

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
March 7, 2006—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM, followed by the Pledge. Budget items that were discussed included elementary staffing, itinerant teacher high potential program, Micucci Report and B fund report, additional reductions, teacher salary report, coaching requests, athletic uniforms. A Public Participation session was held, with 8 residents speaking. Subjects of concern and questions have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation. Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 10:25 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel 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 WORKSHOP  
March 14, 2006—Beach Street Middle School  
Vice President Thomas Pastore, Presiding

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:36PM followed by the Pledge. Budget items that were discussed included: Kindergarten enrollment, secondary staffing, attendance report, substitute teacher analysis, tax levy figures, revised Micucci Report and additional reductions.

A Public Participation session was held, with three residents speaking. Subjects of concern and questions have been recorded in log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

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District Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION--PLANNING SESSION  
March 23, 2006—District Office  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel (7:45 PM), Mrs. Heine,  
Mrs. Lipman  
ABSENT: Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Micucci  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of parent member to the CSE Committee: Mrs. Margaret Gallagher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Maintenance Vehicle. Bid was awarded to Stevens Ford for \$44,804.36.

Discussion: Administrative Apprentices; ESL.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:45 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:02 PM on motion made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve LEAVE OF ABSENCE for Suzanne Salus, until August 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM and move to the Beach Street Library Media Center to conduct a Budget Workshop.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET WORKSHOP

March 23, 2006—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM, followed by the Pledge. The following budget items were discussed: technology – student management system and computers; kindergarten enrollments; budgetary cuts and options; BOCES; supplies; security.

A Public Input Session was held, with four residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Lipman 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 WORKSHOP  
March 30, 2006—Beach Street Middle School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Bieselin, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman,  
Mrs. McAteer  
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
Others: Mr. Koelbel

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM, followed by the Pledge. Items for discussion: telephone system; Kindergarten enrollment; fuel oil, gas and electric; textbooks. A Public Input Session was held with four residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman 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 9, 2006—Oquenock School  
President George Smith, Presiding

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, followed by the Pledge. 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 February 9, 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 28, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS, effective July 1, 2006: Maryann Guarino, Elementary Teacher; Carole VanDuyn, Elementary Teacher; James M. Sorenson, Elementary Teacher; Moira Jones, Elementary Teacher; Rita Shea, Elementary Teacher; Laurene Wenz, Elementary Teacher; Linda Huskisson, Elementary Teacher; Mary Jo Re, E.S.L. Teacher; Janet Loehr, Foreign Language Teacher; Carol Braun, Mathematics Teacher; Dian Korade, Mathematics Teacher; Carol Calabro, Music Teacher; Christine Krause, Music Teacher; David Rosler, Music Teacher; Jessica J. Thomas, Physical Education Teacher; JoAnn Graceffo, Reading Teacher; Jerome Salvo, Science Teacher; Kaja Lemmermann, Social Studies Teacher; Stephen Lenowicz, Social Studies Lead Teacher; Anthony E. Mellino, Social Studies Teacher; Gary P. Peterson, Technology Teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Amy Novak, Special Education Teacher, effective February 27, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Amanda Harvey, Elementary Teacher, effective March 7, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Theresa Robertson, Elementary Teacher, effective March 7, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHER ASSISTANT: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY POSITION: Susan Lombardi, Teacher Assistant, effective February 27, 2006 to February 26, 2009, Step 4, Oquenock, Grade 1, new position.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHER ASSISTANT: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY POSITION: Beverly Norlander, Teacher Assistant, effective March 1, 2006 to February 28, 2009, Step 3, Captree, Special Education replacing S. Lombardi.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following Civil Service position in the West Islip School District be established as follows, effective February 27, 2006: Area: School Administrative Aide No. of Positions: 1

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Panayiota Fellas, Teacher Aide, effective February 27, 2006, Step 1, replacing M. Lahtonen, sub teacher, replacing A. Novak on CBLOA.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Sophie Sparacino, Cafeteria Aide, effective February 13, 2006, Step 1, new position.

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: PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT: Anne Schmidt, School Administrative Aide, effective February 27, 2006, Step 4, High School, new position.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Anthony Giarraputo, Custodial Worker I, effective March 3, 2006.

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: RESIGNATION: Carol Sicignano, Bus Driver, effective March 3, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Marie Robinson, Senior Clerk Typist, effective April 19, 2006.

