

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**October 9, 2003—High School
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

Rededication of High School prior to meeting

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

ABSENT: Mr. Smith

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz, Mr. G. Guercio

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM, followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during An Invitation to the Public.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2003, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 25, 2003.

Dr. Blau presented the Board of Education with certificates of recognition, in honor of School Board Recognition Week.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Pastore who was opposed, to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Ellen Quaglio, Associate Principal, effective December 13, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jonathan Bingham, Science Teacher, effective September 29, 2003.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Timothy M. Mullins, Physical Education Teacher, effective October 10, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Christine Carlson, Elementary Teacher, effective November 7, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Beth Schmitz, Speech Teacher, effective November 7, 2003.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Theresa Marie Robertson, Elementary Teacher, effective September 29, 2003.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Dawn M. DiVisconti, English Teacher, effective October 1, 2003 to December 16, 2003.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Lucinda Ippolito, Elementary Teacher, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004, Step 2.4.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART TIME APPOINTMENT: Daniel Hayes, Music Teacher, effective October 10, 2003, Step 1.1, 3/10ths.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATIONS: Christine Schecht, Paraprofessional, effective September 26, 2003; Deborah Kaese, Paraprofessional, effective September 26, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jacqueline Crowe, Paraprofessional, effective October 7, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Sharon DaSilva, Assistant Cook, effective September 15, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Beverly Norlander, Paraprofessional, effective August 29, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Maissara Soliman, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective September 22, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Swanda, Paraprofessional, effective October 1, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Vignola, Paraprofessional, effective September 11, 2003, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: John Fernandez, Acting Head custodian, effective September 8, 2003, Step 8.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table, to Executive Session, CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE REPLACEMENTS – PARAPROFESSIONALS.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER/PARAPROFESSIONAL/CLERICAL (\$6.50 hr./\$6.75 hr./\$8.83 hr.):Lori Alexander, effective September 12, 2003, sub para; Regina Conti-Miller, effective September 12, 2003, sub para/clerical; Jacqueline Crowe, effective September 12, 2003 sub para/clerical; Silvie DeSano, effective October 2, 2003, sub food service worker; Liz Gorrasi, effective September 12, 2003, sub para; Susan Keegan, effective September 12, 2003, sub clerical; Dustine Pickering, effective September 12, 2003 sub para/clerical; Carolyn Pititto, effective September 12, 2003, sub para; Rosalie Vecchione, effective September 12, 2003, sub para; Rosemary White, effective September 12, 2003, sub para/clerical; Diane Wood, effective September 12, 2003, sub clerical.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: RESIGNATION: Timothy M. Mullins, Head Coach—Girls' Varsity Soccer, effective October 10, 2003.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COACHING POSITIONS 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR: Soccer: Deborah Colvell, Head Coach-Girls' Varsity Soccer; James Albert, Assistant Coach-Girls' Varsity Soccer.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$85 per diem): Jesse Buckles, effective September 30, 2003; Fred Caporale, effective September 30, 2003; Rebecca Cipriano, effective September 3, 2003 student teacher; Jacqueline Coleman, effective September 3, 2003 student teacher; Cindy Dale, effective September 30, 2003; Michael D'Angelo effective September 3, 2003 student teacher; Michelle Hermosura, effective September 30, 2003; Karyn Fazio, effective September 3, 2003; Jessica Macpherson, effective September 30, 2003; Heidi Mauler, effective September 30, 2003; Joanne McBride, effective September 30, 2003; Marjory Miller, effective September 3, 2003 student teacher; Kate O'Connell, effective September 30, 2003; Brenda Walker, effective September 3, 2003 intern.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table OTHER: ENERGY EDUCATOR.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: BUILDING WEBMASTERS: Joanne LaDuca, Bayview Elementary School; Carrie Schroeder, P.J. Bellew Elementary School; Dianna Grancagnolo, Captree Elementary School; Christine Wittneben, Manetuck Elementary School; Kelly Parson and Paul Pekurney, Oquenock School; Anne Bean, Westbrook Elementary School; John Simeone, Beach Street Middle School; Michael Magnatta, Udall Road Middle School; Joanne LaDuca, High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COMBINED MUSIC: James Kraiss, Combined Elementary Band; Salvatore Fiore, Combined Elementary Chorus; Judith Hayes, Combined Elementary Orchestra.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR:

High School: James Kraiss, Drama Coordinator; Richard Santeramo, Sets Director; Marylu Vurro, Costume Director (all productions); Jennifer Sardo, Director Childrens' Theater; Jennifer Sardo, Director Senior Play; Stephanie Pugliese, Director Musical Play; Laura Hill, Music Director Musical Production; Lynn McVeety, Coordinator One Act Plays; David Kaufman, Pit Director (musical); James Kraiss, Director Marching/Pep Band; David Kaufman, Assistant Director Marching/Pep Band; James Kraiss, Director Jazz Ensemble; David Kaufman, Jazz Lab; David Kaufman, All District Jazz Ensemble; James Kraiss, Director Flag Team; David Gershfeld, Literary Magazine; Elizabeth Walsh-Bulger, Newspaper; Ellen Fantauzzi and Vincent Caravana, Yearbook; Ellen Fantauzzi and Vincent Caravana, Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook; Meghan Regan and Kimberly Kaiser, Senior Class Advisor Class of 2004; Noreen Matthews and Lynn McVeety, Jr. Class Advisor Class of 2005; Vincent Caravana and Jennifer Burlandi, Sophomore Class Advisor Class of 2006; Anne-Marie DiVenti and Melissa Curley, Freshman Class Advisor Class of 2007; Norman Wingert, Student Senate; F. Lenny Butler, Student Senate; JoAnn Graceffo, Lion's Pride; Ellen Fantauzzi, National Honor Society; James Como, Mathletes; Melissa Kennedy, Mathletes; Michelle Studley, Mathletes; Frank Mauceri, Audio-Visual Club Director; Vincent Caravana, Academic Decathlon (Brainstormers); James Maher, Academic Decathlon (Jr. Brainstormers); Rosalba Torre, Media Coordinator; JoAnn Graceffo, Extra-Curricular Treasurer; Carol LaNoce and Maria McNamee, School Store; Linda Marino, Art Club; Kelly Sepe, Earth Club; Patricia Morgigno, Distributive Education Club of America; Fredy Balcarcel, Foreign Culture Club; Patricia Portnoy and Joan Rizzo, Future Business Leaders Club; JoAnn Posnanski and Erika Nolan, Library Club; David Kaufman, Music Club; Judith Hayes, Orchestra Club; Kimberly Kaiser, Peer Leadership; Melissa Curley, Peer Leadership; JoAnn Graceffo, S.A.D.D.

Beach Street Middle School: Jesse Fawess, Literary Magazine; Siobhan Kelly, Yearbook; Mitchel Luquer, Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook; Lorna Williams, Student Council (G.O.); Geraldine Frain, Student Council (G.O.); Claudia Ramey and Mitchel Luquer, Jr. National Honor Society; Lisa Braat, Mathletes Gr. 7; Carol Braun, Mathletes Gr. 8; Deborah Harris, Home & Careers Club; Patricia Fauvell, Homework Club (Club A); Laurene Wenz, Homework Club (Club B); Patricia Fauvell, Homework Club C; Laurene Wenz, Homework Club (Club D); Laurene Wenz, Leo Club Gr. 7; Geralyn Wilkens, Leo Club Gr. 8; Mitchel Luquer, Peer Tutoring Gr. 7; Claudia Ramey, Peer Tutoring Gr. 8

ADVISORS/CLUBS 2003-04 SCHOOL YEAR – continued

Udall Road Middle School: William Eidenback, Music Director-Musical Production; Jayne Traver, Drama Director; Kimberly Crouch, Drama Director; Arlene Brady, Sets Director (all productions); Margaret Garbarino, Costume Director; Jayne Traver and Kimberly Crouch, Literary Magazine; Janet Loehr, Yearbook; Michael Magnatta, Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook; Elyse Patti, Student council (G.O.); Kimberly Crouch, Student Council (G.O.); Edward McNamara and Nicole Cagno-Angerame, Jr. National Honor Society; Vincent LaSorsa, Mathletes Gr. 7; Dian Korade, Mathletes Gr. 8; Kimberly Crouch, Activities Club Gr. 6; Elyse Patti, Activities Club Gr. 7/8; Nicole Cagno-Angerame, Beautification/Horticulture Club; Michele Ostrowski, Homework Help Club Gr. 6; MaryAnn Constantine, Homework Help Club Gr. 6; Jacqueline Wilson, Homework Help Club Gr. 7/8, 1st Quarter; Pamela Kee, Homework Club Gr. 7/8, 2nd Quarter; Andrew Leonard, Science Fair.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CONCERT MANAGER: Udall Road Middle School (\$650): William Eidenback, effective 2003-04 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN (\$75/hr. School Functions; \$50/hr. Rentals): Udall Road Middle School: William Eidenback, effective 2003-04 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Curriculum Writing Project: Science Curriculum Alignment for Grades K-4.

