

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2006—Paul J. Bellew Elementary School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. McAteer, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Heine,  
Mr. Micucci, Mr. W. Smith  
Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia  
Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge. No one wished to speak during "An Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 30, 2006.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band: Doug Bruno, Matt Carlin, Mike Quigley and Katie Sullivan. Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony: Ryan Hershkowitz, Kate Interrante and Paul Seib. All County Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony: Jonathan Eiseman. All County Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony and All State Symphony Orchestra: Olivia Bruno. All County Band, Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony and All State Symphonic Band: Andrew Leiman and Philip Mazzullo. All County Chorus: Jennifer Ginsburg, Erin Gorey, Lauren Governanti, Kathryn Linder, Thomas Martinez, Kevin Murphy, Nichols Smith, Robert Van Nostrand and Kelly Whalen. All County Chorus and All State Chorus: Christine Sheehan and Eric Walsh. All County Chorus, All State Chorus and All Eastern Chorus: Lisa Corey. Long Island String Festival: David Kastner.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Bernadette Burns, Middle School Principal, effective February 1, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Caroline Ryan, English Teacher, effective January 28, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Michelle Smedley, Mathematics Teacher, effective January 31, 2007.

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Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Erica Gross, Foreign Language Teacher, effective February 1, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPRENTICE: Vincent LaSorsa, effective January 29, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Vincent LaSorsa, Mathematics Teacher, effective January 29, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Jeanne Flad, Special Education Teacher, effective November 14, 2006 (Udall Road Middle School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Tara Staffieri, Elementary Teacher, effective January 2, 2007 (Manetuck).

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) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Andrea DiVita, Elementary Teacher, effective November 27, 2007 to March 2, 2007 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): David Morgan, Social Worker, effective January 29, 2007 to June 30, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: \*Diane Bider, Teacher Aide, effective November 27, 2006, Step 1, Manetuck (new position as per IEP).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Barbara Lawrence, Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective January 31, 2007.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to Family Medical Leave Act of 1993—12 Weeks Continuous Medical Coverage): Barbara Accomando, Teacher Aide, effective November 14, 2006 through February 9, 2007.

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$11.00/HR): Kristin Fiabane, effective November 13, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): John Batkiewicz, effective November 21, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): \*Richard Ogburn, effective November 13, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): \*Kathleen Keskin, effective November 6, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$105/per diem): \*Kelly Iwasiuk, effective November 13, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE/CAFETERIA AIDE (\$9.75/HR): \*Deanne Butler, effective November 13, 2006; Kristin Fiabane, effective November 13, 2006.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (\$85 per diem): Kristin Fiabane, effective November 13, 2006; Courtney Masone, effective November 14, 2006; \*Deanne Butler, effective November 13, 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): \*Jason Burmeister, effective December 6, 2006; \*Deanne Butler, effective November 13, 2006; Matthew Hennings, effective November 17, 2006; \*James Howell, effective December 6, 2006; \*Ryan Litwin, effective December 1, 2006; Heather Maher, effective December 6, 2006; Courtney Masone, effective November 14, 2006; Steven Meyn, effective November 21, 2006; Susan Stathopoulos, effective January 29, 2007, *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2006-07: Mentors (\$1,000 Stipend): Erin Doherty, Speech (Jessi Smith, Manetuck).

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2006-07 SCHOOL YEAR: Udall Road Middle School: Judi Gardner and Jaymee Gagliardi, Home and Careers Club; Combined Music - James Kraiss, Combined Elementary Band; Salvatore Fiore, Combined Elementary Chorus, Judith Hayes, Combined Elementary Orchestra.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern gave an update on Infinite Campus implementation. Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of Rigby Literacy (Guided Reading Program, Grades 1, 2 and 3).

The Finance Committee met on 12/12, as reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Policy Committee did not meet. Mrs. McAteer reported on School Board/Student Liaison Committee meeting of 12/12. Public Relations committee did not meet; however Mr. W. Smith reported there was an ad-hoc meeting to get information out to community and PTA's with regard to a level II sex offender residing in West Islip. Notices were sent out quickly, and Mr. W. Smith said the district will continue to be vigilant in these matters. Mr. Gellar reported on Buildings and Grounds committee meeting of 12/12. The Audit Committee met on 12/12, as reported on by Mr. G. Smith. Minutes from this meeting will be posted on our website. Mrs. McAteer reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated: CSE#: 6306, 5376, 23249, 4615, 5438, 2664, 4204, 4578, 3187, 3186, 4083, 5840, 4674, 22582, 6149, 3679, 3189, 5605, 4682, 6322, 5777, 5298, 6135, 5706, 3062, 3964, 5418, 3349, 3666, 3221, 5246, 4234, 4095, 3825, 4355, 5551, 6015, 6330, 6246, 5536, 5471, 4054; CPSE# 6286, 6319, 6226, 6328, 6327, 6324, 6288, 6317, 6329, 6256, 6128, 6261, 6323, 6318, 5828, 6316. Mrs. Bieselin reported on Health and Wellness Committee meetings of October 26 and November 30.

The Treasurer's Report for October was presented. Beginning book balance \$6,578,531.77; ending book balance \$17,202,804.52.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Micucci, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Maintenance Service for Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems. Bid was awarded to County Pneumatic Controls, Inc. for total-contract + approximate labor \$24,389.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Micucci and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for Maintenance and Repair of Security Alarm Systems. Bid was awarded to Protective Management Systems, Inc. for base contract cost \$6,800.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for In-Car Driver Education Instruction with Vehicles. Bid was awarded to All Suffolk Auto School in the amount of \$235. per student.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid for 48 month lease of personal computers, contingent upon attorney's review. Bid was awarded to Future Tech Enterprise, Inc. for annual payment of \$103,393; total \$413,572.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Target Funds – Manetuck \$616.95; P.J. Bellew PTA Arts in Education \$790.; Robotics Booster Club \$500.; Bayview PTA Arts in Education \$3,250.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contract with West Islip UFSD: Deer Park UFSD (St. Cyril and Methodius School) 5 students @ \$627.74 = \$3,138.70.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit, one GE Washer (Udall Road MS), serial #42480G.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Smith wished all a happy holiday season.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Micucci who was opposed, to approve contract with WITA effective July 1, 2006-June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution acknowledging receipt of the Independent Auditor's Report for 2005-06. A legal ad will be published, as required by General Municipal Law Section 35.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. McAteer and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Student/Teacher Calendar for 2007-08 school year.

Dr. Blau reviewed proposed dates for budget worksessions. Public Hearing and Voter Registration will be on May 8, 2007 and the Annual Budget Vote/Board Member Election will be on May 15, 2007.

NOTICES/REMINDERS; OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFO: Mrs. Heine reported on contacting the State about looking into installing a traffic light on Barberry and Montauk Highway. After their review, the state felt there wasn't a need for one. Anyone wishing to write letters in support of a traffic light, can get address on our website. Please contact: Frank Pearson, P.E., Case No. 069626TC, Regional Traffic Engineer, State of New York, Department of Transportation, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788; [www.dot.state.ny.us](http://www.dot.state.ny.us).

"An Invitation to the Public" was held, with 3 residents speaking. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WITA, re: employee named in Executive Session.

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

Purchase of Rigby Literacy materials for Grades 1-3 was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. on motion made by Mrs. McAteer, seconded by Mrs. Biesel 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.