

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 10, 2009 – Paul J. Bellew Elementary School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BLOOM, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. ULRICH

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

The Chamber Orchestra played holiday music.

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2009 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 24, 2009.

RECOGNITION: Employee: JoAnn Kickel, Paraprofessional/Udall Road Middle School. Student: All County Band: Alexandra C., Brianna D., Douglas B., John D., Matthew C., Melissa G. and Scott S.; All County Chorus: Andrea L., Ashley V., Avery S., Brianne S., Cortlandt M., Daniel O., Nicholas N., Nicole P. and Rebecca O.; All County Orchestra: Andrew W., Bevin F., Emily B., Jonathan K. and Stephen H.; All State Chorus: Avery S., Cortlandt M. and Rebecca O.; All State Symphonic Band: Alexandra C., Bevin F. and Melissa G.; All State Symphony Orchestra: Emily B. and Matthew C.; Gemini Youth Orchestra: Alexander C., Andrew W., Marianna A. and Olivia G.; Julliard Pre-College Orchestra: Bevin F., Caitlin C., Matthew C. and Michael S.; Long Island String Festival: Alexander C., Andrew W., Emily B., Olivia G. and Vincent M.; Metropolitan Youth Orchestra: Brianna D., Caitlin C., Emily B. and Miranda C.; Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Concert Band: Jacquelyn K., John D., Lauren J., Matthew P., Michael S., Steven S. and Joseph B.; Nassau/Suffolk Performing Arts Wind Symphony: Connor S., Douglas B. and Melissa G..

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 5, 2010: Amy DeJoseph, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Dance Teacher; effective December 16, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kristine Hagens, Science Teacher; effective November 30, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Ann Barry, English Teacher; effective December 14, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (High School/Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, 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-week continuous medical coverage): Robyn Southard, Psychologist; effective December 1, 2009 – March 5, 2010 (Kirdahy @ Captree).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Karen Tomlinson, Elementary Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Paul J. Bellew; replacing D. Chizik {child-bearing/FMLA/child-rearing}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jacqueline Fetter, Teacher Aide; effective November 13, 2009 (Kirdahy; new position according to IEP).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESSED: Daniel Sparby, Teacher Aide; effective December 1, 2009 (Manetuck; 1:1 student transferred out of district).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RECALL: Daniel Sparby, Teacher Aide; effective December 14, 2009 (Kirdahy; replacing D. Carrig who resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE. Mr. Bloom questioned why the titles of these employees are being changed. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Maria Bacchi, Personnel Assistant, Confidential; effective December 11, 2009 (District Office; approved by Civil Service changing from Personnel Transactions Clerk to Personnel Assistant).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Mary Hock, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential; effective December 11, 2009 (District Office; approved by Civil Service changing from Principal Stenographer to Secretarial Assistant).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): *Ashley Bruhnke, effective December 11, 2009; *Carolyn Hunter, effective December 15, 2009; *Melissa Lenowicz, effective December 15, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Aimee Boorum, effective January 21, 2010, student teacher; *Ashley Bruhnke, effective December 11, 2009, student teacher; Kelly Carroll, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; *Erika Cieslak, effective December 11, 2009, student teacher; *Vincent Cosentino, effective January 21, 2010, student teacher; Josephine Delledera, effective March 22, 2010, student teacher; *Brittney Harris, effective January 21, 2010, student teacher; *Kaila Jensen, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; *Kaitlin Liguori, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; *Lauren LoFaro, effective January 4, 2010, student teacher; Melissa Marciano, effective December 1, 2009; *Sarah Michell, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; Steve Muller, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; Christine Murphy, effective January 21, 2010, student teacher; Paul Nieves, effective January 4, 2010, student teacher; Jennifer O'Leary, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher; Keren O'Shaughnessy, effective January 19, 2010, student teacher; Danielle Randone, effective January 29, 2010, student teacher; *Ellen Schuessier, effective January 25, 2010, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Biesel to table OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS (\$30.00/HR) and OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS RETIRED WEST ISLIP TEACHERS (\$58.07/HR). Mr. Bloom questioned the difference in the hourly rate of pay for the two groups of homebound instructors. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS (\$30.00/HR): Kolleen Arthur (Social Studies), Mary Louise Cairo (Elementary), Melissa Camberdella (Social Studies), Jennifer Corrado (Science), Kelly Edelman (English), Jennifer Galatro (Science), Nancy Kenney (Math), Melissa Kolb (Science), Matthew Kramer (Social Studies), Karone Luquer (Social Studies), Melissa Martin (Social Studies), Amelia Muraglio (Elementary, English), Barbara Pezzanite (Foreign Language), Laurent Plompen (Math), Jennifer Segal (Social Studies), Jessica Vaillancourt (Math).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Bloom who opposed, to table OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS RETIRED WEST ISLIP TEACHERS (\$58.07/HR).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTORS RETIRED WEST ISLIP TEACHERS (\$58.07/HR): Angela LaGiglia (English, Reading), Jeanette Ricci Incantalupo (Science), Nancy Sybil (Math). Approval is subject to the following condition: until the end of the teacher's current assignment but no later than the end of the current school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Jennifer Gaylor, Music Director Musical Production (replacing Sal Fiore; approved at 10/8 meeting).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR: ELEMENTARY DISTRICT-WIDE (Grades 4 and 5): Vivian Hollinger, Disney Planet Challenge 1; Theresa Robertson, Disney Planet Challenge 2.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2009-2010 MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE WINTER COACHES: GIRLS BASKETBALL: Tim Bauernfeind, 7-8 Beach Coach; Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach. WRESTLING: James Beuther, 7-8 Beach Coach; Mike LaCove, 7-8 Beach Assistant Coach; Tom Goodrich, 7-8 Udall Coach; John Parrinello, 7-8 Udall Assistant Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): *Carolyn Hunter, effective December 15, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN 2009 – 2010 SCHOOL YEAR (School functions - \$75 per event; Rental functions - \$50 per hour): Jesse Fawess, Beach Street Middle School.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following completed curriculum development projects: Grade 6 Mathematics, Algebra 2/Trigonometry Honors, Algebra 2/Trigonometry.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following completed curriculum development project: Grade 4 Curriculum Map.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 11/24/09. Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 12/8/09 and the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 12/8/09.

