

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 15, 2007—Bayview School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Bieselin, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,  
Mr. W. Smith  
ABSENT: Mr. Bloom  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Students from Bayview performed. Announcements: Dr. Blau presented Mr. G. Smith and Mr. Gellar with developmental achievement citations awarded from NYSSBA for its leadership development recognition program.

“An Invitation to the Public” was held, with 2 residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 2, the Regular Meeting of October 11, the Special Meeting of October 18, and the Special Meeting of October 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Mary Claire Yoder, English Teacher, effective October 26, 2007 (H.S.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin 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): Rebecca Silva, Psychologist, effective October 15, 2007 to January 11, 2008 (Captree/OLL; currently on CBLOA).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FEMLA): Barbara Masone, Special Education Teacher, effective October 1, 2007 – Intermittent Leave (Bayview).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jason Lopiccio, Guidance Counselor, effective November 15, 2007 (Udall Road MS).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Mary Grace Gleason, Speech Teacher, effective November 14, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (OLL/St. John’s, Step 14 prorated at .5, new position).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Jessica Carroll, Guidance Counselor, effective November 28, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (Udall Road MS, Step 14 prorated at .5, replacing J. Lopiccio).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANTS: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (\$85 per diem): Michele Bartlett, effective October 12, 2007; \*Meredith Korba, effective October 22, 2007; Kellie Neglia, effective October 12, 2007; \*Amanda Punzi, effective October 22, 2007; Bonnie Rabin, effective October 11, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERK TYPIST (\$11.00/HR): \*Gina Olivieri, effective October 5, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$105/per diem): Denise LaBelle, effective October 11, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$105/per diem): \*Mary Peterman, effective November 14, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Meredith Korba, effective October 22, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: William Reese, Bus Matron, effective November 2, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Nicole Schiano, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential, effective January 2, 2008 (District Office).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Colleen Warenik, Teacher Aide, effective November 2, 2007 (Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kathleen Keskin, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective October 25, 2007 (Step 1; H.S.; replacing C. Kirchoff who is now the assistant cook; she replaced M. Giua, who resigned).

\*conditional pending fingerprint clearance

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Reda, Teacher Aide, effective November 19, 2007 (Step 1; Beach Street; replacing L. McGuinness who is now a library/cafeteria aide at Westbrook; she replaced C. Warenik who resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: Carmela Safina, Senior Account Clerk, effective November 16, 2007 (Step 2, D.O.; change from Account Clerk, she is replacing S. Beck who resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve: OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): \*Margaret Anderson, effective October 29, 2007; Scott Barden, effective November 7, 2007, *student teacher*; \*Gregory Iorio, effective October 16, 2007; Ian Kain Amato, effective October 11, 2007; \*Meredith Korba, effective October 22, 2007; Amanda Mele, effective October 22, 2007; \*Amanda Punzi, effective October 22, 2007; Judith Ryan, effective October 22, 2007; \*Matthew Smith, effective October 29, 2007, *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: Mentors (\$1,000 stipend): Francine Ahearn (Brendan O'Connell, Social Worker, H.S.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: Discontinue Mentor Stipend (effective October 22, 2007): Helene Dellas-Dibona (Brendan O'Connell, Social Worker, H.S.).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR: High School: David Moglia, Media Coordinator; Brian Buonomo, Robotics Team; Dennis Mazzalunga, Robotics Team; John Petracco, Robotics Team. Beach Street M.S.: Andrea Miller, Science Olympiad (replacing John Ruggiero, appointed at 10/11 meeting). Udall Road M.S.: Kristine Hagens, Arts and Crafts Club; Deborah Pulitano, Current Events Club; Elaine Herman, Friends of Rachel Club; Mary Ann Constantine, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club; Pamela Kee, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club; Jacqueline Wilson, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework Club; Kristen Drake, Udall's Artist League. Bayview Elementary School: Kimberley Spinella, Geography Club. Captree Elementary School: Paul Spinella, Building Drama Director. Manetuck Elementary School: Lori Smith, Geography Bee Club. Oquenock Elementary School: Linda Bergquist and Paul Perkurney, Walking Club. Westbrook: Shane O'Neill, Geography Club.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2007-08 WINTER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Girls Basketball: Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach; Aron Chizik, Asst. Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, JV Coach; Denise Radesky, JV9 Coach. Boys Basketball: Thomas Cross, Varsity Coach; Patrick Tunstead, Asst. Varsity Coach; Shawn Rush, JV Coach; James Grover, JV9 Coach. Wrestling: John Sparacio, Varsity Coach; Nicholas LaGiglia, JV/Asst. Varsity Coach; Thomas Longobardi, JV2 Coach. Boys Swimming: Robert Kollar, Varsity Coach; KristiLee Schubert, Asst. Varsity Coach. Boys Bowling: Edward Kemnitzer, Varsity Coach. Girls Bowling: Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach. Boys Winter Track: Sal Alaimo, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Asst. Varsity Coach. Girls Winter Track: Christopher Kaigh, Varsity Coach; Jessie Lynch, Asst. Varsity Coach. 2007-08 MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY WINTER COACHES: Volleyball: James Klimkoski, 7-8 Udall Coach; Natalee Rubcewich, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Basketball: Brian Cameron, 7-8 Udall Coach; Timothy Bauernfeind, 7-8 Beach Coach. 2007-08 MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE WINTER COACHES: Girls Basketball: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall coach; Timothy Bauernfield, 7-8 Beach Coach. Wrestling: Thomas Powers, 7-8 Udall Coach; Thomas McLaughlin, 7-8 Udall Assistant Coach; James Beuther, 7-8 Beach Coach; Vincent Luvera, 7-8 Beach Assistant Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa to approve completed curriculum development projects. After discussion, motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table approval of completed curriculum development projects.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve new secondary course proposals for 2007: Fine Arts – Music Technology; Business Education – College Business Law; Science – Strange Science; Science – Human Anatomy and Physiology; Science – Astrophysics; World Languages – Italian 2030 C; World Languages – Italian 2040 C.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve additional curriculum development proposals: Science – University at Albany Research, and Science – Biotechnology Labs.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: The Finance Committee met on 11/13 and was reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Policy Committee did not meet. A Second Reading was held tonight for the following policies, and motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt these policies: Smoking/Tobacco Use – Policy 5640 revised; Code of Ethics for All District Personnel – Policy 6110 revised; Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting – Policy 7531; Accounting of Funds – Policy 5510; Budget Transfers – Policy 5330 revised; Accounting of Fixed Assets – Policy 5621 revised; Petty Cash and Cash in School Buildings – Policy 5530 revised; Appointment/Duties of the Internal Claims Auditor – Policy 1334 revised; Computers and Communication – Policy 6471; Computer Resources and Data Management – Policy 5671. Copies of policies were available to the public. School Board/Student Liaison Committee, and Public Relations Committee did not meet. Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 11/13 and was reported on by Mrs. Biesel. Health and Wellness Alliance met on 10/18, as reported on by Mrs. Biesel. The annual Fun Run is scheduled for March 2, 2008 and

