

**WEST ISLIP UFSD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET HEARING**  
May 8, 2007—Beach Street Middle School

A Public Hearing/Budget Hearing was held at Beach Street Middle School. Dr. Blau presented the budget to the community, and budget books were available for the public.

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 10, 2007—Oquenock School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine,  
Mr. W. Smith  
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Zocchia  
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 PM, followed by the Pledge. "An Invitation to the Public" was held, with students from Mrs. Hollinger's class speaking, thanking her for the Geography Bee and the Mock Trial competition.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2007, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 25, 2007.

RECOGNITION: National Teacher Appreciation Week: Bill Sorrese and Joe Dixon. Harvard Club of Long Island – Distinguished Teacher: Athena Born. National Nurses' Week: Patricia Reimer. Long Island Challenge Champions: Mike Lombardi, Kasey Papa, Chris Peckholdt and Frank Rosenfield (Advisor: Michelle Falco). Mock Trial Competition: Stadtler Thompson, Kristin Gatto, Sydney Matone, Joseph Rushton, Nicole Berardi, Eric Barasch, Craig Nelson, Eric Harris, Amanda Quinn, Vincent Cramer, Michael Carboni, Caitlin Cosentino and Zachary Mike (Coach: Rich Thompson; Student Assistant: Kasey Papa). Geography Bee: Sean McShane, Christopher Hering, Maria Hadjichristoforou, Shazeen Afzal, Lilyan Guastella, Nicholas Capone, Liam Nowakowski, Gabriella Minicozzi, Victoria Koffsky, Sarah Sutton, Christina Regan, Craig Nelson, Eric Harris, Amanda Quinn, Vincent Cramer, Michael Carboni, Caitlin Cosentino and Zachary Mike.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve: ADMINISTRATORS: ABOLITION OF POSITION: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following position(s) in the West Islip School District be abolished as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>No. of Positions</u>
Assistant Business Administrator	1

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Dawn Morrison, Elementary School Principal, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 (\$92,560 annual salary; Oquenock Elementary School).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Rhonda Pratt, Elementary School Principal, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010 (\$92,560 annual salary; Bayview Elementary School).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: RESIGNATION: Dawn Morrison, Middle School Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2007 (appointed to Oquenock Elementary School Principal).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kimberly Peters, Special Education Teacher, effective April 17, 2007 (H.S.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Christina Hagius, Mathematics Teacher, effective April 23, 2007 (Udall/Beach).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kerri DeBetta, Elementary Teacher, effective April 30, 2007 (Bayview Kdg.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FEMLA—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Melissa Torres-Gallegos, Psychologist, effective March 26, 2007 to June 22, 2007 (Bellew/H.S./OLL; currently on CBLOA).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FEMLA—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Kelly Farrell, Elementary Teacher, effective April 11, 2007 to June 22, 2007 (Westbrook, Grade 3; currently on CBLOA).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FEMLA—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Wendy Loddigs, Guidance Counselor, effective May 7, 2007 to June 22, 2007 (H.S.; currently on CBLOA).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Jane Murray, English Teacher, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRLOA).

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Paige Fogarty, Elementary Teacher, effective September 25, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (Oquenock, Kdg., Step 1<sup>4</sup>, replacing K. Faraci).

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Courtney Masone, Elementary Teacher, effective November 20, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (Westbrook, Grade, Step 1<sup>1</sup>, replacing K. Farrell).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Robyn Amundsen, Psychologist, effective January 22, 2007 to June 30, 2007 (PJB School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>, 0.4 FTE, replacing M. Torres-Gallegos).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Stephanie Pugliese, English Teacher, effective July 1, 2007 (currently on CRLOA).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Scott Scaffidi, Foreign Language Teacher, effective July 1, 2007 (HS).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Mary Ann Fenter, ESL Teacher, effective August 31, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Ann Salamone, Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective April 25, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Anne Schmidt, School Administrative Aide, effective March 23, 2007, Step 5, High School; change from a Provisional Appointment to a Probationary Appointment.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$105 per diem): \*Karen Srigoni, effective April 27, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): \*Lisa Catalano, effective April 18, 2007; \*Georgette Kaliski, effective April 18, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9,75/HR): Ann Salamone, effective April 25, 2007.