The Policy Committee did not meet; however, a Second Reading was held for the following policies: File 3272 – Advertising in the Schools; File 7411 – Student Publications; File 7313 – Suspension; File 6551 – Family Medical Leave Act; File 5671 – Computer Resources and Data Management (Annual Policy); File 5751 – Idling of School Buses, Coach Buses and Commercial Vehicles on West Islip School Grounds (New); File 7571 – Student Privacy (New); File 7517 – Anaphylaxis (New). Copies of all policies were made available to the public. Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt the policies.

Mr. Bloom reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 12/10/09. The Legislative Action Committee did not meet; however, Mr. Gellar reminded the community that letters to local politicians are available on the district website in response to proposed mid-year cuts. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 12/8/09 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 11/17/09.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, Legislative Action Committee, and Compass Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for October 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of September 30, 2009 – \$38,289,592.05; ending balance as of October 31, 2009 – \$22,829,410.24.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following change order: Laser Industries - #1 (Bayview, Kirdahy and Manetuck). Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following change order: The Land Tek Group, Inc. - #3 (West Islip High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service charges: Babylon UFSD (Babylon Christian School) 3 students @ \$780.61 = \$2,341.83.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Used Inkjet Printer/Plotter (Adam Sempkin) to HS Technology Dept. for \$1,000; PTA – Arts in Education to Manetuck for \$825; West Islip Soccer Club – Sprinklers to Maseru for \$5,250.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Gellar gave an update on the superintendent search.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve corrected 2010-2011 Student/Teacher Calendar.

Two residents wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public.” Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 10:08 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve salary adjustment for Dr. Magda Parvey to \$150,000 per year, effective January 1, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

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