

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 12, 2004—Manetuck 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

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM, followed by the Pledge and a moment of silence for former board members Jean Fletcher and Robert Keeshan, who recently passed. No one wished to speak during An Invitation to the Public.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2004, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 22, 2004.

**RECOGNITION:** Tyler Capitano – “Hero of the Year 2003” (Arthritis Foundation); Jay Poggi – 1<sup>st</sup> Place WIDE Fun Run T-Shirt Logo Contest; Mackenzie Dean – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place WIDE Fun Run T-Shirt Logo Contest; Darren Shekailo – All County Jazz Ensemble; Julia Cavaluzzi and Christina DeFrancisco – All County Band; Christopher Hopkins – All County Chorus; Daniel Michiels – All County and All State Orchestra; Amanda Cooper, Jennifer Corey, Audra Vasti and Joseph Walsh – All County and All State Chorus.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Louis M. Zocchia, Jr., Director of Personnel, effective September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2007, annual salary \$112,000.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Katrina Faraci, Elementary Teacher, effective February 2, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHANGE IN DATE OF APPOINTMENT: Wendy Schou, Special Education Teacher (part-time), effective February 2, 2004 to June 25, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: GRANT FUNDED TEMPORARY POSITION: Carrie Beth Russo, School Social Worker, effective February 23, 2004 to June 25, 2004 (Step 1.4).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Louis M. Zocchia, Jr., Foreign Language Teacher, effective August 31, 2004.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Vivian Becker, Paraprofessional, effective February 9, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Margo Kilkelly, Paraprofessional, effective January 23, 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: RESIGNATION: Josephine Ognibene, Paraprofessional, effective February 16, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Donna Priolo, PT Food Service Worker, effective January 16, 2004.**

**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: RESIGNATION: Deanna Wittneben, Provisional Senior Account Clerk, effective January 26, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lorna Beck, Paraprofessional, effective January 26, 2004, Step 1.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to FMLA – 12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Ken Campo, Custodian, effective January 15, 2004 through January 23, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to TABLE approval of CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Jonathan Brett, Automotive Mechanic IV until Executive Session.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Mary Baritis, Paraprofessional, effective January 5, 2004, Step 5 (change from cafeteria para. to special ed. para.).**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$6.75/hr): Janet LoBiondo, effective February 3, 2004.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30/hr): Thomas Rudolf, effective January 12, 2004.**

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$6.50/hr): AnnaMarie Pelszynski, effective January 9, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Carolyn Andronica, effective January 22, 2004, student teacher; Danielle Balletta, effective January 30, 2004, student teacher; Melissa Carr, effective February 4, 2004; Meredith Coleman, effective January 22, 2004; Diana Cutrone, effective January 26, 2004, student teacher; Christina Fasano, effective January 30, 2004, student teacher; Joseph Ferrara, effective January 6, 2004; Jacqueline Fitzharris, effective January 8, 2004; Anthony Gentile, effective January 26, 2004, student teacher; Dena Montalto, effective January 29, 2004, student teacher; Peter Osswald, effective January 8, 2004, student teacher; Stephanie Ramos, effective January 23, 2004, student teacher; Danielle Raux, effective January 22, 2004, student teacher; Jennifer Reed, effective January 29, 2004, student teacher; Dominick Regina, effective January 29, 2004, student teacher; Ryan Rentz, effective January 29, 2004, student teacher; Shawn Rush, effective January 23, 2004; Sara Sherbach, effective January 29, 2004, intern; Lisa Sprague, effective January 12, 2004; Jillean Tibbetts, effective February 5, 2004, student teacher; Stephanie Tirico, effective February 6, 2004, student teacher; Andrea Worthman, effective January 21, 2004, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADVISORS/CLUBS 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR – SECOND SEMESTER: Bayview: William Raffloer, Chess and Checkers Club; Ann McGrath, Computer Club; Suzanne Sciarrino, Homework Club; Katherine Passamenti and Lynda Hungerford, Reading Club Grade 2; Maureen Murphy, School Store.

Captree: Justin DeMaio, Drama Club; Justin DeMaio, Mary Robertson, Frank Sblendorio, Green Thumbs Club (combined for two full clubs); Frank Sblendorio, Math Club Grades 3 & 4.

Manetuck: Thomas McGunnigle, Art Club; Kevin McLoughlin, Chess Club; Josephine Armetta, Computer Club Gr. 3; Robin J. Traina, Homework Club; Christine Ameri, Scrabble Club.

Oquenock: David Haas, CORP (Community Service Activities); Elizabeth Eidenback, Dancersize Club; Michelle Maraia, Homework Club A and B; Kevin Osburn, Science Club.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2004 SPRING VARSITY, J.V. COACHES:

Baseball: Gerald Joyce, Varsity Coach; Steven Mileti, J.V. Coach; Anthony Yuli, Freshman Coach.

Softball: George Gagliardi, Varsity Coach; Colleen Reilly, J.V. Coach; John Sparacio, J.V. 9 Coach.

Boys' Track: Sal Alaimo, Varsity Coach; Jim Dooley, Asst. Varsity Coach.

Girls' Track: Chris Kaigh, Varsity Coach; Margaret Okurowski, Asst. Varsity Coach.

Boys' Lacrosse: Scott Craig, Varsity Coach; William Turri, Asst. Varsity Coach; Tim Horan, J.V. Coach; Eric Rao, Asst. J.V. Coach; James Maher, J.V. 9 Coach; Michael Hazelton, Asst. J.V. 9 Coach.

