

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET WORKSHOP

April 4, 2006—Beach Street Middle School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Others Present: Mrs. Vertovez

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 PM, followed by the Pledge. Discussions items included: Special Education; Kindergarten enrollments; adjustments to the budget; revenue budget, projected fund balance and B-Funds, one-time only expenses; contingency.

A Public Participation session was held, with 3 residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM on motion made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 6, 2006—Westbrook School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Micucci
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings/Budget Workshops on March 7, 14, 23, 30; the Special Meeting/Planning Session on March 23; and the Regular Meeting on March 9, 2006.

RECOGNITION: Boys Varsity Basketball – All County: *Justin Turri*. Boys Varsity Basketball – Coach of the Year: *Steve Lenowicz*. Varsity Wrestling – All County: *Kyle Keane, Peter Gonzalez and Devon Acosta*. Boys Varsity Winter Track – All County and All State: *John Badolato, Luke Schoen, Dennis Faherty, Chris Randazzo, Justin Ellison and Rod Alzmann*. Boys Varsity Winter Track – Coach of the Year: *Sal Alaimo*. Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving – All County/All State/All Long Island: *Andrew Culmo*.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Mary Ann Fenter, ESL Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2008, Step 2⁸, district-wide.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Marissa Aramini, Reading Teacher, effective April 18, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Michele Holt, Reading Teacher, effective March 8, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Catherine M. Olson, Elementary Teacher, effective March 17, 2006.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Carrie Wagner, Elementary Teacher, effective April 14, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Kristin M. Foster, Elementary Teacher, effective March 13, 2006 to June 10, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Christina Labbate, School Psychologist, effective March 27, 2006 to June 30, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jacqueline Wilcken, Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$8.83/HR): Tara Miller, effective April 6, 2006^{**}; Marie Robertson, effective April 19, 2006; Michelle Varley, effective April 3, 2006^{**}.

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 SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$6.75/HR): Tara Miller, effective April 6, 2006^{**}; Michelle Varley, effective April 3, 2006^{**}.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$6.75/HR): Lori Brites, effective March 21, 2006^{**}; Tara Miller, effective April 6, 2006^{**}; Michelle Varley, effective April 3, 2006^{**}.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem/\$105 as of 4/01/06): Kathleen Marien, effective March 21, 2006, *student teacher*^{**}; Thomas Pappas, effective March 28, 2006, *Guidance Intern/Sept.*^{**}; Jody Seitz, effective March 24, 2006, *student teacher*^{**}; Julie Zafiroopoulos, effective March 27, 2006, *student teacher*^{**}.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2005-06 SCHOOL YEAR: P.J. Bellew Elementary School: Moira Jones, Science Club. Westbrook Elementary School: Judith Schwartz / Angela Frammosa, Advanced Science Club.

^{**} *Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance*

The Finance Committee met on 4/4, as reported on by Mrs. Lipman. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor, for submission to the Board. The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 4/4, as reported on by Mrs. Bieselin. The Public Relations Committee did not meet. However, Mrs. Bieselin discussed Bay Shore school district's budget flyer newsletter and we will not be changing our format. School Board/Student Liaison Committee and the Policy Committee did not meet. Mrs. McAteer reported on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CPSE# 5917, 5812, 22620, 5908, 5932, 6108, 6106, 5871, 6231, 6207, 6201, 6216, 5963; CSE# 6150, 6179, 6143, 6157, 6116, 4115, 6068, 6011, 5651, 5511, 6173, 97958, 5183, 2876, 4866, 5435, 4472, 4384, 3785, 4488, 6211, 97766, 4674, 6066, 6071, 6189, 3666, 5145, 5605, 4204, 2943, 5755, 6224, 6213, 3186, 6063, 3840, 3029, 99519, 6221, 98592.

