

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 9, 2010 – Manetuck Elementary School  
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

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

ABSENT: MR. ZOTTO

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Gellar read a statement regarding contracts. After a discussion among board members on the matter, Mr. Bloom requested that the Policy Committee examine Policy 1321 – Duties of the President of the Board of Education. Dr. Blau announced that school will be closed on February 10, 2010.

No one wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public.”

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2010 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 26, 2010.

**RECOGNITION:** Maria Tedeschi – Richard Gazzola Teacher Fellowship Award (PTA). American Sign Language students gave a presentation.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT:** Monica Krawczyk, Business (.6); effective 9/3/2009 – 9/2/2012 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; prorated at .6).

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:** Monica Krawczyk, ESL (.4); effective 2/1/2010 – 1/31/2013 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; prorated at .4).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve **TEACHING: RESCINDING OF PART-TIME APPOINTMENT.** Mr. Smith questioned why the appointment was being rescinded. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: RESCINDING OF PART-TIME APPOINTMENT:** Monica Krawczyk, Business (.6); effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; prorated at .6 {approved at 6/11/2009 meeting}).

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Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESCINDING OF REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Monica Krawczyk, ESL (.4); effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; prorated at .4 {approved at 6/11/2009 meeting}).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Joseph Sparaco, Science; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (High School; Step 2<sup>4</sup>; replacing E. Gruszecki {Administrative re-assignment}).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Moran, Cafeteria Aide; effective February 8, 2010 (Step 1; Manetuck; replacing S. Sparacino who resigned).

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: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Forest Lipp, Part-Time Science; effective February 2, 2010 (Step 1; High School; replacing K. LaMagna).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Tara Peterson, effective February 2, 2010; Krystina Pylyp, effective January 29, 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): \*Kathleen Cantore, effective January 26, 2010, student teacher; Tara Peterson, effective February 2, 2010; \*Veronique Tompkins, effective March 15, 2010, student teacher; Sophia Vargas, effective February 4, 2010, student teacher; \*Rachel Zimmern, effective March 22, 2010, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS (\$30.00/HR): \*Michael McDonald (Social Studies), \*Nancy Sybil (Math).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2010 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: BASEBALL: Shawn Rush, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach; Steve Mileti, J.V. Coach; Kevin Osburn, JV2 Coach. SOFTBALL: Michelle Jantzen, Varsity Coach; Beth Crimi, Assistant Varsity Coach; Colleen Reilly, J.V. Coach; Frank Franzone, JV2 Coach. BOYS TRACK: Jeremy Robertson, Varsity Coach; John Lavery, Assistant Varsity Coach. GIRLS TRACK: Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Chris Kaigh, Assistant Varsity Coach. BOYS LACROSSE:

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Scott Craig, Varsity Coach; William Turri, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jon Reese, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Peter Murray, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Eric Rao, J.V. Coach; Mike Hazelton, Assistant J.V. Coach; Joe McErlean, JV2 Coach; Mike Ferrugiari, Assistant JV2 Coach. GIRLS LACROSSE: Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach; Tom Powers, Assistant Varsity Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, J.V. Coach; Natalee Rubcewich, Assistant JV Coach. BOYS TENNIS: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; Norman Wingert, J.V. Coach. GIRLS GOLF: Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach. 2010 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BASEBALL: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach; Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach. SOFTBALL: Shanan Mauro, 7-8 Udall Coach; Anthony Russo, 7-8 Beach Coach. BOYS TRACK: Ed Aromando, 7-8 Udall Coach; Tara Lee, 7-8 Beach Coach. GIRLS TRACK: James Wood, 7-8 Udall Coach; Angela LaGallo, 7-8 Beach Coach. BOYS LACROSSE: Bill Sasso, 7-8 Udall Coach; Dan Sparby, Assistant Udall Coach; Chris Scharf, 7-8 Beach Coach; Greg Schmalenberger, Assistant Beach Coach. GIRLS LACROSSE: Debra Mock-Dorfman, 7-8 Udall Coach; Cathy Lang, Assistant Udall Coach; Arianna Stubbmann, 7-8 Beach Coach; Jessica Vaillancourt, Assistant Beach Coach. BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING: Noreen Matthews, 7-8 Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach; KristiLee Schubert, Assistant Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach; Kerri Whalen, Volunteer Coach. BOYS TENNIS: Nancy Silvestrini, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM AND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMS 2009-2010: Dana B., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour).

