

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 8, 2004—Captree Elementary School  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

**PRESENT:** Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer,  
Mr. Pastore  
**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern  
**Attorney:** Mr. Volz, Ms. Guercio

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 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. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2003.

**RECOGNITION – 2003 Fall Athletic Outstanding Accomplishments:** Girls Varsity Gymnastics—Caitlyn McElroy: All County; Scholar Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Soccer—Amanda Biondi and Brittany Finnegan: All County; Scholar Athlete Team Award; Deb Colvell: Coach of the Year. Boys Varsity Soccer—Tom Ell: All County Academic; Scholar Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Cross-Country—Allison Keiffer, Shelby O'Rourke: All County. Boys Varsity Cross Country—Tom McLoughlin: All County. Boys Varsity Volleyball—Nolan Lauterborn: All County; Brian VanMeurs: All County Academic; Scholar Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Tennis—Kristen Alotta: All State; Kerri Swan, Lindsey Paladino, Valerie Cappetta: All County; Scholar Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Swimming—Elise Yawney, Krista Bergquist: All County. Varsity Football—Troy Turri: All County. Varsity Field Hockey—Laura Mezzanotte, Alicia Riccardi: All County; Scholar Athlete Team Award. Girls Varsity Volleyball—Audra Vasti, Karolina Siniakowicz: All County Academic.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT:** Jennifer Pitt, Elementary Teacher, effective January 23, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Karen M. Busch, Elementary Teacher, effective January 12, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage):** Janet Renganeschi, Elementary Teacher, effective January 5, 2004 to April 13, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage):** Diane M. Restivo, Guidance Counselor, effective January 5, 2004 to April 13, 2004.

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**Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jeanette Meyer, English Teacher, effective January 17, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Caroline Ryan, English Teacher, effective January 20, 2004 to January 19, 2007, Step 1.1.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Wendy Schou, Special Education Teacher, effective January 9, 2004 to June 25, 2004, .6 of Step 1.1.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Virginia Boyle, Guidance Counselor, effective August 29, 2003 to April 2, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Patricia Ford, Paraprofessional, effective January 2, 2004.**

**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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Kenneth Lacamera, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective December 8, 2003, Step 10.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Michael Logiudice, Chief Custodian, effective December 8, 2003, Step 10.**

**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: Barbara DeVivo, Senior Clerk Typist, effective December 15, 2003, Step 1.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Amy Bussola-Belfiore, effective December 9, 2003, intern; Lisa Owen, effective September 3, 2003, student teacher.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPECIAL SUBSTITUTE: Regina Watkins, English Teacher, effective January 5, 2004, H.S. \$227.27 per diem.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve French Textbook Adoption – Grades 7-10 – “Bon Voyage” (McGraw-Hill).**

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The Finance Committee met on 1/6, as reported on by Mr. Pastore. Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve warrants for payment. Warrants are on file in the District Office.

The Policy Committee did not meet. A Second Reading was held tonight for File 3280--Public Use of School Facilities, File 4212--Table of Organization, and File 7130--Attendance Areas. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt these policies. Copies were available for the public.

Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison Committee meeting of 1/7. The Public Relations Committee and Health and Wellness Alliance did not meet this month. Building and Grounds Committee met on 1/6, as reported on by Mr. Smith. Mrs. McAteer reported on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID# 3465, 4648, 5298, 3887, 3646, 2419, 2428, 2608, 3116, 3796, 4312, 4334, 4635, 4838, 4901, 4936, 4941, 5435, 4488, 5305, 4353, 5609, 4282, 4799, 2507, 4603, 3887, 5438, 4916, 5249, 5659, 4905, 4270, 4271, 4578.

The Treasurer's Report for November was presented.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: High School Robotics Team – Precise Optics \$750.00; High School Robotics Team – Citistreet \$500.00; HS Technology Dept. – Aztec Tool – tools/accessories; HS Technology Dept. – Allstate Carburetor and Fuel Injection – services, parts materials; HS Technology Dept. – Christine Carswell – computer hardware.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Lipman who was opposed, to approve donation, with thanks, of \$832.95 from Captree PTA for purchase of a weather station, with accessories and software.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve health service contract with West Islip UFSD: Brentwood School District (St. Joseph's Academy) 6 students @ \$406.80 = \$2,440.80.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Infield Groomer. Bid was awarded to Storr Tractor for \$15,146.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve capital bid for districtwide exterior door replacement. Bid was awarded to C & M Door Controls, Port Reading, New Jersey in the amount of \$170,845.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Micucci reported that the Board inspected Captree prior to this evening's meeting. The building is in great shape and a building to be proud of. There have been four groups visiting our schools to see the new labs and media centers. The district's renovations have been featured in architectural journals. Also, Mr. Micucci met with Dr. Blau and consultant who will be conducting a complete review of our Special Education program.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Student/Teacher calendar for the 2004-2005 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Biennial Review of the District Compact Plan (recertification).

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

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:46 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene at 10:02 PM.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign Memo of Agreement with UPSEU re: "Employee A" named in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to designate a physician to serve as school medical inspector pursuant to §913 of the Education Law for the purpose of examining the medical records of "Employee B" named in Executive Session, for the purposes of determining whether such employee has a condition which limits her ability to perform her duties; and it is **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to §913 of the Education Law, "Employee B" named in Executive Session is hereby directed to appear for medical examination in the office of such physician if such examination is determined by said physician, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to be necessary in order to evaluate the employee's ability to perform her duties.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 10:07 PM.

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**  
January 22, 2004—District Office  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

**PRESENT:** Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel (until 10:10 PM), Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman,  
Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore

**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge. Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith 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 8:17 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Discussion items included a goals update and West Islip Chamber of Commerce.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:36 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and /or litigation. Meeting reconvened at 10:36 PM on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to extend stipend for Energy Educator for one month, until February 29, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reinstate paraprofessional (“Employee A”) discussed in Executive Session.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 PM on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

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