The Treasurer's Report for February was presented. Beginning balance was \$32,815,233.29 and ending balance \$27,156,322.63.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve personnel for annual budget vote/election for May 16, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve reassignment of "permanently out of service" vehicles to the Security Department – Buses # 42 and # 56.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare, as surplus equipment, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit, the following: Microwave Oven Serial #143076; 2058 textbooks and paperback novels at Udall Road Middle School.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contract with West Islip UFSD: South Huntington UFSD (St. Anthony's and Long Island School for the Gifted) 36 students @ \$584.29 = \$21,034.44.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: From Target to Manetuck School \$635.46; from Target to Westbrook School \$660.73; from Target to the High School \$1784.40; Suffolk Transportation Scholarship \$1,000.00.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith stated since we have a full board present tonight, he would like to adopt the Proposed Budget, rather than wait until April 20, which was the targeted date of adoption. He will be away on business that night, and this upcoming week is Spring Break. He said the Board is adopting a spending budget and not setting a tax rate. Mr. Smith said he feels it is an educationally sound budget and is very comfortable with it.

Mrs. Heine stated that voting on the proposed budget tonight was not properly handled at all. She is not happy with learning this the day before. She said there is still a week and a half to work on cutting items from budget. She said the public was told April 20th would be when the Board adopted the proposed budget. She feels the budget could get under 5 ½% with more work.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Heine who was opposed, to adopt 2006-07 Proposed Budget in the amount of \$92,735,206.

Mr. Smith said the proposed budget is a 6.33% increase and a 5.96% tax rate increase. The tax rate will be revisited before October. Key areas of the proposed budget: class sizes, reinstatement of program for high-potential learners, new telephone system, infrastructure issues throughout the district. Mr. Smith thanked the community for helping the Board arrive at this budget. He also thanked Dr. Blau, Ms. Duffy, his fellow board members and the District Office staff. Reminders: Upcoming Special Meeting on April 20th for the BOCES Budget Vote and May 9th Public Hearing, and the budget vote/trustee election on May 16.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Blau explained projected class sizes/counts for integrated classes; the high-potential program; bill floating around Albany which would mandate any business with 100+ employees would have to pay \$3/hr health care costs for each employee. Upon checking with Senator Owen Johnson, he assured her this bill would not apply to public schools. With regard to Food Services program, it is a self-sustaining program and has no impact on the budget. We do not anticipate we would have to spend money from the General Fund if we needed new appliances. Since Ms. Salus is out on a leave of absence, we cannot do an analysis of the program at this time.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: May 9th – Budget presentation at Beach Street Middle School at 7:30 p.m. Also, Voter Registration from 2 – 8 p.m. on May 9th at Beach Street Middle School. Annual Vote and Trustee Election is May 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. at the High School. April 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office - BOCES budget vote and BOCES board member election.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. Heine asked for greater public access to Board of Education members. She stated a community member wanted to meet with the Board to present a health insurance program for the district. She pointed out the Board met with PAWS Committee and that they need to be equal to all community members that offer assistance and ideas. She said she was not given the opportunity last year to meet with the Board about her concerns and ideas regarding the budget. Mr. Smith replied that the PAWS Committee is a fund-raising, tax-exempt organization that is attempting to raise money for the school district. It is not district-initiated. It is a private fund raiser, and not a school district project.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:06 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 11:07 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Pastore 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
April 20, 2006—District Office/Beach Street M.S. Library
Vice President Thomas Pastore, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Bieselin (8:30 PM), Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Micucci
ABSENT: Mr. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Ms. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM, followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Administrative Budget for 2006-07. Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to cast votes for the following BOCES board candidates for three-year terms: Pamela Bethel, Stephen Dewey, Chris Garvey, Joseph LoShiavo, Jeffrey Smith. The Board voted on roll call: Mr. Pastore, yes; Mrs. Heine, yes; Mrs. Lipman, yes; Mrs. McAteer, yes; Mr. Micucci, yes; Mr. Smith and Mrs. Bieselin absent for vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution to approve cost of 4 people to attend annual valedictorian luncheon (parents of valedictorian, High School Principal and Guidance Counselor).

The upcoming newsletter was distributed for board approval and review. Any changes need to be made by Monday.

The meeting adjourned to the Beach Street Library for discussion of contingency budget. An "Invitation to the Public" was held, with five residents speaking. Questions were answered.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:10 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 11:30 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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