

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2010 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

The Chamber Orchestra played holiday music.

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2010, and the minutes of the Planning Session of November 23, 2010.

RECOGNITION – Music: Thomas A., Emily B., Anna B., Joseph B., Maria C., Caitlin C., Miranda C., Nicole D., Brianna D. Bevin F., Caitlin F., Jonathan F., Pauline G., Olivia G., Caitlin H., Lauren J., Jesse J., Victoria K., Jonathan K., Andrea L., Joseph L., Vincent M., Brenda M., Hannah O’C., Nicole P., Matthew P., Edward R., Justin S., Steven S., Alyssa S., Michael S., Avery S., Connor S., Daphne T., and Andrew W..

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Melissa Torres-Gallegos, Psychologist; effective December 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Crysti Busching, Special Education; effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 (Kirdahy; Step 1¹; replacing A. DeJoseph {FMLA, child-rearing}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Layla Lindau, Psychologist; effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 (Manetuck; Step 1⁴; replacing M. Torres-Gallegos {FMLA, child-rearing}).

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Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Jeremy Johnson, Reading (.4); effective December 6, 2010 to June 30, 2011 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1⁴; {pro-rated at .4}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Ashley Warren, Special Education; effective January 3, 2011 to January 2, 2014 (Manetuck; Step 1¹; replacing J. Schaefer {retired}).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Virginia Mullins, School Counselor; effective December 9, 2010 – March 16, 2011 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR: Mentor (\$1,000 stipend (pro-rated): Frank Sblendorio (Crysti Busching / Kirdahy).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Caitlyn Allen, effective December 10, 2010; Danielle Benvenuto, effective December 3, 2010; Christine Calabrese, effective December 10, 2010; Colleen Curran, effective December 10, 2010; Robert Cuccaro, effective December 10, 2010; Jessica D'Angelo, effective December 10, 2010; Nina Ehrlinger, effective December 10, 2010; Diana Farber, effective December 3, 2010; Justin Golino, effective December 10, 2010; Christine Hoerning, effective December 10, 2010; Amy Komoroski, effective December 3, 2010; Julie McGuinness, effective December 10, 2010; Michelle Nardella, effective December 10, 2010; Patricia Stuart, effective December 10, 2010; Nancy Walton, effective December 10, 2010.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following completed curriculum development projects: ELA 5M, Math 5. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following completed curriculum development projects: Advanced Algebra; American Sign Language 2, 3, 4; Spanish Film Studies; Home and Careers (Lifeskills); Technology (Lifeskills).

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 12/7/10. The Policy Committee did not meet; however, a Second Reading was held for the following policies: Policy # 7110 – Attendance, Policy # 7111 – Class Attendance and Grading, Policy # 7223 – Graduation Exercises, Policy # 5510 – Accounting of Funds. Copies of all

policies were made available to the public. Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt the policies. Mr. Brady reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 12/7/10. Mr. Gellar reported on the Audit Committee meeting of 11/23/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 11/23/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 12/9/10 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the COMPASS Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 12/6/10. Mr. Smith reported on the Bond/Energy Performance Advisory Committee meeting of 12/7/10.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Legislative Action Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for October 2010 was presented. Beginning balance as of September 30, 2010 – \$45,078,978.65; ending balance as of October 31, 2010 – \$29,765,939.05.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Capital Fund Tran # 2851 – 2859; General Fund Tran # 2854 – 2860.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following change orders: Ultimate Power, Inc. - #2R for \$14,655.00; Ultimate Power, Inc. - #3R for \$6,573.80; Cooper Power and Lighting Corp. - #3 for \$18,482.84; Cooper Power and Lighting Corp. - #4 for \$9,686.15; Cooper Power and Lighting Corp. - #5 for \$19,555.48.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following equipment/material: business education textbooks.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve addendum to BBS Architects and Engineers, PC contract.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve amended contract with Top Grade.

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service contract with West Islip UFSD: Deer Park UFSD (St. Cyril and Methodius) 3 students @ \$715.19.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gellar wished the community a happy holiday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve corrected 2011-2012 Student/Teacher Calendar.

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Mr. Simon discussed the following agenda items: a preliminary look at the 2011-2012 budget challenges, "The Arts – An Essential Element of a Well-Rounded Education."

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. LaRosa thanked PAWS for the fundraiser at Barnes and Noble. Mrs. LaRosa also stated that February 4 will be established as Lionheart Day.

One resident wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subject of concern has been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:29 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except for Mrs. LaRosa who abstained, to approve ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FACULTY: COUNSELOR: Virginia Mullins, effective January 3, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG

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Robert Maresca: Discussed public notification of the locations for committee meetings.