administration and board for working with her on financial information she requested, and thanked our employees for helping contain costs at end of the year and thereby increasing fund balance.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:58 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 p.m. on motion by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memo of Agreement with WITA, re: Elizabeth Eidenbach.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memo of Agreement with WITA, re: Kimberly Sviba.

The board discussed out of country field trips.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 11:20 p.m.

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

September 26, 2006—District Office

President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine,
Mr. Micucci, Mr. W. Smith

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Announcements: Dr. Blau showed the Board a recording of Channel 7's visit to Manetuck for the bus safety drill.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Elaine Herman, Reading Teacher, effective September 27, 2006 to September 26, 2009, Udall, Step 2⁴, change in status from part-time as appointed on September 14, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci who was opposed, to approve list of job titles requiring district-owned cell phones, as required by Policy 5570.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution terminating printing services:

WHEREAS, West Islip School District had awarded a bid to *Emory Litho* for printing services for the 2006-07 school year, and whereas *Emory Litho* provided unsatisfactory printing of the school calendar, services which were contradictory to the bid specifications.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Islip School District defaults the bid awarded to *Emory Litho* for the remainder of any and all printing needs for the 2006-07 school year.

A presentation was given by Salerno Insurance Agency on district insurance. The Board also discussed goals and objectives for 2006-07 school year.

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

Meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on motion made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross, District Clerk

