

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 12, 2008—High School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: Mr. G. Smith, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Bloom, Mrs. Heine, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. W. Smith

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Stern, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 p.m., followed by the Pledge. Announcements: Ken Hartill, Principal of the High School, reviewed the past year. Mr. B. Jones spoke about the dance program, and dance students performed. Dr. Blau addressed the issue of requests to change the name of Captree School. She said no action would be taken until a petition is received, and then there would be a public hearing sometime in the fall, where all parties will be invited to discuss changing or not changing the name of the school. The Board has not had any discussions, nor will they, until there are enough signatures to warrant discussing this. It is the public's right to write letters and requests regarding changing school name; however, letters will not be answered until the fall and the public hearing.

One resident spoke during "An Invitation to the Public". Subject of concern has been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of May 13, 15, 20, 29, 2008, as amended to include: May 15: third paragraph – line 7, delete "as was his prerogative. Third paragraph – line 15, after the word circumstances, add: "did in fact exist". Last sentence of paragraph 3: "Dr. Blau agreed she would not negotiate next teacher's contract."

RECOGNITION: Valedictorian Class 2008: Kathryn S.. Salutatorian Class 2008: Kristin A.. National Merit Scholarship Winner: Kathryn S., AJ L.. Brookhaven National Laboratory Science Fair: Rebecca D., Adam F., Kayla LaR. and Eric H.. Mathematics League Contest: Kathryn W., Frank DeA., Eric H., Matthew T., Harry Stadtler T., Shane A., Dina B. and Gavin McG.. Boys Lacrosse: Nick G., Eddie P., Ian B., Andrew H., Ryan Z., John G., Mike McC.. Baseball: Stephen S., Nick T., Patrick C.. Softball: Amanda F., Kate K., Rebecca R.. Girls Lacrosse: Lauren S., Rebecca M., Chiara S., Olivia Z.. Boys Tennis: Collin V., Kevin D., Scott R.. Girls Golf: Dani M.. Coach of the Year: Steve Mileti – Varsity Baseball, Shawn Rush – Jr. Varsity Baseball, Joe Nicolosi – Girls Lacrosse.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Biesel and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Wendy Duffy, Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: RESIGNATION: Vincent Caravana, Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2008 (Beach St. MS).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: effective June 25, 2008: Arianna Brietfeller, Special Education; Krista Pitman, Elementary; effective July 2, 2008: Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Dance; effective September 2, 2008: Elizabeth Buralassi, Foreign Language; Kathleen Finn, Elementary; MaryEllen Keeley, Speech; Peter McAllister, Social Studies; Megan McCarthy, Elementary; Stacy Rennie, Elementary; Shawn Rush, Social Studies; Soley Vita, Elementary; Christine Zech, Mathematics; effective September 3, 2008: Linda Tong, Science; Thomas Vitti, Science; effective September 6, 2008: John Petraco, Technology; Paul Spinella, Elementary; effective October 1, 2008: Kristin Timpson, Elementary.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPRENTICE: Jeanne Dowling, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (District Office, Special Education).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPRENTICE: Timothy Horan, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (District Office, Athletics).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Jeanne Dowling, Speech Teacher, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Timothy Horan, Physical Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (H.S.).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Thomas Moran, Mathematics Teacher, effective June 30, 2008 (H.S.).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Tara Lee, Social Studies Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Beach, Step 14; replacing Lois Hazelton).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jessica Schwartz, Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2010 (Udall, Step 21, replacing M. Magnatta).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Celia Gottlieb, Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Westbrook, Step 2⁴; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lindsay Schmitz, Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Manetuck, Step 1¹; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jamie Wheeler, Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Captree, Step 2⁴; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Erin McCaig, Special Education Teacher, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Captree, Step 2¹; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Christopher Hachmann, Psychologist, effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2010 (St. John the Baptist; Step 2⁹; new position—Flow-Through funds).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Maria Tedeschi, Foreign Language Teacher, effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011 (H.S./M.S.; Step 5⁴; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Deborah Throo, Physical Education Teacher, effective May 14, 2008 (Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Marissa Aramini, Reading Teacher, effective June 2, 2008 (H.S./Captree).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Marissa Aramini, Reading Teacher, effective June 13, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Barbara Krollage, English Teacher, effective May 16, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, 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 FMLA—12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Michelle Loehr-Quigley, Elementary Teacher, effective May 22, 2008 – May 30, 2008 (Westbrook, Grade 3).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Maria McAllister, School Nurse, effective September 2, 2008 (Step 1; OLL; replacing C. Kerrigan who transferred to PJ Bellew; she's replacing M. Fertig, who retired).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Nicole Schiano, District Clerk (part-time .5), effective June 16, 2008, \$20,654., District Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Clayton Chin, Custodial Worker I, effective June 11, 2008 (PJ Bellew).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Daniel Newman, Leave Replacement Custodial Worker, effective June 1, 2008 (Manetuck/Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: John Alexander, Microcomputer Repair Technician, effective June 27, 2008 (D.O.).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Bloom and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Dennis Cronin, Custodial Worker I, effective April 28, 2008 (Beach St.; change from Acting Head Custodian to Custodial Worker I).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE DISTRICT CLERK (\$41.80/hr): Carolyn Cross, effective June 30, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: *Kathryn Hunter, effective May 30, 2008; Danielle McManus, effective May 15, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: RESIGNATION: Larry Kazemier, Director of Driver Education, effective July 3, 2008.