volunteers are needed for the Health and Wellness weekend activities. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE# 6445, 6449, 6406, 6427, 6446, 6448, 6405; CSE# 5409, 4917, 6117, 3934, 5941, 5959, 22612, 5626, 5257, 3331, 3221, 3349, 22582, 6027, 4903, 2698, 3891, 4856, 3473, 5785, 4623, 5362, 6369, 6094, 5932, 5665, 5662.

The Treasurer's Report for September was presented. The beginning balance was \$10,326,320.80; ending balance was \$9,970,783.69.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Bond Resolution.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following inter-district tuition bill: Levittown UFSD \$39,491.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Service Contract. Bid was awarded to One Source Energy Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Electrical Repairs and Services. Bid was awarded to Dennis Bott Electrical Contracting Corp.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Exterior Bleacher installation. Bid was awarded to Frendolph Construction Corp.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Asbestos Abatement. Bid was awarded to Boyle Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Plumbing Reconstruction. Bid was awarded to Valco, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Electrical Reconstruction. Bid was awarded to Locust Valley Electric.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Target to Manetuck School \$589.49; PTA Arts in Education (Bayview) \$1,175; PTA Arts in Education (Bellew) \$1,100; Hewlett Packard – 2 laptop computers \$1,700.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus: a Frigidaire washing machine at the High School, model #FWX233RES1.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Paul Quigley.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Timothy McCarthy.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2007-08 District and Superintendent Goals and Objectives.

Ms. Pratt, Bayview's principal, gave a presentation about Bayview's students.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFO/NOTICES/REMINDERS: Mr. G. Smith wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Bieselin reported on NYSSBA convention. Resolution #14 was adopted and #3 failed. Requests board to become members of the National School Boards Association. She talked about workshops she attended, and thanked the Board for sending her to the convention. Mrs. Heine talked about getting legislative support to keep the homestead ratio from climbing in one year, and to write letters in support. Mr. G. Smith said we are getting close to budget season, and with Wall Street issues and further negative implications on the economy, it will be a difficult budget season. Mr. Gellar spoke of the Legislative Action Committee's starting early this year in letter writing campaign. Concerned we may not even get the promised 3% state aid. Last year we received almost 6%, after a promised 3%, after the letter campaign. Mrs. Heine suggested "grouping" personnel items, in the interest of speeding up that part of the meeting when approving personnel.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:36 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa 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  
November 29, 2007—District Office  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,  
ABSENT: Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Discussion items: Policy 2210—Committees of the Board and tutoring survey.

A Second Reading was held for Policy 7218. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt Policy 7218—Class Ranking/Weighting of Grades.

Mr. Gellar reported on Legislative Action committee: discussion of a possible district-level Legislative breakfast; a multi-district press conference on December 11 to thank legislators who supported Long Island schools last year, and to encourage them to recommit to the effort; letter from Long Island's State Senators opposing Regents budget proposal; and information concerning public hearings on the 2008-09 state budget.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reimburse the Middle Country School District or their designee, a maximum of \$50 for printing and duplicating costs associated with multi-district press conference on December 11, 2007.

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 9:00 p.m., for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m. on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk