

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSESSION

March 1, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The following agenda items were discussed: Budget Overview and Enrollment Projections – Mr. Simon; Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Bosse; Projected Fund Balance – Mrs. Duffy.

Nine residents wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG

Budget Worksession – March 1, 2011

Don Marmo: Discussed having high school music students be mentors to middle school students.

Doreen Hantzschel: Discussed restructuring of administrators.

Peter Quinn: Discussed cutting more administrators and less teachers.

Robert Maresca: Discussed pay schedules for teachers.

Dawn Vilardi: Discussed rumors of school closings.

Catherine Artusa: Discussed class sizes.

Kristina Delaney: Discussed number of principals at the high school.

Glenn Sloat: Discussed terms of bond borrowing; requested next curriculum presentation show number of students per subject and teacher.

Terri Hunter: Discussed schedules and shifts of custodial staff.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 10, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA,
MR. SMITH (arrived at 8:21 p.m.), MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Dianna Grancagnolo, Special Education; effective June 30, 2011 (30 years).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Barbara Masone, Special Education; effective June 30, 2011 (31.6 years).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Mary Jayne McGrath, Elementary; effective June 30, 2011 (23 years).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Kerri DeBetta, Elementary; effective February 28, 2011 to May 27, 2011 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Kristen Florea, Special Education; effective February 14, 2011 to April 5, 2011 (Bayview).

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Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RESIGNATION: Coleen Nicolosi, Special Education; effective March 9, 2011 (Kirdahy @ Captree).

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Roy Sanchez, Custodial Worker I; effective February 28, 2011 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Charlotte Kirchoff, Head Cook; effective January 10, 2011 (High School; change from Assistant Cook; replacing V. McGrath {sick}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANT COOK (salary determined by step): Claire Appel, Judy Brancato, Deborah Cavaluzzi, Kerri Culkin, Lisa Daly, Joanna DeRosa, Teresa DeRosa, Joan DiStefano, Jennifer Einsetler, May Farewell, Juanita LeBarr, AnnMarie Pecorella, Nalan Rosenberg, Linda Thompson, Suzanne Vivo.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE HEAD COOK (salary determined by step): Charlotte Kirchoff, Veronica Tardugno, Cathy Weingarten.

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR (School functions - \$75 per event; Rental functions - \$50 per hour): Beach Street Middle School: Kevin McLoughlin.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns discussed the New York State Education Department School Report Cards for 2009 – 2010 and the instructional support team workshop. Dr. Parvey discussed peer coaching at the elementary level and recent professional development.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Ulrich reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 3/8/11. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 3/1/11. Mr. Gellar reported on the Audit Committee meeting of 2/28/11. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 2/28/11. Mr. Gellar reported on the Legislative Action Committee meeting of 3/4/11. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 3/10/11 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 3/8/11.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, COMPASS/Health and Wellness Alliance, and Bullying Awareness Committee.

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The Treasurer's Report for January 2011 was presented. Beginning balance as of December 31, 2010 – \$9,761,327.54; ending balance as of January 31, 2011 – \$41,339,998.67.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: 2874, 2875.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Change Order # 4 – Ultimate Power for \$6,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Change Order # 1 – Advanced Construction for \$1,192.00 credit.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Change Order # 1 – Walsh Mechanical Contractors for \$2,672.00 credit.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Change Order # 1 – Walsh Mechanical Contractors for \$3,249.00 credit.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Lindenhurst UFSD (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) 1 student @ \$775.07; Patchogue-Medford School District (SAPPO School) 1 student @ \$603.31; Uniondale UFSD (Kellenberg High School) 1 student @ \$616.31.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve leasehold agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES (2 classrooms at Paul J. Bellew for 2011-2012 school year).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation, with thanks: Bantam Press Brake and 3 Ton Automatic DELDE Punch Press from Peter Hung valued at \$3,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation, with thanks: Welcome Mat – Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School for \$1,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as excess, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following material/equipment: 1992 Chevy Suburban, 1999 Ford Vehicle.

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Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution regarding Fiber WAN.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simon thanked the community for its support of the Fun Run and Kids' Dash. Mr. Simon also discussed the following items: a recent e-mail from a parent regarding their child's progress in reading, Paul J. Bellew mix-it-up day, Dr. Bridgeman was named Administrator of the Year for 2011 by the Western Suffolk Counselors' Association, the wind symphony performed at Carnegie Hall, World Language Week, and Udall Road Middle School's 6th grade field trip to Greenkill.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Budget Worksessions: Thursday, March 17, 2011; Thursday, March 24, 2011 (presentation by Gary Bixhorn); Thursday, March 31, 2011; Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

PAWS Dinner Dance will be held at 6 p.m. on April 29, 2011 at the Venetian Yacht Club.

Five residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:07 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve UPSEU Contract for 2009 – 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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Laurie Jankoski: Discussed the scheduling for use of the Oquenock softball field. The Board will contact Mr. Bosse regarding this issue.

Robert Maresca: Discussed budget issues such as tax hikes, program cuts, staff cuts, and employee salary raises. The Board responded that salary increases are contractual, cuts are due to enrollment declines, and tax increases are due to reductions in state aid. Questioned why NYS ELA test scores were lower in higher grades. Mrs. Burns responded that there is generally a dip at the middle school level and it is also due to the change in cut scores.

Don Marmo: Discussed pension reform. The Board responded that it is determined at the state level. Questioned if there was any savings from the last contract to the current contract regarding health insurance, retiree benefits, or compensated absences. The Board responded that there was an increase in insurance premiums and give backs were negotiated.

Michelle Delaney: Stated that the Commack School District is reducing the number of assistant superintendents from five to three.

Doreen Hantzschel: Discussed the Foundations reading program and asked where it is now. Mr. Simon responded that it is in kindergarten classes and is available in first grade as an intervention for identified students.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET WORKSESSION**

March 17, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The following agenda items were discussed: Revised Budget and Enrollment Projections– Mr. Simon; Special Education – Mrs. Vertovez and Mrs. Dowling; Determining Seniority – Mr. Zocchia; Overtime vs. Hiring – Mr. Bosse.

Eight residents wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m. on motion by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Budget Worksession – March 17, 2011

Don Marmo: Discussed the period reduction in the middle school. Asked if half-day kindergarten was considered.

Kristina Delaney: Discussed fifth grade class size and generating revenue from the planetarium and pool.

Doreen Hantzschel: Discussed funding of the IB program and early retirement incentives.

Robert Maresca: Discussed givebacks from employees.

Elisabeth Dolan: Thanked the board and administration for taking care of a hard job.

Crissy Kruer: Discussed changes to the integrated classes.

Chris Camillery: Discussed teacher concessions and salary freezes.

Debbie Espinola: Had questions about the special education program.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSESSION and PLANNING SESSION

March 24, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR,
MRS. LAROSA (arrived at 8:45 p.m.), MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. SMITH

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The following agenda items were discussed: Implications of a Tax Cap – Mr. Gary Bixhorn, Chief Operating Officer, Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

Twelve residents wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Budget Worksession adjourned at 9:54 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

The Planning Session was called to order at 10:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Christopher Caputo, Substitute Treasurer; effective March 23, 2011 (\$20/hour).

The following agenda items were discussed, with no objection: polling hours for the annual election, athlete concussion management protocol.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10: 19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:27 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:28 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG

Budget Worksession – March 24, 2011

Julie Siano: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Valerie Rivera: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Lesley Keane: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Doreen Hantzschel: Discussed the second grade class at Westbrook. Recommended putting the best teachers in the largest classes.

Peter Quinn: Discussed administrative raises. Questioned the overlap when a new administrator is hired.

Michael Hazelton: Discussed the funding of programs and increasing revenue.

Robert Maresca: Stated that the focus should be on academics and not other programs.

Glenn Sloat: Recommended forming partnerships with local businesses to get money into the district and inviting politicians to the board meetings.

Kristina Delaney: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Catherine Artusa: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Ruth Mineo: Discussed the increased class sizes at the elementary level.

Terri Hunter: Had questions about the tax cap presentation.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 28, 2011 – District Office
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH, MR. ULRICH,
MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MRS. BIESELIN

Administrators: Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSESSION

March 31, 2011 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH, MR. ULRICH,
MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. BRADY

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION RE: LEGAL NOTICE: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District approves the Legal Notice of the Annual School District Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election; establish that the Public Hearing shall be on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 7:30 PM and will be held in the West Islip High School; establish that the Budget Vote and Election shall be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 between 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the West Islip High School; and establish that the Legal Notice will be published on the following dates: Newsday: March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, 2011; Islip Bulletin: March 31, April 14, April 28, May 12, 2011.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education contract with Brookville Center for Children's Services.

The following agenda items were discussed: High School Administrative Structure and Reorganization – Mr. Simon; Contingency Budget Calculation – Mrs. Duffy.

Nine residents wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG

Budget Worksession – March 31, 2011

Lisa Minissale: Inquired about savings from closing the pool.

Peter Quinn: Discussed administrative changes, refinancing the debt, and class size for special education students.

Robert Maresca: Discussed health insurance for retirees. WITA representatives should have the chance to speak to the public.

Joe Dixon: Discussed teachers' union negotiations with the school board.

Margaret Dixon: Discussed class size of integrated special education classes.

Cathy McConnell: Discussed cuts to the music program and the IB program.

Paul Michaluk: Thanked everyone for their hard work. Suggested changes to the elementary schools.

Doreen Hantzschel: Discussed the music program and class size of special education classes.

Debbie Espinola: Discussed class size of integrated classes.