The Finance Committee met on 10/7, as reported by Mr. Hodgson. Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve warrants for payment.

Mrs. Lipman reported on Policy Committee meeting on 9/16. A First Reading took place tonight for Policy 7310 School Conduct and Discipline, Policy 7313 Suspension, Policy 7513 Administration of Medication, Policy 7218 Class Ranking/Weighting of Grades, Policy 1260 Submission of Questions and Propositions at Annual Elections and Special District Meetings, Policy 7362 Academic Integrity, and Policy 6121 and 7551 Sexual Harassment. Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to waive policy that requires a second reading of a policy before adoption of said policy. Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt Policy 7310 School Conduct and Discipline, and Policy 7313 Suspension, after First Reading.

Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison Committee meeting of 10/8. The Public Relations Committee and Health and Wellness Alliance did not meet. Mr. Hodgson reported on Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 10/7. 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#: 5291, 3176, 3186, 3496, 3822, 4503, 4621, 4901, 4909, 5640, 2597, 2765, 3455; Building Level CSE#: 3674, 4788, 5629.

The Treasurer's Report was presented for July and August.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore 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 Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution "Accrued Liability and Employee Benefit Reserve: RESOLVED, that the School District establishes a Reserve Fund to be known as the "Accrued Liability and Employee Benefits Reserve" for the payment of amounts due to employees upon termination, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this reserve shall be provided from district funds as may be available for such purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Senior Citizen Exemption.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Disabled Citizen Exemption.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus equipment, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit: Frigidaire refrigerator in Science area of high school.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: \$1,880.12 from Target to the high school; funds to purchase scoreboard \$2,800 from WI Coaches Association; County of Suffolk \$1,000 to HS Robotics Team; PTA Donation \$2,200 for Cultural Arts Bayview; wide screen television from Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Richard for Bellew School valued at \$1500; \$1,000 from John Grillo to HS Robotics Team.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore to approve donation of \$3,855 from Captree PTA to purchase shades for the cafeteria. After discussion, motion was defeated when all board members present voted against it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Micucci reported that the Bell's Nursery property entrance will be on Udall Road and not on Spruce Avenue when new houses are built; Board will meet with directors of YES organization and the West Islip Symphony regarding fees; discussed proposed resolutions for the NYSSBA convention to give Mrs. McAteer direction on voting as board delegate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Blau reported on the Lion Heart Fund, established after 9/11. The fund has been expanded to help West Islip families who are in crisis. There will be a concert, "Let Freedom Ring" on November 10 at 7:30 PM in the High School boys' gym. Students from grades K-12 will be performing music and poetry. There will be a voluntary donation for this concert for this on-going fund.

An Invitation to the Public was held, with one resident speaking. Subject of concern has been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:20 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE REPLACEMENT – PARAPROFESSIONAL: Joanne Bell, Paraprofessional, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004, 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: LEAVE REPLACEMENT – PARAPROFESSIONAL: Stacey MacGregor, Paraprofessional, effective August 29, 2003 to June 30, 2004, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Section 913 Resolution: RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law, the employee named on the enclosed confidential list as “Employee A” is hereby directed to appear on a date to be determined, for a physical examination at the office of a physician so designated by the Superintendent of Schools, and it is FURTHER RESOLVED, that the physician so named by the Superintendent is hereby appointed to conduct this examination, pursuant to Section 913 of the Education Law in order to evaluate said employee’s ability to perform his/her duties.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve verification of complaint re: residency issue discussed in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 30, 2003—District Office
President Kevin Micucci, Presiding**

PRESENT: Mr. Micucci, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Biesel (7:45 PM), Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Pastore

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM, followed by the Pledge. A special presentation “For the Kids Foundation of East Islip” was given by Mr. Michael Capozzi.

Items discussed: Board of Education Goals and Objectives for 2003-04 school year, BOCES lease, auditorium usage charges, athletic trainer position, and possible resolution for passing grade on Regents examinations for local diploma.

Motion was made Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution regarding SEQRA (Beach and Bellew asbestos abatement).

Motion was made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution regarding revised increased Senior Citizen/Disabled Citizen tax benefits.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

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

Meeting adjourned to a Super Executive Session at 10:46 PM on motion made by Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting reconvened and adjourned at 11:15 PM on motion made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

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All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.