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns presented the January 2010 English Regents statistics. Dr. Parvey gave an update on Foundations and professional development.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 2/9/10. Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. LaRosa to table 2009-2010 Special Education contracts. Mr. Bloom questioned the contract with EAC. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to table the following 2009-2010 Special Education contracts: Suffolk Learning Center (EAC), Sachus Central School District, Lindenhurst Union Free School District, The Summit School, Grove School, and Harmony Heights.

Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Public Relations Committee meeting of 1/21/10 and the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 2/2/10. Mr. Smith reported on the Audit Committee meeting of 2/9/10. The Legislative Action Committee did not meet; however, Mrs. LaRosa reported on a legislative breakfast that she attended. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 2/8/10 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 2/9/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Bullying Awareness Committee meeting of 1/11/10.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Education Committee, Legislative Action Committee, Health and Wellness Committee, COMPASS, and West Islip Summit Coalition.

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The Treasurer's Report for December 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of November 30, 2009 – \$15,257,832.21; ending balance as of December 31, 2009 – \$7,823,654.52.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Tran # 2747, 2748.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Land Tek Group # 4 - \$13,905.00. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change order: Land Tek Group # 5 - \$19,095.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Box Tops for Education to Beach Street MS for \$800.00; PAWS – Brick Walkway for \$16,750.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Leasehold Space Agreement with BOCES (P.J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Dairy – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$3,158.61, Mivila Foods for \$930.43, Savory Foods for \$560.51, T.A. Morris & Sons for \$142.00; Meat – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$2,233.80, Flynn's Provisions for \$202.00, Mivila for \$848.00, TA Morris for \$490.60.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, 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 surplus equipment: science books, reading books.

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Substance Abuse Awareness Week: March 1 – 7, 2010; PAWS Dinner Dance: March 12, 2010; Budget Worksession: February 24, 2010 – 8:00 PM (Planning Session to Follow); West Islip high school student Melissa G. has made it to the final round for the National Merit Scholarship Award.

**NOTICES/REMINDERS:** Mrs. LaRosa announced that the next meeting of the West Islip Summit Coalition will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION:** Mr. Bloom spoke about the following topics: a student safety issue regarding illegal activity at a local business, selling or leasing school-owned property across from Westbrook Elementary School, and obtaining recyclable containers from the Town of Islip.

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Two 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 Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:44 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the settlement agreement with family discussed in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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 BUDGET WORKSESSION and PLANNING SESSION**

February 24, 2010 – Beach Street Middle School  
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

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

The following agenda items were discussed: Budget Highlights, Class Sizes – Elementary, Projected Fund Balance – 2009-2010.

One resident wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subject of concern has been recorded in the public participation log.

The Planning Session immediately followed in the District Office Board Room.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Elyse Patti-McDonald, Foreign Language; effective February 22, 2010 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Carrie Yuli, Elementary; effective February 22, 2010 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, 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-week continuous medical coverage): Kristine Hagens, Science; effective February 9, 2010 – May 18, 2010 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Sarah Murphy, effective February 9, 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): Veronique Tompkins, effective March 15, 2010, student teacher.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS: Susan Bazar (Word) \$25.00/hr, Lenny Butler (CPR, First Aid) \$25.00/hr, Kim Crighton (Belly Dancing, Pilates, Qigong, Yoga) \$30.00/hr, Vera Kavanaugh (Drawing, Watercolor) \$20.00/hr, Joseph Laracuenta (Tai Chi) \$25.00/hr, Lawrence Merrill (Excel) \$28.00/hr, Frank Olish (Basketball, Dodgeball, Volleyball) \$25.00/hr, Roberts Watts (Guitar, Piano) \$25.00/hr, Robert Woolsey (Aquacise) \$20.00/hr.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION SECRETARY (\$3,644/Semester): Judith Bodenmiller.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Ann Hecht, Costume Director (all productions) {Half-year shared with J. Macrelli and E. Zamarelli; approved at October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting}.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WISE regarding the February 11, 2010 snow day.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfer, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Tran # 2749.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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