

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 12, 2006—Captree Elementary School  
President George Smith, Presiding

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, followed by the Pledge. PTSA Prom Raffle was drawn prior to beginning of this meeting. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2005 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 13, 2005.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Girls Varsity Gymnastics: Caitlyn McElroy and Caitlin Keane—*All County. Scholar/Athlete Team Award.* Girls Varsity Soccer: Jessica Simonetti: *All County. Scholar/Athlete Team Award.* Boys Varsity Soccer: Ben Arikian, Mike Porcelli, Joe Caccavale and Jaren Fernan: *All County.* Ed Pieron: *League III Coach of the Year. League III Champions and County Finalist.* Boys Varsity Cross Country: John Badolato, Justin Ellison: *All County.* Chris Kaigh: *Division II and League III Coach of the Year. Scholar/Athlete Team Award, Division II champions, Co-League III champions and Team Champions at PAL Invitational & Eastern States Championships.* Boys Varsity Volleyball: Brian Caufield: *All County.* Girls Varsity Volleyball: Carolyn Hodukavich: *All County Academic.* Danielle Hodgson: *League Defensive Player of the Year.* Girls Varsity Tennis: Kristen Alotta: *All County and All State; Scholar Athlete Team Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in League and Division II and 6<sup>th</sup> place in County.* Girls Varsity Swimming: Krista Bergquist: *All County. Scholar Athlete Team Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in League II Championships.* Varsity Football: Kevin Federico, Christian Scuderi, Peter Mezzanotte, Sal Barcia and Tim Denninger: *All County.* Tim Horan: *Coach of the Year. Scholar/Athlete Team Award, Big Four Champions and County Finalists.* Varsity Field Hockey: Karen Federico, Justine Bennardo: *All County; Scholar/Athlete Team Award.*

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Peter McAllister, Mathematics Teacher, effective February 2, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Christina Labbate, School Psychologist, effective January 3, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Coleen Kane, Teacher Aide, effective December 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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jeanne Bird, Senior Clerk Typist, effective January 3, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Laurie Johnson, Teacher Aide, effective January 3, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: John McMahon, Custodial Worker I, effective November 28, 2005, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Nalan Rosenberg, Food Service Worker P/T, effective January 9, 2006, Step 1, 3.5 hrs.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, 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): Suzanne Salus, School Cook Manager, effective January 9, 2006 through April 2, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30/hr): Michael Ohlau, effective December 2, 2005.

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 CLERICAL (\$8.83/hr): Miriam Cosgrove, effective January 4, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$6.75/hr): Jennifer McMahon, effective January 9, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Melanie Aromando, effective December 20, 2005, *student teacher*; Pauline Castiglione, effective December 8, 2005; Karen Conway, effective December 7, 2005; Erica Curcio, effective January 9, 2006; Guinevere David, effective 8, 2005; Amanda Davison, effective December 12, 2005; Kristina Frammosa, effective January 4, 2006, *student teacher*; Suzanne Fontaine, effective January 3, 2006; *student teacher*; Jennifer Glaser, effective December 8, 2005, *student teacher*; Bryan Griffin, effective December 23, 2005; Laura Heller, effective January 5, 2006, *student teacher*; Lauran Hooper, effective December 13, 2005, *student teacher*; Arline Kelly, effective January 4, 2006; Tara Lee, effective January 3, 2006; Diane Lipari, effective January 4, 2006, *student teacher*; Kathryn Lucie, effective January 3, 2006; Jennifer

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McMahon, effective January 5, 2006, *student teacher*; Sean McNamara, effective December 22, 2005, *student teacher*; Tara Oliva, effective December 13, 2005; Kristina Pursley, effective December 12, 2005, *student teacher*; Robert Russell, effective December 20, 2005, *student teacher*; Danielle SanAntonio, effective December 19, 2005; Nancy Sobel, effective December 14, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR (\$1,000 Stipend): Melissa Cuesta, Special Education (Rita Lombardo, Beach St.), \$600 prorated January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2005-06: High School: Jennifer Sardo, Director, Senior Play.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS – Combined Music Program: Salvatore Fiore, Combined All District Chorus; James Kraiss, Combined All District Bank; Judith Hayes, Combined All District Orchestra.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt English/Language Arts kindergarten reading program: *Rigby Literacy*.

