

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 12, 2007—Westbrook School
Vice President Barbara McAteer, Presiding

PRESENT: Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine, Mr. Micucci,
Mr. W. Smith
ABSENT: Mr. G. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m., followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the meetings on March 8 (budget work session), March 15 (Regular Meeting), March 22 (budget work session), March 27 (Planning Session), and March 27 (budget work session).

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Varsity Wrestling: All County – Patrick Bell. Boys Varsity Winter Track: All County and All State – Rod Alzmann, Dennis Faherty and John Badolato. All County – Brendan Frodell. League II Coach of the Year – Sal Alaimo. Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving: All County, All Long Island and All State – Andrew Culmo. Boys Varsity Bowling: All County – 2nd Team – Michael Cantante. Girls Junior Varsity Soccer: Coach of the Year – Nick Grieco.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve personnel for 2007-08 school budget vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Kelly Olsen, Mathematics Teacher, effective April 27, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Dawn DiVisconti, English Teacher, effective March 13, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar 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 weeks continuous medical coverage): Tara Staffieri, Elementary Teacher, effective March 19, 2007 to May 18, 2007 (Manetuck, Grade 3, currently on child-bearing leave).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Anne Davis, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Jennifer Dellafranca, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Andrea DiVita, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): David Morgan, Social Worker, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Christine McCann, Special Education Teacher, effective September 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 (currently on CRL).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Lori Zimmerman, Music Teacher, effective July 1, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Debra Ninivaggi, Bus Matron, effective March 30, 2007 (Transportation Dept.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Michael Santerre, Custodial Worker I, effective March 16, 2007 (PJ Bellew School).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Christopher Rugen, effective March 1, 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Christopher Rugen, Custodial Worker I, effective March 19, 2007, Step 1 (Paul J. Bellew School; replacing M. Santerre who resigned; now probationary appointment).

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): Lisa Baynon, effective March 21, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): Charlotte Bongiorno, effective March 28, 2007; *John Genova, effective March 28, 2007, *student teacher*; Kristina Komsic, effective March 21, 2007; Jason Smith, effective March 26, 2007, *student teacher*; Bernadette Weldon, effective March 29, 2007, *student teacher*; Madhiya Yunas, effective March 15, 2007.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint clearance.

The Finance Committee met 4/12, as reported on by Mrs. Heine. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the district's internal auditor for submission to the Board. Buildings and Grounds, Policy, Public Relations, and Audit committees did not meet. Mrs. Biesel reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE ID# 5607, 6383, 6204, 6035, 5840, 6139, 4130, 6385, 6367, 5418, 4243, 6300; CPSE ID# 6375, 6393, 6101, 6170, 22615, 6337, 6190, 6379, 6394, 6253, 6362, 6334, 6365, 6208, 6037, 6377. Mr. Gellar reported on Legislative Action Committee which met on 3/27. Mrs. Biesel reported on 3/29 meeting for Health and Wellness Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for February was presented. General Fund beginning book balance \$32,850,416.89; ending book balance \$27,485,861.39.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar 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 Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service Contract with West Islip UFSD: South Huntington UFSD (L.I. School for the Gifted and St. Anthony's School) 36 students @ \$651.98 = \$23,128.81.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept donation of \$22,352.90 from PAWS Foundation, with thanks.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the proposed 2007-08 budget in the amount of \$97,852,142, with a projected tax rate of 3.44%.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Monday, April 16, 2007: nominating petitions for Board trustee seats due at District Office by 5 PM. Monday, April 30, 2007: Budget available for residents. Tuesday, May 8, 2007: Public Budget Hearing and Voter Registration – Beach Street Auditorium at 7:30 PM.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. Heine requested Dr. Blau to report back to the Board, when making budget presentations throughout the district, on attendance and questions that are asked at these presentations.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 PM, for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:42 PM, on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve residency request/student attendance zone, for Captree School student named in Executive Session, for 2007-08 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a fourth year of probationary status for Thomas Vitti and Linda Tong.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin 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 25, 2007—District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. McAteer, Mrs. Bieselin, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine,
Mr. Micucci, Mr. W. Smith
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM, followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Heine who was opposed, and Mr. W. Smith, who abstained, to approve resolution to approve the BOCES 2007-08 Administrative Budget.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. W. Smith who abstained, to cast vote for five (5) candidates for the BOCES Board: William Hsiang, Riverhead School District; Lisa Israel, Greenport School District; Fred Langstaff, Sayville School District; Sandra Townsend, Central Islip School District; John Wyche, Bridgehampton School District.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution for Valedictorian Luncheon, with regard to cost of luncheon for valedictorian and parents, High School principal and guidance counselor, and Superintendent of Schools.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution for Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry:

WHEREAS, New York State will be offering a new sequence in Mathematics that will include Integrated Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry, and WHEREAS, New York State does not yet have examinations for each of these courses, and WHEREAS, representatives of the New York State Education Department have informed school districts of their intention to recommend a post-equating model for test development, and WHEREAS, the consequence for students is that the results of student performance will not be available until late in the summer, long past the opportunity for students who fail to enroll in a summer preparatory course and sit for a second administration of the Regents in August, and WHEREAS, the students who fail in June will now have to enroll in fall semester courses that prepare them to take the January administration of the Algebra Regents examination, and WHEREAS, most, if not all of these students will be barred from enrolling in Geometry in September, and WHEREAS, most if not all of these students will consequently be denied access to opportunities for higher level math which otherwise might have been available had they the opportunity to take and pass an August administration of the Integrated Algebra Regents. BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Islip Union Free School District strongly urges that the Board of Regents adopt a pre-equating test development model which will permit students to get the results of their Regents examination with enough time

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to enroll in a summer preparatory course and sit for an August administration of the Algebra Regents thus opening to them opportunities for continuing their math education on time and opening opportunities for later enrollment in higher level math.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve SEQRA Negative Declaration, re: district wide boiler replacement.

Mr. Gellar reported that the Legislative Action Committee report will be presented at the next meeting.

CURRICULUM REPORT: Karen Appollo provided an update on the district's Early Literacy initiatives.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve, with thanks, donation of painting from Michelle D'Amour.

Options for purchasing computers from 2007-08 budget were discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:25 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:35 PM on motion made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve amending minutes for July 7, 2005, page 2, paragraph 6, Teacher Assistant: Abolishment of Positions—~~delete~~ Donna Cummings.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve amending minutes for May 11, 2006, page 3, paragraph 7, Teaching Assistant Recall: eliminate "recall" and change to Probationary Appointment, effective April 19, 2006 to April 18, 2009, for Donna Cummings.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Settlement of Agreement with "Employee A" named in Executive Session, with regard to 3020-a charges.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross, District Clerk