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem):

\*John Daniello, effective April 13, 2007; Katie Frole, effective September 4, 2007, *student teacher*;  
\*Caitlin LaRocco, effective May 2, 2007, *student teacher*; \*Amanda LaNoce, effective September 4, 2007, *student teacher*; \*Henry McGee, effective April 26, 2007; \*Michelle Vecchione, effective April 26, 2007; Linda Zimmerly, effective September 4, 2007, *student teacher*.

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

The Finance Committee met on 5/10, and was reported on by Mrs. Heine. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the district's internal auditor for submission to the Board. Mr. Gellar reported on Buildings & Grounds Committee which met on 5/10. School Board/Student Liaison Committee met on 5/9 & 5/10, as reported on by Mrs. McAteer. The Policy Committee, Health and Wellness Committee and Public Relations Committee did not meet. Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID# 4042, 97147, 5932, 6020, 6395, 5706, 5772, 2650, 6391; CPSE ID# 6197, 6110, 6329, 5908, 6405, 6274, 6337, 6389, 6390, 6404, 22613, 6299, 5828, 6392. Mr. Gellar reported on Legislative Action Committee meeting that met on 4/25.

The Treasurer's Report for March was presented. General Fund beginning book balance \$29,384,987.84; ending book balance \$35,313,562.34.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Biesel 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. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Central Station Monitoring of Security and Fire Alarm Systems. Bid was awarded to Protective Management Systems, for annual contract price of \$4,860.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Sayville School District (Prince of Peace School) 3 students @ \$600.55 = \$1801.65.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Suffolk Transportation \$1,000 scholarship; Target to H.S. \$2,020.30; Box Tops for Education – P.J. Bellew School \$1037.97; Jamie Winkler Real Estate (various buildings) \$950.; West Islip Little League (baseball uniforms) \$590.; Suffolk County Superintendents of Buildings & Grounds Association – scholarship \$1,000; West Islip Soccer Club \$15,000.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve hourly increase for budget vote personnel: \$8.00/HR for machine inspectors and registrars, and \$10.00/HR for Chief Inspector and Board of Registration.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve SEORA Negative Declaration with regard to Energy Performance contract.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Reminder to Vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2007; reunion on May 19 at the High School and in the morning at Captree, RSVP on-line.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Blau asked the Board to review dates for Reorganizational and Board Meetings for 2007-08 school year. The Board agreed to change date of Reorganizational/ Regular Meeting to July 2, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Justin Bird as recipient of the Jesse Greenwald Scholarship.

Dr. Blau informed the Board that May 25, 2007, Friday, will be a "snow day" give back, and schools will be closed. Dr. Blau also talked about the district using the Secret Service threat assessment form, which is used as a profile with regard to school safety.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFO: Mrs. Heine requested the District Clerk report, yearly, on the compliance of candidates running for the Board, with regard to timely filing of Campaign Expense forms, or any other such required documents.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 11:45 p.m.

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.

# ANNUAL MEETING OF WEST ISLIP UFSD

May 15, 2007—High School

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M., when the polls were declared open by District Clerk/Chairperson Carolyn J. Cross.

At 10:00 P.M., the polls were closed and results were as follows:

For the Seat of Barbara McAteer:	Eliot F. Bloom	1800
For the Seat of Kevin Micucci:	Annmarie LaRosa	2134
For the Seat of George K. Smith:	George K. Smith	1981
Proposition No. 1:	Yes	2923
	No	870
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The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 31, 2007—District Office  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mr. Gellar,  
Mr. W. Smith (7:30 PM)  
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge. Audit Committee: Callaghan Nawrocki audit findings were discussed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Theresa Grimaldi, Director of Data Management and Student Support Services, effective July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010, annual salary \$92,560; district wide.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECISION OF REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Courtney Masone, Elementary Teacher, effective November 20, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (Westbrook; Grade 1; appointed on 5/10/07; not certified).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve SEQRA Resolution, re: High School construction of press box, storage shed, bleacher replacement, and asbestos abatement.

Discussion of: Network News, bond proposals and dates, Legislative Action Committee update, and high school awards.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 PM, for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:05 PM on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve attendance zone exemption for student "A" named in Executive Session, for the 2007-08 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM 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



EXECUTIVE SESSION – MAY 31, 2007

STUDENT 'A' – Attendance Zone Issue – Matthew Schroeder