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): Katie Avila, effective February 28, 2006; Amy Busch, effective February 10, 2006; Lori Capozzi, effective March 9, 2006, *student teacher*; Joseph Conte, effective February 10, 2006; Christopher Conti, effective March 1, 2006; William Gioconda, effective March 1, 2006; Josephine Kavanagh, effective March 1, 2006; Marissa McEvoy effective February 14, 2006,



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*student teacher*, Lauren Orlando, effective March 9, 2006; Ann Spence, effective March 2, 2006; Helen Ting, effective March 2, 2006; Nicole Vohrer, effective February 10, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ATHLETIC TRAINER – Spring Season: Nicole Perperis, Spring Season, replacing M. Monahan.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FACULTY – Second Semester: Nicole Delaney – ½ Section – Film Studies, replacing E. Kemnitzer; Robert Weiss – ½ section – U.S. History.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Elementary Science curriculum, Grades K-4.

The Finance Committee met on 3/7/06, as reported on by Mrs. Lipman. The Finance Committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor for submission to the Board. The Policy Committee did not meet. The School Board/Student Liaison Committee met on 3/8/06, as reported on by Mrs. McAteer. The Public Relations Committee met on 3/3/06, as reported on by Mrs. McAteer. The Buildings & Grounds Committee met on 3/7/06, as reported on by Mr. Pastore. Mrs. Heine reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE # 22964, 5959, 4963, 6161, 6200, 4679, 6020, 4204, 6026, 6196, 3814, 5810, 6159, 5738, 5294, 5246, 5234, 6069, 6031, 6185, 5517, 4673; CPSE ID# 5840, 6124, 6094, 6190, 6199, 6184, 6183, 21871, 5932, 6006, 6188, 5894, 5992, 6135, 6009, 6037, 6122, 6170, 5836, 6120. Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution for Stipulation of Settlement and General Release: 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 student named in confidential document numbered XIV.C, included in Supplemental File, dated February 6, 2006, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release.

The Health and Wellness Committee met on 3/7/06, as reported on by Mrs. Bieselin.

The Treasurer's Report for January was presented. Beginning balance was \$14,137,619.46 and ending balance \$32,815,233.29.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer 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. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve addition of legislative grants to the general fund 2005-06 budget in the amount of \$36,000.

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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 the following Health Service Contract with West Islip UFSD: Jericho UFSD (Long Island Lutheran) 1 student @ \$755.73.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donation, with thanks, from West Islip Athletic Booster Club of \$1,000 for use in defraying cost of purchasing and updating school sports banners.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Smith reported that the Board held its first audit committee meeting, and the next meeting will be on March 23 at 7 p.m. Budget workshops began March 7, and quite a bit was accomplished. At this time, the increase is less than 6%, and unfunded mandates continue to account for over 75% of increase. Dr. Blau presented a plan for high potential learners, and class size was discussed. He was very pleased with the large community turnout. He invited community to join the next meeting on Tuesday. Meeting dates are listed on website.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve memorandum with WIASA, re: modification of dates for career increments, effective July 1, 2005.

**NOTICES/REMINDERS:** PAWS Dinner – March 24, 2006, honoring Angie Carpenter and Tony Mellino.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION:** Mrs. Heine requested an attendance report and an analysis of how and where substitutes are used; wants to add additional line items to budget for subs for teachers for sick days, for paid and unpaid leaves; questioned if it was a need or just practice to call a substitute non-special ed para; reviewed revenue document from last year and wanted to know what the amount of \$877,000 was for in the state aid category, was this a capital project? Regarding the five-year plan: Mrs. Heine said upon looking at the floor plans, the drawings are not clear enough and she was having difficulty in counting bathroom fixtures. Mr. Smith will ask Mr. Koelbel to give her the information she wants. Mr. Smith explained the five-year plan is just an estimate, and we can't try to evaluate costs of individual projects on our own. We need the bidding process for this. Mr. Smith also said the board will try to set up an appointment with Mr. Heuber to provide expertise on large group health insurance. He would also like to have a panel discussion on health insurance in the future.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:05 PM, for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

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Meeting reconvened at 11:40 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve substitute teacher rate: For new assignments commencing on or after *April 1, 2006*, per diem substitute teachers will be paid at a rate of \$105.00 per day, regardless of the duration of the assignment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin 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.

