

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—BUDGET WORKSESSION**

March 5, 2008—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom (7:50 p.m.), Mrs. Heine,  
Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge. The Board discussed the following items: budget highlights, retirees, elementary class sizes, secondary class sizes, new administrative position – Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Education, literary coach position, coaching requests, use of fund balance for budgetary relief.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 13, 2008—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRIOR TO THIS MEETING, A BUDGET PUBLIC INPUT SESSION TOOK PLACE AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,  
Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
Attorney Present: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Mrs. Anne Shierant, Principal of Beach Street Middle School, gave a virtual tour of Beach Street. She thanked the Board and administration for their commitment to the education of our students. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2008, and the minutes for the Special Meeting of February 28, 2008.

RECOGNITION: National Board Certified Teacher – Nicoline Flaiz. 2008 Science Olympiad Tournament Competitors – James M., Michael R., Miranda C., Faith Y., Stephanie R., John R., Michael C., Kevin K., Andi C., Kaitlyn D., Teresa O., Caitlin C., Jonathon L., Shaun McG., Matt R.

Presentation: Burton, Behrendt, Smith - architectural firm.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: John Mullins, Principal, effective April 1, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS, effective July 1, 2008: Geraldine Frain, Library Media Specialist; Rosemarie Lois Hazelton, Social Studies Teacher, Stephen Lenowicz, Social Studies Teacher; Mary M. Markham, Elementary Teacher; Lynn Marie McDermott, Reading Teacher; Nancy Sybil, Mathematics Teacher; Jeanine M. Wallace, Elementary Teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Carrie Yuli, Elementary Teacher, effective March 10, 2008, PJ Bellew School, Grade 2; Michelle B. Quigley, Elementary Teacher, effective March 6, 2008, Westbrook, Grade 3.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Christine Carlson, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, Bayview, Grade 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Bloom and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FEMLA—12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Laura Hill-Primiano, effective March 10, 2008 to June 6, 2008 (PJ Bellew and Westbrook/currently on child-bearing leave).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Ralph Fabrizio, Head Custodian, effective January 7, 2008 (Step 8; Westbrook; change from Acting Head Custodian to Head Custodian; replacing P. Dougherty, who resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Raymond Baldwin, effective March 10, 2008, Step 1 (transportation department, replacing R. Polese, who resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Dennis Cronin, Acting Head Custodian, effective January 18, 2008, Step 6 (Manetuck; change from Custodial Worker I to Acting Head Custodian; replacing D. Martin who is now a Chief Custodian; he replaced M. Hawkins, who is a Chief Custodian at Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$11.00/HR): \*Sarah Murphy, effective March 3, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$105 per diem): Karen McNulty, effective March 7, 2008; and Geraldine O'Callaghan, effective March 5, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2008, MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: Boys Lacrosse: Mike Ferrugiari, Asst. Udall Coach; Ryan Howard, Asst. Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR (School functions - \$75 per event; rental functions - \$50 per hour): \*Joseph Senatore – H.S.; \*Michael Saganic – H.S.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mrs. Heine reported on Finance Committee meeting held on 3/11. Mr. Bloom reported on the Policy Committee meeting of 2/26. A First Reading took place tonight for File #1320 Nomination and Election of Board Officers, and File #3310 Public Access to Records. Copies were available for the public. Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table First Reading of File #6215 – Nepotism. Mr. Gellar reported on the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting of 3/11. The Public Relations, School Board/Student Liaison, Health and Wellness, and Audit committees did not meet. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE ID# 6451, 6472, 6473, 6476, 6337, 6475, 6449, 6467, 6111, 6471, 6474; CSE ID# 5784, 6207, 5733, 5870, 4430, 6263, 3187, 4674, 6092, 4159, 2607, 5122, 22004, 100671, 4488, 100682, 5730, 4548, 5688, 5626, 4247, 5964, 4238, 6424, 6128, 4076, 4965, 3840, 5312. The Education Committee met on 3/5, as reported on by Mrs. LaRosa.

The Treasurer's Report for January was presented. Beginning balance was \$10,854,881.86 and ending balance was \$34,020,921.81.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, 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. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bond issue change orders: Country Carpet Dist. – total deduct \$4,500; and Walsh Mechanical – total deduct \$3,600.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donations, with thanks: Bayview PTA – Arts in Education \$3,500; Long Island Costume – used costumes valued at \$7,500; West Islip Soccer Club – 7 sets of player benches and 1 unit of bleacher seating, valued at \$10,800. (Soccer Club will be informed, in writing, of any installation cost.)

