

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 11, 2006—Beach Street Middle School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman,
Mrs. McAteer
ABSENT: Mr. Micucci
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, followed by the Pledge. 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 on April 6, 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meetings on April 4 and 20, 2006.

RECOGNITION: *National Teacher Appreciation Week. Harvard Club of Long Island – Distinguished Teachers:* Nancy Sybil, Peter McAllister and Athena Borne. *National Nurses' Week. PAWS Foundation:* Donation of gift to students and community of \$23,500 for grand piano.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Linda Schomacker, Elementary Teacher, effective September 2, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Gail Goodman-Atlas, Technology Teacher, effective July 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Elaine Medin, Foreign Language Teacher, effective July 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jessica Mitchell-Judd, Elementary Teacher, effective September 5, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Susan K. Babcock, Music Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2009, Step 1⁶.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kathleen E. Scrivani, Science Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2009, Step 2¹.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: John Petraco, Technology Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2009, Step 4⁴.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Jennifer Hirdt, Science Teacher, effective March 20, 2006.

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 (paid): JoAnne Orehosky, Physical Education Teacher, effective April 26, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESCIND RETIREMENT: Stephen Lenowicz, Social Studies Lead Teacher, effective May 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Christine Carlson, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Jennifer H. Dellafranca, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Jane Murray, English Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Janet Renganeschi, Elementary Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Stephanie Pugliese, English Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

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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): Nancy Yost, Mathematics Teacher, effective September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: Kerri Ierardi, Elementary Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: Kurt Tummel, Elementary Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED ELEMENTARY TEACHERS: Kristin Foster, Elementary Teacher, effective September 5, 2006 to September 4, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Morley, Teaching Assistant, effective April 18, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY POSITION: Christine Alongi, Teaching Assistant, effective April 18, 2006 to March 17, 2008, Step 3.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY POSITION: Donna Cummings, Teaching Assistant, effective April 19, 2006 to January 1, 2008, Step 1.

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 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Tara Miller, Teacher Aide, effective May 1, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Gerard Murphy, Custodial Worker I, effective April 24, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Dorothy Rabin, Senior Clerk Typist, effective April 5, 2006, Step 1.

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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 approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Carmela Safina, Account Clerk, effective May 1, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Spradley, Teacher Aide, effective May 2, 2006, Step 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$6.75/HR): Patricia Alessi, effective April 24, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$85 per diem): Christine Kerrigan, effective May 1, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$105 per diem): Gina Jack, effective May 8, 2006; Christine Kerrigan, effective May 1, 2006; Debra Mock-Dorfman, effective April 28, 2006.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern reported on New York State Report Card. Questions were answered. Booklets were available for the public.

The Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee met on 5/11, as reported on by Mr. Pastore. The committee accepted the warrants as presented by the District's Internal Auditor, for submission to the board. Mrs. Lipman and Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison Committee meetings of 5/10 & 5/11. The Policy Committee and the Public Relations Committee did not meet. Mrs. Heine reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE # 5585, 2486, 5544, 4903, 3347, 2158, 3104, 2943, 6233, 6027, 4313, 5605, 2663, 3825; Sub CSE #6204, 5594, 4911, 6219, 6203, 6240; CPSE #5743, 6110, 6229, 6171, 6170, 5962, 6105, 6227, 5769, 6120, 5953, 22615, 6124, 6103. Mrs. Bieselin reported on Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 5/2.

