

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**December 11, 2003—Paul J. Bellew 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

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, followed by the Pledge. Prior to tonight's meeting, the Board did a "walk-through" of the building, and a report will be forwarded to Mr. Koebel. Mr. Hodgson thanked the custodial staff for an excellent job of snow removal in the district over the past weekend. Mrs. Lipman reported on REFIT and NSSBA meetings and future events. No one wished to speak during An Invitation to the Pubic.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2003, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 25, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid) to: Jaymee Lee Gagliardi, Elementary Teacher, effective December 1, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid) to: Beth A. Schmitz, Speech Teacher, effective January 5, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel 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): Tammy E. Dragelin, Elementary Teacher, effective November 17, 2003 to February 29, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Dawn M. DiVisconti, English Teacher, effective December 17, 2003 to June 30, 2004 (change from child-rearing FMLA).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Carmelina Falzone, Elementary Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to February 29, 2004.

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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Anne Kuhlwilim, Senior Clerk Typist, effective December 1, 2003.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED: CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Laura Weisbecker, Paraprofessional, effective November 13, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED: CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.83 hr.): Lorenzo Carman, effective November 12, 2003.

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: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$85 per diem): Barbara Moore, effective November 13, 2003.

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): James Brewer, effective November 18, 2003; Megan Chanpitto, effective November 18, 2003; Matthew Colson, effective December 3, 2003; Thomas Dritto, effective November 18, 2003; James Florio, effective November 17, 2003; Melissa Gelardi, effective December 8, 2003; Tonia Graziano, effective November 18, 2003; Sara Havranek, effective November 18, 2003; Melissa Steffens, effective November 18, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN (\$75 per event for school functions; \$50/hr for rentals): High School: James Krais, effective 2003-04 School Year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: Resignation: Kristine (Ippoliti) Hagens, Science Teacher, effective November 20, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: Faculty: \$3,335 per semester: James Maher, Social Studies Teacher, effective February 2, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: Faculty: \$3,335 per semester: Joseph Nicolosi, Physical Education Teacher, effective February 2, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR: Beach Street Middle School: Ricky Roxburgh, Drama Director; Marian Metzник, Math Club, Grade 6.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern reported on First Quarter Grades.

The Finance Committee met on 12/9, 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 met on 11/14, as reported on by Mrs. Lipman. A First Reading was held tonight for File 3280-Public Use of School Facilities, File 4212-Table of Organization, and File 7130-Attendance Areas.

The School Board/Student Liaison and the Public Relations Committees did not meet. Mr. Smith reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 12/9. Mrs. McAteer reported on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID# 3176, 4828, 3046, 3046, 3333, 5291, 5631, 2198, 4002, 5022, 5305, 4665, 5110, 4945, 3679, 4035, 4313, 4871, 5664, 2597, 2969, 3090, 4204, 5663, 3403, 5666, 5658, 5662, 4849, 5649, 3742, 5612, 5233, 5580, 5616, 5624, 5630, 5636, 5638, 5639, 5642, 5647, 5648, 5651, 5652, 5653, 5654.

The Health and Wellness Committee met on 11/19, as reported on by Mrs. McAteer.

Mr. Andy Miller presented the Auditor's Report. The Treasurer's Report for October was presented.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bond issue change order, as approved by Finance Committee: Stalco Construction \$110,700.50 for work performed at High School.

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 modification to snow removal bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donation, with thanks, from Bayview PTA, of \$975 for cultural arts program.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Lipman who was opposed, to approve donation, with thanks, from Paul J. Bellew PTA, of \$610 for weather station.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donation, with thanks, of 288 copies of "Empowering Our Children", a resource 7th grade Social Studies book from Salvatore Nicosia of Empowering Our Children Enterprises.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Lindenhurst School District (Our Lady of Perpetual Help School) 1 student @ \$449.00 = \$449.00; and Deer Park School District (Sts. Cyril and Methodius School) 7 students @ \$561.78 = \$3,932.46.

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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 approve declaration of surplus equipment, a Delta Wood Lathe ID#000091, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Micucci extended wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season, on behalf of the Board of Education, to all staff and community.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci who was opposed, to approve Resolution for passing grade of 55 on Regents Examinations:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the revised policy of the Board of Regents concerning the reduced-pass option on Regents examinations, and amendments to Section 100.5 of the Commissioner's Regulations approved on November 14, 2003, the West Islip Union Free School District hereby adopts a variance policy regarding credit toward local diplomas so that students entering the ninth grade in years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 who score 55 or higher on the five (5) required Regents examinations (English, Mathematics, U.S. History and Government, Global History and Geography, and Science) may be awarded credit toward a local diploma; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be effective to approve any additional variance consistent with that described above, which may be issued by the Board of Regents subsequent hereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve parent members for CPSE/CSE: Mrs. Kathleen Ashe Kollar, and Marlene Rosenson.

Student/Teacher Calendar for 2004-05 school year was discussed.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:08 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to suspend rules, and extend Executive Session beyond curfew. Meeting reconvened at 12:06 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 authorize Board President to sign Memos of Agreement with WIASA and WITA re: Director of Personnel position.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign Memo of Agreement re: WITA Grievance—class load.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign Memo of Agreement re: Employee "A" discussed in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Be It Resolved, the Board of Education hereby authorizes legal counsel to initiate legal proceedings and obtain injunctive or other relief to prevent the student named in Executive Session from attendance at school within the District and participation in any school related events.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to a Super Executive Session at 12:09 AM.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene at 12:14 AM.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci and Mr. Pastore who voted against, to approve a 3 ½% increase in vendor rates to SCOPE for the following two consultants: Marylou McCullough and Michael Vertovez.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM on motion made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith 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.