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Brentwood UFSD (St. Joseph's Academy) 4 students @ \$555.03 = \$2220.12; Massapequa UFSD (Grade Day School) 1 student @ \$692.74; South Huntington UFSD (LI School for the Gifted and St. Anthony's H.S.) 33 and 2 prorated students @ \$719.50 = \$24,283.20; Patchogue-Medford Schools (Emmanuel Lutheran) 1 student @ \$589.34.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Services for parentally placed students (2 students @ Brentwood UFSD).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Superintendent's contract extension until July 31, 2010. (base salary August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2009 - \$236,500.; base salary for August 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010 \$260,150; with special retirement allowance for accumulation of unused sick days).

President Smith discussed ongoing process of cycle for RFP's (requests for proposals). Mr. Bloom commented that RFP's, offering best service for the least cost, is very important and commended Board for time spent on this issue. He questioned contract for computer technician. Mr. Bloom made motion to ask and direct Counsel to send letter that demands accounting of Mr. Pathak's hours, to provide an overview of past-to-present on how technology is working in the district, and to report to the Board at April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. No one seconded motion. President Smith asked Mr. Bloom to table this motion until Executive Session discussion. President Smith will request Mr. Pathak to be at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; and that a motion is not necessary. Mr. Bloom wanted motion and wants to have Mr. Pathak make presentation to make sure that he is getting paid \$120,000 year for giving us the best possible service. Dr. Blau said she will request Mr. Pathak to answer any questions at said meeting. Mrs. Heine spoke about bids on professional services, and that she would like to see the District Clerk get a copy of all contracts and keep a spreadsheet on schedule of all contracts and the dates when they are up. Mrs. Heine asked about Masera lease; Dr. Blau said negotiations are ongoing with BOCES, and will provide an update to the Board. Mrs. Duffy added that attorney that was hired by the district, Mr. Hamburger, is reviewing the lease now. Mrs. Heine was unhappy that the response is not fast enough on these projects.

School attorney, Mr. Volz, spoke about recent article in *Newsday*, regarding school attorney and classification of such as employee. Mr. Volz assured the Board and residents, on behalf of Guercio & Guercio LLP, that the firm's relationship with its clients has always been pursuant to written agreements which provide for services in exchange for annual retainers and/or hourly rates. No attorney or employee of Guercio & Guercio, LLP has ever been classified as an employee by any municipal client while working for the firm.

"An Invitation to the Public" was held, with one resident speaking. Subject of concern has been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:10 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. Meeting reconvened at 11:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve settlement agreement with Ralph Polese.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar 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—BUDGET WORKSESSION**

March 19, 2008—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,  
Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge. At tonight's budget worksession, the following items were discussed: secondary enrollment; additional reductions; adjusted budget – with additional reductions, and contingency with Unappropriated fund balance; cost analysis of personnel changes; roll-over budget review; salary reports.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—BUDGET WORKSESSION and PLANNING SESSION**

March 27, 2008—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. W. Smith  
ABSENT: Mr. Bloom  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Mrs. Vertovez and Mrs. Dowling presented information about the special education program. Discussion items included: additional reductions and update budget summary sheet; high school class size averages; secondary staffing – response to Board's suggestions; Saturday's agenda and pre-budget technology tour.

One resident spoke during public input portion. Comments have been recorded in log.

The Planning Session immediately followed. Legislative Action: discussion on possible changes in state aid during budget session.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to modify John Mullins' tenure appointment date to make his salary on his April 1, 2008 tenure date consistent with the July 1, 2008 tenure target salary.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve allowing employee named in Executive Session to enroll his children in West Islip Schools, on a tuition basis, per board policy, and with the approval of Mrs. Vertovez concerning any services that may need to be provided.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

# **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—BUDGET WORKSESSION**

March 29, 2008—District Office  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,  
Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M., followed by the Pledge. Agenda items for discussion: salaries – response to question; budget discussion; tables of organization.

“An Invitation to the Public” was held, with two speakers. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M. on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor. (Mrs. LaRosa left at 11:45 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