Girls' Lacrosse: Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach; Joseph Nicolosi, Asst. Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, J.V. Coach; Deborah Colvell, Asst. J.V. Coach.

Boys' Tennis: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; Norman Wingert, J.V. Coach.

Girls' Golf: Shawn Wallace, Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Ms. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2004 SPRING 7-8 COACHES:

Baseball: Jim Beuther, 7-8 Udall Coach; Len Butler, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Softball: Beth Costello, 7-8 Udall Coach; Brooke Birmingham, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Boys' Track: Nick Grieco, 7-8 Udall Coach; Vinny Luvera, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Girls' Track: James Farnworth, 7-8 Udall Coach; Frank Franzone, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Assistant B & G Track: James Gilmartin, Asst. G & B Udall; John Kennedy, Asst. G & B Beach.

Boys' Lacrosse: Edward Pieron, 7-8 Udall Coach; Tom Powers, Asst. Udall Coach; Chris Scharf, 7-8 Beach Coach; Greg Schmalenberger, Asst. Beach Coach.

Girls' Lacrosse: Michele Studley, 7-8 Udall Coach; Karyn Fazio, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Boys & Girls Swimming: Tom Loudon, 7-8 B & G Coach.

Boys' Tennis: Ed Aromando, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL – Second Semester (\$3,384.95 per semester, per class): Sally Stoll-DePompeo, Forensic Science (1 class).

**CURRICULUM UPDATE**: Mr. Stern reported on 2003 Advanced Placement results, and Regents exam adjustments in Physics.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of textbook: Health and Wellness, for new Health and Wellness course -“Personal Health and Wellness”.

The Finance Committee met on 2/10/04, as reported by Mr. Hodgson. Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve warrants for payment. Warrants are on file in the District Office.

The following committees did not meet this month: Policy, School Board/Student Liaison, and Public Relations. Mr. Smith reported on Buildings and Grounds meeting held on 2/10/04. Mrs. McAteer reported on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID#3917, 4576, 4924, 5632, 3646, 4116, 4949, 4950, 2204, 2462, 3216, 3645, 4616, 5436, 5677, 5021, 5112, 3347, 4068, 5572, 2487, 2627, 5137, 5310, 4243, 4454, 5678, 3154, 3038; CPSE ID#5256, 5534, 5650, 5655, 5660, 5669, 5670, 5671, 5673, 5675, 5679, 5680, 5686, 5687, 5690, 5691. Mrs. Bieselin reported on Health and Wellness Alliance meeting held on 1/23/04.

The Treasurer's Report for December was presented.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve library bond issue change orders, as recommended by Finance Committee: SJ Electric - \$12,246.34.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition charges for non-residents 2003-04 year: Full Day Kindergarten-6: \$5,425.00; Grades 7-12: \$7,624.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: P.J. Bellew PTA – Cultural Arts Programs \$5,840; Bayview PTA – Cultural Arts Programs \$1,575; Oquenock PTA – Cultural Arts Programs \$1,100; Brightside Automotive Repair – 1 MacTools Macsimizer tool chest to automotive technology class; Stalco Construction, Inc. \$5,000 to Robotics team; Manetuck PTA – Cultural Arts Programs \$1650.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service Contracts with West Islip UFSD: Bay Shore School District (St. Peter's by the Sea Day School and Mark Country Day School) 36 students @ \$471.29 = \$16,966.44; East Islip School District (St. Mary Roman Catholic School and The Hewlett School) 11 students @ \$514.73 = \$5,662.03; Commack School District (Solomon Schechter Day School) 1 student @ \$335.44 = \$335.44.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Micucci reported a building inspection of Manetuck was held prior to tonight's meeting. He congratulated Mrs. Anderson, staff and custodians on the building being in excellent shape. Mr. Micucci also attended presentation at Beach Street Middle School where P.O. Stephen McDonald was featured, dealing with forgiveness as opposed to violence. Mr. Micucci also proudly represented the board at Udall Road Middle School National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony of 84 students. The West Islip Fire Dept. will be having a revote on its Bond Issue on Feb. 24, 2004 from 1-9 PM.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/NOTICES/REMINDERS:** School will be open May 28, 2004, because of second snow day used; March 1 meeting at H.S. regarding West Islip Educational Foundation, an alternative funding for schools; WIDE 5K Fun Run on March 7; Special Olympics May 2.

No one wished to speak during An Invitation to the Public. Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith 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.

Meeting reconvened at 11:10 PM, on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE for Jonathan Brett, to Automotive Mechanic IV, from Automotive Mechanic III, salary \$47,243, effective January 7, 2004, and authorization to use District's shop truck, with restriction of work-related travel only.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to continue Energy Education Manager's salary at ½ rate, through June 2004.

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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 ratify Memo of Agreement with West Islip Nurses Chapter of WITA, effective September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2007.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize an Impartial Hearing, if necessary, for the student discussed in Executive Session.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:12 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Smith 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.**

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**February 26, 2004—District Office  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

**PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore**  
**ABSENT: Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman**  
**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 Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve “Terms and Conditions of Employment: Director of Personnel”.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Yamaha C2 Piano. Bid was awarded to Frank & Camille’s Keyboard Centers for \$15,600.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to appoint Dr. Tracy Onal as Chief School Physician, effective March 1, 2004.

Discussion items: capital projects, and budget workshop dates.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign agreement with Management Advisory Group of NY, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept donation of funds, with thanks, for purchase of scoreboard.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

Recorded by Joan Niles