

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2004—Paul J. Bellew Elementary School  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

**PRESENT:** Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Hodgson (8:40 PM), Mrs. Lipman,  
Mr. Pastore  
**ABSENT:** Mrs. McAteer  
**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
**Attorney:** Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM, followed by the Pledge. “An Invitation to the Public” was held, with one resident speaking. Subject of concern has been recorded in log.

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 November 9, 2004, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 23, 2004.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION:** Kaitlin Greene and Joseph Walsh: All-County and All State Chorus. Bennett Tristano – Alto Saxophone: All-County Band and Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Ensemble. Amanda Rosen – Clarinet: All-County Band and Nassau-Performing Arts Concert Band. Jennifer Corey and Pamela Jacovina: All-County Chorus. Chas Huggins – Trumpet: All-County Orchestra, Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Jazz Band and the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. Ashley Touseull – Clarinet and Oliva Bruno – French Horn: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony. Christine Caranante – Clarinet, Tesah Munoz – Flute and Michael Mineo – Trumpet: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band; Patrick Murphy – Bass Trombone: Nassau-Suffolk Performing Arts Jazz Band.

Mr. Koelbel made a presentation of the five-year facility plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage):** Carrie Ann Wagner, Elementary Teacher, effective November 29, 2004 to January 30, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage):** Dawn M. DiVisconti, English Teacher, effective December 13, 2004 to March 20, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table approval for **TEACHING: RESIGNATION:** Marylu Vurro, Foreign Language Teacher, effective December 6, 2004, until Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid):** Christine Carlson, Elementary Teacher, effective November 29, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid):** Meghan Regan, Special Education Teacher, effective December 23, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Irene Feola, PT Food Service Worker, effective December 23, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Mark Irish, Custodial Worker I, effective January 3, 2005.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table approval of CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Lisa Kerr, Purchasing Agent, effective January 2, 2005, until Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Veronica Tardugno, PT Food Service Worker, effective November 22, 2004, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: TERMINATION: Thomas Rudolf, Custodial Worker I, effective October 5, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$8.30 /hr): Steven Loretta, effective November 22, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE/TEACHER ASSISTANT (\$6.75/hr): Kristen Hahn, effective December 1, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Carla Ellis, effective January 3, 2005 *student teacher*; Kristen Hahn, effective December 1, 2004; Heather Melillo, effective January 31, 2005 *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: LATE WINTER COACHES: Girls Basketball: Tom Cross, 7-8 Udall Coach; Nicole Perperis, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: LATE WINTER COACHES: Wrestling: Tom Powers, 7-8 Udall Coach; James Wood, 7-8 Udall Assistant Coach; James Beuther, 7-8 Beach Coach; Tom Longobardi, 7-8 Beach Assistant Coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COMBINED MUSIC: Judith Hayes, Combined Elementary Orchestra; James Kraus, Combined Elementary Band; Salvatore Fiore, Combined Elementary Chorus.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 4410 EVALUATION CENTER: Psychologists: Christopher Kaigh, Christina Labbate, Brett Liquori, Debra Magee, Robert Matuozzi, Teresa Rehberg, Melissa Torres-Gallegos, Rebecca Silva. Speech/Language Teachers: Rochelle Blumling, Erin Doherty, Jeanne Dowling, Diane Horton-McGinley, Nancy Piccirilli, Cindy Ann Reiter, Beth Schmitz, Amy Schroeder. Educational Evaluator: Diane Hartill.

The Finance Committee met on 12/6, as reported on by Mr. Smith. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's internal auditor. Copies of warrants are on file in the District Office.

The Policy Committee did not meet. A Second Reading was held tonight for Policy 1511 Agenda Format (revision), Policy 5622 Capitalization of Assets (new), Policy 6551 Family & Medical Leave Act (revision), Policy 7224 Community Service (revision), Policy 7316 Civility (new), and Policy 7317 Bully Prevention (new). Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt these policies.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 12/6, as reported on by Mr. Hodgson. Mrs. Lipman reviewed Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID#: 4117, 5298, 2890, 4561, 2387, 2753, 5471, 4573, 5703, 5905, 3214, 3934, 4293, 4337, 5447, 2601, 2204, 2665, 3645, 5861, 5898, 3430, 5626, 5848, 5438, 5504, 5879, 5234, 5688, 5904, 5414, 2837, 3071, 3187, 5867, 5867, 5860, 4159, 5392, 5874, 3668, 3702, 4603.

Mrs. Biesel reported on Health and Wellness committee meeting of 11/23.

The Treasurer's Reports for September and October were presented.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Robotics donation, with thanks, from Citistreet (\$500.00).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Babylon School District (Babylon Christian School) 1 student @ \$479.08 = \$479.08; Deer Park School District (St. Cyril & Methodius) 6 students @ \$541.25 = \$3,247.50.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Micucci spoke of budgetary concerns regarding New York City school funding; how legislature wants to give more state aid to city schools; political action committee formed to deal with legislature to fight for continued equity in state aid. Also, on behalf of the Board and Administration, wishes everyone Happy Holidays.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2005-06 Student/Teacher Calendar.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION:** Mrs. Lipman reported on NSSBA dinner she attended with regard to Board of Regents and speaker Harry Philips, member of the Board of Regents, with regard to students being required to pass all 5 Regents; having a Regent appointed to represent Long Island. Mr. Micucci and the Board performed a building inspection prior to tonight's meeting; said the building looked great, and thanked Mr. Hunter and custodial staff of Paul J. Bellew School for efforts of all who work to keep building looking so well.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:54 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Marylu Vurro, Foreign Language Teacher, effective December 6, 2004.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Hodgson who was opposed, to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Lisa Kerr, Purchasing Agent, effective January 2, 2005.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to appoint Steve Harrison as Acting Purchasing Agent, effective January 3, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson 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.