The Treasurer's Report for March was presented. Beginning balance was \$27,156,322.63 and ending balance \$33,372,080.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by Finance Committee (included in Supplemental File).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Central Station Monitoring of Security and Fire Alarm Systems: awarded to Advanced Systems Monitoring for annual contract price of \$13,300. Fire Alarm System Maintenance: awarded to Electronic Systems, Inc. for \$19,788. Maintenance and Service Master/Secondary Clock Systems: awarded to Electronic Systems, Inc. for \$3,900.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Half Hollow Hills CSD (Upper Room School) 4 students @ \$471.08 = \$1884.32; Smithtown CSD (Smithtown Christian) 7 students @ \$588.29 = \$4118.03; Sayville UFSD (Prince of Peace) 4 students @ \$560.91 = \$2243.64.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition billing for foster care students – Brentwood UFSD = \$581.60.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Sony DVR Tivo Machine to the High School from Duane Green, value of \$300, for pool use.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve donation, with thanks, from PAWS Foundation: Yamaha C6 Grand Piano, value of \$23,500. Mrs. Lipman stated piano is to have a lock and the proper cover.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign engagement letter with R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP for 2005-06 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign deed and any other such documents that are needed to complete the transaction for Boulevard property.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastore, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve excess vehicles: 1986 Ford Van , VIN # 1FDJE34H3GHB30840 (mechanical and body failure); and 1990 GMC Bus, VIN #2GDGG35J1L4514181 (mechanical failure).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith reported the state budget will include an income tax credit for firemen and ambulance workers for 2007, according to an email he received from NYSSBA. Mr. Smith said we have a fiscally sound educational budget and the process never ends. Some residents may attend only budget meetings and may need more clarification as to the budget process. These are hard times and controlling costs and revenue are issues, as well as declining state aid. Next year, we will seek out those who can help the budget process with

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regard to homestead issues and state aid. Thanks to community for their support. Reminder that Tuesday is the Annual Vote and Board Member Election from 10 am – 10 pm, and also Celebrate Education at the High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve dates for Reorganizational Meeting and Board Meetings for the 2006-07 School Year, as revised.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Jesse Greenwald Scholarship Recipient: William Strecker-Kellogg.

Friday, May 26, 2006 schools will be closed for a “snow day give back”.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Administrative Assistant Apprentice Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer – Joseph Quinn.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. Lipman reported she had attended NYSSBA convention with BOCES Board. One of the speakers, Jane Goodall, spoke of protecting the environment and has a program called “Roots & Shoots” and website: janegoodall.com for teachers and students to help protect the environment. Mrs. Lipman also wanted to let community members know that placing campaign literature in mailboxes is a federal offense. Some residents received pamphlets endorsing Mr. Lotito and Mr. Hueber as candidates for the Board of Education in their mailboxes, not delivered through the Post Office. Mrs. Heine suggested we have a link on our website to give residents the opportunity to ask questions. Connetquot Schools has this for rumors. We would like to call it something more positive, not using the word rumor. Mr. Smith said it could clear up any misunderstandings circulating within the district. Some people may feel intimidated to speak at a meeting, and this website feature would give them an opportunity to ask questions.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Pastore 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene at 11:40 PM.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Lipman and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve increase for substitute nurse pay to \$105 per diem.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution authorizing Board of Education President signing settlement agreement with Commercial Door System.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 PM on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin 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.

WEST ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET HEARING

May 9, 2006—Beach Street Middle School

A Public Hearing/Budget Hearing was held at Beach Street Middle School. Dr. Blau presented the budget to the community, and answered questions.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST ISLIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 16, 2006—West Islip High School

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM, when the polls were declared open by District Clerk/Chairperson Carolyn J. Cross.

At 10:00 PM, the polls were closed and results were as follows:

For the Seat of Susan Lipman:

Steve Gellar	2130
Gary Messina	1179
William Hueber	971

For the Seat of Thomas Pastore:

Tom Lotito	1585
Wayne Smith	2304

Proposition #1:	Yes	2667
	No	2377
	Blank	138
	Total Vote	5182

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 23, 2006—District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. Smith, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Lipman, Mrs. McAteer,
Mr. Micucci
ABSENT: Mrs. Biesel
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, followed by the Pledge. A presentation of Infinite Campus, a new student information system, was given.

Discussion items: Code of Conduct for the Board; voting procedures for May 2007.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:15 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM on motion made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Pastore and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Board President to sign contract with Smartweb.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WITA, re: salary payments.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to a Super Executive Session at 11:02 PM.

Meeting was reconvened and adjourned at 11:30 PM on motion made by Mrs. Lipman, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn J. Cross
District Clerk

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