

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

September 11, 2003—Udall Road Middle School  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

**PRESENT:** Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer,  
Mr. Pastore

**ABSENT:**

**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern

**Attorney:** Mr. Volz, Ms. J. Guercio

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 PM. Following the Pledge, a moment of silence was held to commemorate September 11, 2001. Musicians Audra Vasti and Joey Walsh performed briefly for the community. No one wished to speak during An Invitation to the Public.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2003; and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2003.

The Suffolk County Police Department made a presentation: Crime Stoppers.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Nancy A. Piccirilli, Speech Teacher, effective August 29, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Bethanie N. Rizzo, Mathematics Teacher, effective August 29, 2003.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Linda A. Gifford, English Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: George Botsch, Physical Education Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to August 28, 2006, Step 1.4.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Karen Nordland, Elementary Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to August 28, 2005, Step 3.4.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Amy T. Schroeder, Speech Teacher, effective September 29, 2003 to September 28, 2006, Step 1.4.

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**Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Nicholas Grieco, Physical Education Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30,2004, Step 2.1.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Mary Beth Sacchi, English Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004, Step 1.1.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Marissa Romagnuolo, Reading Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004, Step 2.4, prorated at 3/5ths.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Beverly Norlander, PT Food Service Worker, effective August 29, 2003.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Joan Radmann, Bus Driver, effective August 25, 2003.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Priolo, P/T Food Service Worker, effective August 28, 2003, Step 1.**

**Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Irene Tinnirello, Special Ed Paraprofessional, effective August 29, 2003, Step 1.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Deanna Wittneben, Provisional Senior Account Clerk, effective September 15,2003, Step 1.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Joanne Sharrott, Reading Paraprofessional, effective August 29, 2003, Step 2.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUB FOOD SERVICE WORKER/SUB PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$6.50 hr./\$6.75 hr.): Claire Appel, effective September 3, 2003, sub food service worker; Joanne Bell, effective September 2, 2003, sub paraprofessional; Beverly Norlander, effective August 29, 2003, sub paraprofessional; Michele O'Gara, effective September 3, 2003, sub paraprofessional.**

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Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table CL-5 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE TERMINATION until Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Matthew Berloe, effective September 3, 2003, student teacher; Andre Galeno, effective September 3, 2003, intern; Eric Gross, effective September 3, 2003.

**CURRICULUM UPDATE:** Mr. Stern reported on summer school and gave an update for Math A.

The Finance Committee met on 9/8/03, as reported on by Mr. Pastore. Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve warrants for payment. Warrants are on file in the District Office.

Mr. Hodgson reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 9/8/03. Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: District Level: CSE ID# 4941.

There were no meetings for the following committees: Policy, School Board/Student Liaison, Public Relations, Health and Wellness Alliance.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a 3 ¼ % increase (\$475) in stipend for John Zuhoski, for District's in-house printing.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to increase cafeteria petty cash from \$100 to \$200.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Micucci asked board to review NYSSBA by-laws, so board can discuss and formulate position for Mrs. McAteer to vote at upcoming convention.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Blau reported a smooth school opening. The district has a new bus company, Suffolk Transportation. Enrollment was 5,947, and an additional Kindergarten was added at Oquenock School.

An Invitation to the Public was held, with five residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:36 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

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Meeting reconvened at 10:58 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby extends to home-bound instructed students, the opportunity to participate in the District's fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) or fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade Gifted and Talented program for the 2003-04 school year, only if: (1) the student meets the criteria for participation in the program; (2) the parent or designee provides transportation for the student to elementary school within his/her attendance zone prior to the time designated for boarding the District bus to the Gifted and Talented program site; and (3) provides transportation from the elementary school within his/her attendance zone to home upon return from the Gifted and Talented program site.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE TERMINATION**: Nancy Bahruth, Para-Professional, effective September 11, 2003.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to SuperExecutive Session at 11:03 PM.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 11:15 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer 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

September 25, 2003—District Office  
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding

**PRESENT:** Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer (until 10:45 PM), Mr. Pastore

**Administrators:** Dr. Blau, Ms. Niles, Ms. McCullough, Mr. Stern

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge. Items discussed: Masera School; calculators; public use of school facilities; 2003/04 Goals & Objectives for the Superintendent and the Board of Education; paraprofessionals; international student travel.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to set tax levy at \$47,215,046.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve library change orders.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve library warrant.

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

Meeting reconvened at 10:57 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following salary increases for non-represented employees, effective July 1, 2003:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>	<u>Total</u>
Maria Bacchi	4%	\$1,031	\$26,813
Barbara Duffy	4%	\$1,917	\$49,853
Jeanne Koeper	4%	\$2,348	\$61,048
Eleanor Krauss	4%	\$1,862	\$48,417
June Mellon	4%	\$2,320	\$60,320
Mary Hock	4%	\$1,414	\$36,752
Dottie Kuskowski	4.5%	\$1,358	\$31,529
Joe Ferrucci	4%	\$1,492	\$38,804
John Alexander	4%	\$1,782	\$46,340
Carolyn Cross	4%	\$1,011	\$26,286
Lisa Kerr	3.75%	\$1,992	\$55,121
Vinnie Pizzo *	5%	\$3,205	\$67,299
Marie Alleva	3%	\$450	\$15,450

\*Plus Retirement Benefit Package

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**Meeting adjourned at 11:08 PM on motion made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.**

**Recorded by Joan Niles  
Respectfully submitted by,**

**Carolyn J. Cross  
District Clerk**

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