

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 8, 2010 – Westbrook Elementary 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

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 Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 24, 2010, the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 2, 2010, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2010, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 16, 2010.

RECOGNITION: Varsity Wrestling: All County – Brian C.; Girls' Varsity Winter Track: All County and All State – Lindsay A. and Ali F.; Boys' Varsity Winter Track: All County – Nick M. and Anthony S.; Junior Varsity – Girls' Basketball: Coach of the Year – Jeremy R.; Varsity Cheerleading: All Long Island – Emily S.; Harvard Club Distinguished Teacher Award: Jim Kraus.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for 2010-2011 Budget Vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lori Suprenant, Reading Teacher; effective September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2013 (Change of tenure area – Elementary to Reading).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Lori Suprenant, Elementary Teacher; effective September 1, 2010 (District-wide {Literacy Coach}).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Amy DeJoseph, Special Education Teacher; effective April 6, 2010 (Kirdahy).

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Lori Smith, Elementary Teacher; effective April 7, 2010 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Dina Altschuler, Science Teacher; effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Joseph McErlean, Science Teacher; effective September 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 (High School; Step 3⁴; replacing D. Altschuler).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel and seconded by Mrs. LaRosa to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Leslie Breakstone. Mr. Ulrich disclosed that Ms. Breakstone is his mother-in-law. Motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Leslie Breakstone, Clerk Typist; effective June 30, 2010 (High School).

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: RETIREMENT: Patricia Castagna, Senior Stenographer; effective June 30, 2010 (District Office).

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: Roberta Grieco, Senior Clerk Typist, effective April 29, 2010 (District Office).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Patricia Young, Senior Clerk Typist; effective June 30, 2010 (District Office).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia DiMino, Teacher Aide; effective March 22, 2010 (Udall; Step 1; new position according to IEP).

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 TITLE: Patricia Denninger, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential; effective April 9, 2010 (District Office; approved by Civil Service changing from Senior Clerk Typist to Secretarial Assistant).

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: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Michael DeBatt, Custodial Worker I; effective February 16, 2010 to April 2, 2010 (Oquenock).

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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 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Harry Contos, effective March 24, 2010; Linda McGuinness, effective April 9, 2010.

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 (\$100 per diem): Michelle Turner, effective April 7, 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: Kristina Rocco, Director – Spring Play (Replacing D. Kaufman; approved at October 8, 2009 meeting).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2010 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACH: BOYS TENNIS: Greg Iorio, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach (Replacing N. Silvestrini; approved at February 9, 2010 meeting).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COORDINATOR OF ADULT EDUCATION: Daniel Hunter (\$3,721 per semester); effective July 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COORDINATOR OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Daniel Hunter (\$1,687 per semester); effective July 1, 2010.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 4/6/10 and the Policy Committee meeting of 3/16/10. A First Reading was held for the following policies: File 5422 – Procedures for Contracts, File 5530 – Petty Cash Funds and Cash in School Buildings, File 7130 – Attendance Areas, File 7218 – Class Ranking/Weighting of Grades. Copies of all policies were made available to the public. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the School Board/Student Liaison Committee meetings of 4/7/10 at Udall Road Middle School and 4/8/10 at Beach Street Middle School. Mr. Bloom reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 4/8/10. The Legislative Action Committee did not meet; however Mr. Gellar discussed a handout that was made available to the public regarding the governor's proposed cuts. Mrs. Biesel reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 4/8/10 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Dr. Blau reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 3/23/10 and the COMPASS meeting of 3/23/10. The West Islip Summit Coalition did not meet; however, Mrs. LaRosa announced that there will be a Town Forum held at the New La Grange on 5/12/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Bullying Awareness Committee meeting of 3/15/10. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 4/6/10.

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The following committees did not meet: Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, Education Committee, Legislative Action Committee, and West Islip Summit Coalition.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2010 was presented. Beginning balance as of January 31, 2010 – \$38,124,714.49; ending balance as of February 28, 2010 – \$31,685,373.82.

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 # 2758 – 2762.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: General Construction – GC-1 awarded to SMC Construction Corporation for \$1,223,333.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Site Work – S-1 awarded to Watral Brothers, Inc. for \$708,453.00; S-2 awarded to Watral Brothers, Inc. for \$1,103,298.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Mechanical – MC-1 awarded to Ultimate Power for \$206,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Plumbing – PC-1 awarded to Advanced Conservations Systems, Inc. for \$212,334.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Electrical – EC-1 awarded to ASR Electrical Contracting, Inc. for \$318,800.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Boiler Replacements – H-4 awarded to Walsh Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for \$1,331,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Special Education contracts: All Metro Health Care, Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism, DDI.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, 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: MITA DC1656 Photocopier.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve clarification to WISE Retirement Incentive.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: April 13th – Budget Worksession – Beach St. Library Media Center; April 19th – Petitions due at District Office by 5:00 PM; April 21st – Budget Adoption at 7:30 PM – District Office; May 4th – Budget Available for Residents; May 11th – Public Hearing on the Budget and Voter Registration – 7:30 PM Beach Auditorium.

Seven 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 Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, 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**

April 13, 2010 – Beach Street Middle School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

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

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM, MR. SMITH, MR. ZOTTO

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: Administrators, Secondary Class Sizes, Summer School Analysis, IB Program, and Revised Budget Update.

Seven residents wished to speak during the Public Input Session. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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PLANNING SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 21, 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 7:33 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution to approve the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2010-11.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution casting a vote for William Hsiang (Riverhead School District) for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution casting a vote for Lisa Israel (Greenport School District) for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution casting a vote for Fred Langstaff (Sayville School District) for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board. Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution casting a vote for Sandra Townsend (Central Islip School District) for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt a resolution casting a vote for John Wyche (Bridgehampton School District) for the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve one-year extension of probationary appointment for Vincent LaSorsa, Director of Mathematics, through June 30, 2011.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa and seconded by Mrs. Biesel to adopt the 2010-2011 West Islip School District budget in the amount of \$104,104,887. Mr. Bloom spoke about several issues regarding the budget adoption process. After a discussion among board members, the board members voted by roll call. The roll call vote was recorded as follows: Mr. Gellar – yes, Mrs. LaRosa – yes, Mr. Smith – yes, Mrs. Biesel – yes, Mr. Bloom – abstained, Mr. Ulrich – yes, Mr. Zotto – yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:34 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, 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 Memorandum of Agreement with WITA regarding Jane Murray.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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