Mrs. Lipman reported on Finance Committee meeting of 1/10/06. The Finance Committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor for submission to the Board. Mrs. Lipman reported on the Policy Committee meeting of 12/12/05. A First Reading was held tonight for: File 7314: Student Use of Computerized Information Resources; File 5330: Budget Transfers; File 7313: Suspension; File 6110: Code of Ethics; File 1510: Board Meeting. A Second Reading was held tonight for File 3280: Public Use of School Facilities and File 7242: Student Directory Information. Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt File 3280 and File 7242. Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison committee meeting of 1/10/06. The Public Relations Committee did not meet. Mr. Micucci reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 1/10/06. Mrs. Heine reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE# 6063, 6081, 6075, 5598, 4921, 2420, 2970, 5829, 5766, 5305, 6088, 3876, 3611, 5544, 4796, 4548, 3891, 4035, 5941, 6074, 6087, 5924, 3964, 4615, 4639, 4202, 5133, 5617, 5571, 4954, 5152, 6149, 6141, 6115, 6142, 6143, 6066, 4127, 4173, 4384, 2838; CPSE# 6131, 6133, 6152, 6164, 6163, 6136, 5785, 5840, 6162, 6171, 6134, 6186, 5770, 22621, 6166, 6148, 5962. Mrs. McAteer reported on Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 1/10/06. The next newsletter will have information on the upcoming Fun-Run.

The Treasurer's Report for November was presented. Beginning balance: \$17,140,417.97 and ending balance: \$11,729,868.54. Extra Classroom Activity Fund Statements for July through November were also presented.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman 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 Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer 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 School) 3 students @ \$616.98 = \$1,850.94.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: WI Little League—funds to purchase batting cages \$1750.; Beach Street PTA—Brain Challenge assembly \$800.; Paul J. Bellew PTA—Cultural Arts \$650.; Winkler Real Estate, Inc.—various schools \$950.; John A. Grillo Architects—Robotics Team \$1500.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare list of audio-visual equipment as surplus and dispose of as Business Office sees fit (list in Supplemental File).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith wished everyone a happy new year. Last month's President's Report is available on the district's website, as it will now be every month. Mr. Smith repeated last month's comments with regard to the audit review and explained about appropriated and unappropriated fund balance. A letter will be mailed to the community explaining fund balances, the audit review and the positive results the district received from both auditing firms. Mr. Smith went on to say that the budget process will, again, be conducted in open meetings. Dates for budget meetings will be available soon. The Board has some decisions to make over the next few months as they develop the 2006-07 budget. Mr. Smith invited everyone to attend future budget meetings. A discussion with the Board took place with regard to revising the mailing to the community.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve UPSEU Contract.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Test Grading Memorandum of Agreement with WITA.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and General Release resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release with respect to the impartial hearing request for the Student A (named in attached confidential document) and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release.

Mrs. Heine suggested that building principals make recommendations to the board about what they should focus on for improving their schools during the upcoming budget process.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:33 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiation and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:45 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve salary increase for Steven Harrison, Assistant Business Manager, to \$69,680, effective January 1, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Lipman 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**  
**President George Smith, Presiding**  
**January 26, 2006—District Office**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman  
(7:35 pm), Mrs. McAteer (8:00 p.m.), Mr. Micucci (7:35 p.m.)  
**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Duffy, Mr. Stern

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge. A presentation was given by Nancy Sybil and Michelle Studley: "Using Smart Boards in Technology".

Discussion items: Budget meeting dates; building lunch aide ratios; Board of Education Code of Conduct Policy (per 2005-06 Goals & Objectives); Good Samaritan Hospital evacuation plan; bid process; flood insurance.

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

Meeting reconvened at 10:55 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci and Mrs. Heine who were opposed, to approve resolution for health insurance retirement benefit for Carolyn Cross. (included in Supplemental File)

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to a Super Executive Session at 10:57 PM. Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 11:17 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk