

## PUBLIC PARTICPATION LOG

Regular Meeting – November 9, 2011

Ms. Andrea Gebler; Ms. Gebler discussed school building closures.

Ms. Kristy Carlson; Ms. Carlson discussed budgetary concerns and offered her thoughts on securing outside financial experts to help find ways to cut expenses. She stated that she felt the district should consider a Budgetary Advisory Committee and would volunteer her time and effort for that task.

Ms. Deborah Rainis; Ms. Rainis discussed the consolidation of our middle schools.

Ms. Terry Harris; Ms. Harris discussed her views on middle school closures and the disturbing effects that lie therein.

Ms. Diane Pecorale; Ms. Pecorale questioned the validity of the Study Group's report regarding space utilization and asked that all percentages be clarified.

Ms. Lynn Dean; Ms. Dean discussed school closures and the negative impact it would have on "school-connectedness".

Mr. Glenn Sloat; Mr. Sloat agreed that something needs to be done and school closures do provide a substantial amount of revenue to the district. He mentioned that even after closing schools, the district will still be facing tough times. He beseeched the board to be diligent in looking at long-term effects that any and all budgetary cuts will have on the students and residents of this community.

Ms. Kelly Xippolitos; Ms. Xippolitos discussed the closing of school buildings.

Ms. Amy Dowdell; Ms. Dowdell discussed the options the board will be reviewing before coming to any final decision.

Ms. Ruth Mineo; Ms. Mineo spoke about the closing of schools and stated that additional cuts should be made to the administrative staff.

Ms. Carmela Caminito; Ms. Caminito read excerpts from a recent newspaper article regarding teacher/administrative salaries. She said these employees should agree to pay freezes and pay cuts to help the district's financial state.

Ms. Maria Stepkowski; Ms. Stepkowski asked the board to remain cognizant of how school closings will affect the special education population who are already required to change buildings on a frequent basis.

Ms. Marcelle Crudele; Ms. Crudele questioned the board on the timing of the budget process. She wondered how we could be considering closing schools when the board has

yet to even begin preparing next year's budget. She also wanted to know how beneficial the closing of schools will be to reducing next year's budget.

Mr. Robert Maresca; Mr. Maresca reminded the board that the more transparent it is, the more trust the community will have in its actions. He said faith is a direct result of transparency and asked the board to consider placing more information on the website to accomplish this mission.

Ms. Kristina Delaney; Ms. Delaney spoke about school closures, the budget process and the recent renewal of the Superintendent's contract.

Mr. Aidan Pecorale; Mr. Pecorale spoke about being a student at Beach Street Middle School and asked the board not to consider closing his school. He said this is his first year at Beach Street and he is very comfortable being a student in that building and wouldn't want to have to move to a different school location.

Mr. Peter DeMicco; Mr. DeMicco asked that the board keep Beach Street Middle School open. Closing it would mean that there would only be one middle school in the district and doing that could add additional costs to the budget such as transportation, fuel, etc.

Ms. Doreen Hantzschel; Ms. Hantzschel discussed her concerns regarding the structure of the integrated program within the district. Ms. Hantzschel also asked the board to give additional consideration to the Foundations program which she feels the district sorely needs and is critical in the provision of reading instruction.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
November 9, 2011 – High School

**PRESENT:** Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

**ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

**ABSENT:** None

**ATTORNEY:** Mr. Thomas M. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

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

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 Regular Meeting and the September 27, 2011 Planning Session.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Melanie DeRosa, Mathematics; effective November 10, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): *Arianna Stubbmann, Reading; effective November 24, 2011 to June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Jeremy Johnson, Reading; effective September 1, 2011 to June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Julia Wey-Burgoyne, Preferred Substitute; effective October 28, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: *Stephen Bott, effective November 10, 2011.*

Motion was made by Robert Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE: *Jeremy Robertson; effective November 4, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Jennifer Ruggirello; effective November 7, 2011.*

The following students were recognized for their participation in the Sparkle Program: Olivia Ulrich, Alycia Renert, Alexis Peralta, Breanne Christ, Lainey Hufford, Ashley Tyrie, Hailee Reehil, Caroline Schneider; Lauren Moreno, Jessica Moreno, Priscella Moreno, Alessia Anavjar and Sarah Bollbach; Advisors – Dina Barone and Reanna Fulton.

The following coaches were recognized by Section XI for Outstanding Sportsmanship: Coach Tara Peterson – Beach Girls Track, Coach Chelsea Reimer – Beach Girls Lacrosse, Coach Dan Sparby – Udall Boys Lacrosse, Coach Brian Dieumegard – Udall Baseball, Coach Shanan Mauro – Udall Softball, Coach Greg Iorio – Beach/Udall Boys Tennis, Coach Mac Loudon – Varsity Girls Golf, Coach George Botsch – Varsity Boys Tennis Team.

**CURRICULUM UPDATE:** Mr. Burns spoke about Parent Portal (parent accounts are available) and Superintendent's Conference Day – which included Smartboard Presentation and workshops on the common core standards. Dr. Parvey also spoke about Superintendent's Conference Day and mentioned that ITA and Guided Reading workshops were held. Also, she informed the audience that as of November 14<sup>th</sup> there will be on-line access to "Go Math". Parent/Teacher Conferences on the elementary level will be held in the evening on November 30<sup>th</sup> and during the day on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE:** Mr. Smith reported on the meeting which was held on November 8, 2011. The following represents some of the matters discussed and reviewed during that meeting – Treasurer's Report, Extracurricular Report, Fund Balance History and Internal Audit.

**POLICY:** No meeting was held. Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a second reading of the following policies: Table of Organization – Policy 4212; Release Time of Students – Policy 7122.2; Use and Dissemination of Test Results and Other Educational Materials – Policy 7213; Bully Prevention – Policy 7317; Academic Integrity – Policy 7362; Animals in the Schools – Policy 8360; Athlete Concussion Management – Policy 7518.

**EDUCATION MEETING:** No Meeting was held.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Mr. Ulrich reported on the meeting that was held on November 8, 2011. The following represents some of the topics discussed and reviewed during that meeting – condition of white picket fence along Montauk Highway, turf complex, temporary lights, cameras, signage and Johnson Controls.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on November 9, 2011. The following represents some of the topics discussed and reviewed during that meeting – consultant contracts and the impact school closures will have on the special education population. Mr. Maginniss also mentioned that he and Mrs. LaRosa took a tour of school buildings and were impressed with what was taking place in the classrooms. Mr. Maginniss and Mrs. LaRosa thanked the teachers and administrative staff for such a warm welcome.

**BULLYING AWARENESS:** Mr. Marquardt spoke about the most recent meeting of this committee which was held on October 17, 2011. A student from the high school was present at that meeting and discussed the Natural Helpers program and spoke about tolerance and awareness. At next month's Board of Education meeting, selected students will be recognized for their efforts to combat bullying.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 8/31/11 – \$6,884,483.81; ending balance as of 9/30/11 – \$31,413,011.24

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfers for 2011-2012: # 2961-2966.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Regina Jacoby → West Islip = \$4,818.00; Target → Bayview Elementary School - \$ 768.11; Arts in Education (PTA) → Beach Street Middle School - \$1,200.00.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contract with Middle Country Schools for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$1,277.80.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Special Education Contract with Nassau-Suffolk Services for Autism – The Martin C. Barell School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Special Education Contract with AHRC for the 2011-2012 school year.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Gellar asked that the audience be mindful of their neighbors and when addressing the Board and the audience during the "Invitation to the Public" to do so in a respectful manner.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Simon discussed the proposed Student/Teacher Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Andrea Gebler, Kristy Carlson, Deborah Rainis, Terry Harris, Diane Pecorale, Lynn Dean, Glenn Sloat, Kelly Xippolitos, Amy Dowdell, Ruth Mineo, Carmela Caminito, Maria Stepkowski, Marcelle Crudele, Robert Maresca, Kristina Delaney, Aidan Pecorale, Peter DeMicco and Doreen Hantzschel. Matters on concern can be found in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting adjourned to Super-Executive Session at 11:00 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 11:15 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 on a motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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*\*Conditional pending fingerprint clearance.*

~ PLANNING SESSION ~  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
November 29, 2011 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

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Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): *Elena Iacobellis, Foreign Language; effective November 21, 2011 to February 17, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): *Tara Probert, Social Studies; effective November 21, 2011 to December 21, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE/INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR: *Christine Carlson; effective November 30, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISOR/CLUBS 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Vincent Luvera, School Store.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HIGH SCHOOL WINTER COACHES 2011 – 2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Michael Destefano – Boys Winter Track, Assistant Varsity Coach.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HIGH SCHOOL WINTER COACHES 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Tom Longobardi – Wrestling, Assistant Varsity Coach; Tom Powers – Wrestling, Junior Varsity Coach; and Kevin Lewis – Volleyball, 7-8 Beach Street Coach.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: Home Instruction: *Thomas Andrejkovics (Science), Colleen Curran (Math), Deanna Esposito (Math), Brian Ferrara (Math), Timothy Fox (Math), Angela LaMonica (Science), Amanda Nicolotti (Science) Michelle Porcelli (Science), Danielle Rossi (Math), Melissa School (Science) – effective November 30, 2011; Ryan O'Connor (Social Studies) – effective October 17, 2011; Tonimarie Paladino (Elementary, Special Education) – effective October 11, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Shawn DeVito and Evan Rafferty – effective November 30, 2011; Alesia Holewinski – effective November 18, 2011; Stephanie Pugliese – effective November 21, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Paraprofessionals.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a bid to purchase a box truck and a bid to purchase a step van.

Discussion ensued regarding the district's formation of a Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee.

Mr. Simon addressed the Board and responded to questions regarding school closures. Mr. Gellar polled the Board to see where each member stood on the topic. All board members present, in addition to the superintendent, voiced their preference for Option 2A – closing two elementary schools. The Board President stated that the specific buildings to be closed will be identified at the January 12, 2012 meeting.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:44 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:56 PM. on motion by George Smith seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present, with the exception of Bob Ulrich who abstained, voted in favor to approve a residency waiver for Brett W.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a list of enrichment teachers.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 11:57 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM on motion by George Smith seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

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