*Conditional pending fingerprint clearance

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve curriculum development projects – 2008-09:

English Language Arts Grade 3; English Language Arts Grade 4; Science – Planetarium – Grades K-5; Science Grades 5-8; World Languages – Italian 2 & 4 – Grades 9-10; Math – Integrated Geometry – Grades 9-10; Math – Scope and Sequence – Grade 7; Science – Research Biotechnology – Grade 10; Science – Strange Science – Grades 11-12; Science – Human Anatomy and Physiology – Grades 11-12; English Language Arts – Creative Writing – Grades 11-12; Family and Consumer Science – Interior Design – Grades 9-12; Business – College Business Law – Grades 11-12; Music – HS Music Technology – Grades 9-12; Technology – Digital Photograph – Grades 9-12.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of biology textbooks (Prentice Hall Biology 2008).

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of chemistry textbooks (Prentice Hall Chemistry 2008).

The Finance Committee met on 6/10, and was reported on by Mrs. Heine. The Policy Committee did not meet; however there was a Second Reading for File 8130: Religious Expression in the Public Schools. Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt this policy.

Mr. Gellar reported on Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting of 6/10. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Education committee meeting of 6/4. Mrs. LaRosa reported on Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education recommendations, re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. (listed in Supplemental File)

The Treasurer's Report for April was presented. Beginning balance \$35,311,694.96 and ending balance \$28,461,385.32

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

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution for Reserve Funds: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes funding for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 from Unappropriated Fund Balance as follows: To the Worker's Compensation Reserve an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; To the Unemployment Reserve an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; To the Reserve for Employee Retirement System an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000; To the Reserve for Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution for Breakfast Program Exemption: RESOLVED, that the West Islip UFSD shall request a Breakfast Program exemption for the 2008-09 school year for the schools listed below. This request is based on documentation indicating the lack of need for such a program in the West Islip School District for these schools: Bayview Elementary, Captree Elementary, Manetuck Elementary, Oquenock Elementary, Paul J. Bellew Elementary, Westbrook Elementary, Beach Street Middle School, Udall Road Middle School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Heine, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution to increase budget: WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$144,553.40 which have been donated for the purpose of purchasing supplies and programs for the benefit of the students of the West Islip schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation budget for the 2007-08 school year to be increased by \$144,553.40 to \$97,996,695.40.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Letter of Engagement with RS Abrams: WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the School Board has reviewed the Engagement Letter for R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP, to provide external audit services for the 2008/2009 school year for the fee of \$46,095.00. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the School Board President, George Smith, to sign said engagement letter on behalf of the School Board.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Heine who abstained, to approve the following donations, with thanks: West Islip Baseball Booster Club and West Islip Little League – batting cage (\$4,446.00); Allstate Insurance Company - H.S., \$1,000; Target – H.S., \$1,859.38; Rick and Barbara Heine – Beach Street M.S. Literary Magazine printing \$4500.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contracts with West Islip UFSD: Bay Shore UFSD (St. Peter's by the Sea, St. Patrick's and the Episcopal Day School) 18 students @ \$671.58 = \$12,088.44; Commack UFSD (Jewish Academy of Suffolk County) 1 student @ \$469.36; Lindenhurst UFSD (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) 2 students @ \$671.00 = \$1,342.00.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as Business Office sees fit, an oscillating drum sander at Beach Street M.S., school tag #3192.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids:
Refuse Removal – awarded to Winter's Brothers Recycling Corp. Printing – awarded to Port Litho Corp. Sheet Music and Instructional Material – awarded to National Discount Music. Portable Two-Way Radio, Intercom, Audio Repair and Soundfield System – awarded to Associated Audio Service. Gasoline – awarded to Fleetcor Technologies. Snow Removal and Ice Control – awarded to Stang Landscaping. Maintenance and Service Master/Secondary Clock Systems – awarded to

Electronic Systems, Inc. Organics Turf Management – awarded to Maxwell Turf & Supply. Maintenance Service for Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems – awarded to Cardinal Control Systems, Inc. Tree Pruning and Care Services – awarded to Stapleton Tree and Landscape Service. Maintenance and Service of Fire Alarm Systems, Maintenance of Repair of Security Alarm Systems and Central Station Monitoring of Security and Fire Alarm Systems – awarded to World wide Security Systems. In-car Driver Education Instruction with Vehicles – awarded to All Suffolk Auto School.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Smith said thank you and good-bye to Barbara Heine, saying even though they did not always agree, Mrs. Heine put her heart and soul into her job as trustee, and he wishes her well. President Smith also thanked Carolyn Cross, retiring District Clerk for her many years of dedicated service. Nancy Lenz is leaving to work full-time for BOCES, and best wishes to her. Mr. Bloom wished Mrs. Heine well and was disappointed she was not re-elected. She taught him the budget process and she will be missed in next several years. Mr. W. Smith also thanked Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Cross and Ms. Lenz. Mrs. Heine thanked everyone for their kind words.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Pre-prom party reminder – Robert Moses State Park – June 26. Dr. Blau read a prepared statement regarding bullying issue and student Patrick Kohlmann. She shared all that the district has done with regard to Patrick. His video will be shown in the fall to the faculty. The text of her entire statement can be found on the district website.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFO: Mrs. Heine responded to last month’s personal statement by Mrs. Biesel.

“An Invitation to the Public” was held, with 11 speakers. Subjects of concern have been recorded in log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 11:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to reconvene at 11:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the terms and conditions of employment for District Clerk.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Michelle Martin, Music Teacher, effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to appoint Jennifer Glaser as Cheerleading coach for 2008-09.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. Heine and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn at 11:47 p.m.

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.