

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 14, 2010 – Kirdahy Elementary School at Captree
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BLOOM, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2009.

RECOGNITION: Girls Varsity Gymnastics – All County and All State: Courtney VonB.; All County: Kailey L., Melanie S., Kristen S. and Victoria S.. Girls Varsity Soccer – All County Academic: Alex C.; All County: Codi-Lynn J., Alexis P., Mikayla W. and Samantha W.; Suffolk County Championship Player of the Game: Codi-Lynn J.; League II Goalkeeper of the Year: Samantha W.; League II Coach of the Year: Nick Grieco. Boys Varsity Soccer – All County: Vinny C.. Girls Varsity Cross Country – All County 1st Team: Ali F.; All County 3rd Team: Marlaena LeM., Kelsey A., Julie L.. Boys Varsity Volleyball – All County: Paul E., Jack McK., Andrew C. and Bryan D.. Girls Varsity Volleyball – All County: Mary C.. Girls Varsity Tennis – All County: Samantha S., Kerri C. and Brianna F.. Girls Varsity Swimming – All County: Sarah C., Andie C., Bridget W. and Julia E.. Varsity Football – All County: Andrew H. and Tim L.. Varsity Field Hockey – All County: Devan C.. Wendy's High School Heisman Award – Cheerleading: Ashley D..

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 19, 2010: Melissa Muma, English.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 22, 2010: Robyn Southard, Psychologist.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 26, 2010: Paul Bodnar, Mathematics.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Tara Staffieri, Elementary Teacher; effective January 4, 2010 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Erica Menzer, English Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (High School/Udall; Step 14; replacing A. Barry {child-bearing/FMLA/child-rearing}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Kristen LaMagna, Regular Substitute Teacher Aide; effective November 13, 2009 through December 18, 2009 (change from per diem substitute teacher aide to a regular substitute teacher aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Danielle Randone, Regular Substitute Teacher Aide; effective November 13, 2009 through January 25, 2010 (change from per diem substitute teacher aide to a regular substitute teacher aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERK TYPIST (\$11.00/HR): Anndrea Duryea, effective December 28, 2009.

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: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Shane Craig, effective December 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Stephen DiPaolo, effective December 17, 2009; Alissa Ferrucci, effective December 23, 2009; *Anthony Hayes, effective December 23, 2009; *Erin Kollar, effective December 21, 2009; *Peter Mezzanotte, effective December 22, 2009; *Vincent Passarelli, effective December 22, 2009; Dennis Pope, effective December 22, 2009; Laura Pylyp, effective December 17, 2009; *Chelsea Reimer, effective December 21, 2009; *Valerie Sandora, effective December 22, 2009; *Andrew Skurnick, effective December 18, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): *Victoria Allen, effective December 23, 2009; Zeynep Attar, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; *Nicole Doran, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; Elaina Infantino, effective December 17, 2009; Pamela Jacovina, effective December 16, 2009; Daniel LaManna, effective December 22, 2009; Forrest Lipp, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; Bethany Maher, effective January 4, 2010, student teacher; Michael Mineo, effective December 22, 2009; *Tara Nintzel, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; *Tonimarie Paladino, effective December 18, 2009; *Vincent Passarelli, effective December 22, 2009; *Jason Pearson, effective December 22, 2009; Dennis Pope, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; *Valerie Sandora, effective December 22, 2009; Thomas Schaefer, effective December 22, 2009; Andrew Sheltz, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; *Alexandra Sordi, effective February 1, 2010, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (\$85 per diem): Colleen Curran, effective December 17, 2009; Jessica Durante, effective December 17, 2009; Lisa Gelsomino, effective December 17, 2009; Janette Hofmann, effective December 17, 2009; Meredith Kelly, effective December 14, 2009; Kathryn LoBiondo, effective December 17, 2009; Deanna Nicolosi, effective December 11, 2009; *Tonimarie Paladino, effective January 15, 2010; Vincent Passarelli, effective December 17, 2009; Cynthia Ruiz, effective December 17, 2009; Amanda Williams, effective December 17, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Joanne Macrelli, Business & Marketing Honor Society (Half-year shared with Dawn Morgan; approved at 10/8 meeting).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Kristen Drake, Artist League.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Kristen Florea, Computer Club (Replacing J. LaDuca; approved at 10/8 meeting).

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Dr. Parvey discussed professional development, geography bee update, and 5th grade Social Studies examination results. Mrs. Burns gave an update on the International Baccalaureate program.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 1/12/10. Mr. Bloom discussed issues that were raised by the audit report. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 1/5/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 1/7/10 and the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 1/14/10 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 1/7/10 and the Compass Committee meeting of 1/7/10. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 1/12/10.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, and Legislative Action Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of October 31, 2009 – \$22,829,410.24; ending balance as of November 30, 2009 – \$15,257,832.21.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Bieselin to approve Special Education contracts. Mr. Bloom questioned the contract dates and whether these vendors have performed any services for the district yet. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table the following Special Education contracts: Dr. Thomas Rosati, Top Grade, Thera Care, St. James Tutoring, Bilinguals Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: VanAcker Scholarships for \$1,400.00; Bayview PTA – Arts in Education for \$1,500.00; Bayview PTA – Arts in Education for \$950.00; Monetary Donations from Staff Members for \$274,600.00; Box Tops to P.J. Bellew for \$961.00; Beach Street Student Council for \$2,800.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Finance for Lease-Purchase of School Buses – awarded to Chase Equipment Finance, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following materials/equipment: 1990 International Bus, 1984 Chevy Box Van.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gellar gave an update on the superintendent search.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Biennial Review – Amended Compact Plan.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. LaRosa reminded the community of the fundraising efforts of PAWS. The annual dinner dance will be held on March 12, 2010 at the Venetian Yacht Club.

Mr. Bloom raised the issue of why board members do not have the ability to utilize the services of the district clerk to obtain information.

Five residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
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 26, 2010– District Office
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH, MR. ULRICH,
MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The Audit Committee met with representatives from external auditors R.S. Abrams to review the audit report for 2008/2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Mazur, Library Media Specialist; effective February 1, 2010 – January 31, 2013 (Kirdahy; Step 14; replacing C. Boris {retired}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Judith Bodenmiller, Senior Clerk Typist; effective February 20, 2010 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Sophie Sparacino, Cafeteria Aide; effective January 22, 2010 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$100 per diem): *Michael Baudille, effective January 27, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Steven DeGennaro, effective February 2, 2010, student teacher; *Thomas Mastrocinque, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; Christine Patti, effective January 20, 2010, student teacher; *Lauren Van Deinse, effective January 20, 2010, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Pamela Jacovina, Musical Director.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District acknowledges receipt of the Independent Auditors Report for the year ended June 30, 2009 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Impartial Hearing Settlement Agreement – Daniel W.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Tran # 2689, 2690, 2692, 2693, 2694.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education contract with Dr. Thomas Rosati. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education contract with Top Grade. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education contract with TheraCare. Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education contract with Bilinguals.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 3020-a Settlement Agreement with employee named in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

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