

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 13, 2008 – Bayview Elementary School  
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA,  
MR. G. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM, MR. W. SMITH

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2008 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 30, 2008.

RECOGNITION: Spectrum – Gold Medal Winner: Dave Gershfeld, Advisor.

PRESENTATION: Go-Green Club (Recycling).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION: Theresa Grimaldi, Director of Data Management and Student Support Services; effective December 5, 2008 (District-wide).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Reanna Fulton, Special Education Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 – September 1, 2011 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; replacing M. Cuesta).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Melanie DeRosa, Mathematics (Academic Learning Center); effective November 10, 2008 to November 9, 2011 (High School; Step 1<sup>2</sup>; replacing L. Walsh-Bulger).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Robin Caputo, Elementary Teacher; effective November 25, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (Manetuck).

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Beth Fiorini, Social Studies Teacher; effective November 10, 2008 – February 13, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Kristin Foster, Elementary Teacher; effective October 27, 2008 – January 30, 2009 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Kerri Ierardi, Elementary Teacher; effective October 13, 2008 – November 28, 2008 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Andrea Mastrogiovanni-Miller, Elementary Teacher; effective October 20, 2008 – January 23, 2009 (Beach).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Amy Novak, Special Education Teacher; effective October 20, 2008 – December 19, 2008 (Beach).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Krista Pitman, Elementary Teacher; effective November 5, 2008 (Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENTS, effective November 27, 2008: Marikate Cavanagh, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENTS, effective November 27, 2008: Rita Manetta, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 2, 2009: Paul Vecchione, Special Education.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Carla LaBombard; effective November 14, 2008 to November 13, 2011 (Bayview; Step 1; replacing Denise DiLevo who resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Marie Valenti, Part-Time Assistant Cook; effective October 16, 2008 (High School).

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: Abolishment of Position: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of School, effective October 17, 2008, the position of Part-Time Assistant Cook in the West Islip Public School District be abolished.

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: RESIGNATIONS: Marie Alleva, Internal Auditor; effective November 13, 2008 (District Office).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATIONS: Carla LaBombard, Cafeteria Aide; effective November 13, 2008 (Paul J. Bellew).

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: CHANGE IN STATUS: Christopher DeLuise, Peace Officer; effective November 17, 2008 (change from a full time peace officer to a substitute peace officer).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: \*Edward Macaluso, Peace Officer; effective November 17, 2008 (Step 1; District Wide; replacing C. DeLuise who was full time and will now be a substitute peace officer).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Kim Santangelo, Cafeteria Aide; effective November 3, 2008 (Step 1; Beach Street; replacing F. Matos who is now a Special Ed Aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Cathy Weingarten, Bus Matron; effective October 27, 2008 (Step 7; Transportation Department; new position as per IEP).

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Colleen Whitney, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective October 14, 2008 (Step 1; High School; new position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): \*Joseph Finn, effective October 22, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR (Mentors - \$1,000 stipend): Lynda Hungerford (Christine Kirkpatrick, Bayview).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Eileen Baxter, effective October 16, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS (\$85 per diem): Diane Greene, effective November 14, 2008; Margo Kilkelly, effective November 14, 2008; Joan Klatsky-Harding, effective November 14, 2008; Betty Roberts, effective November 14, 2008; Maribeth Siskind, effective November 14, 2008; Mildred VanBergen, effective November 14, 2008; Nadia Viola, effective November 14, 2008.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept completed curriculum development projects as follows: World Languages: Italian 2 and 3 Upgrades – Grades 9-10; Math: Integrated Geometry Scope and Sequence – Grades 9-10, Grade 7 Scope and Sequence; Science: Research – Biotechnology – Grade 10, Strange Science – Grades 11-12; Business Education: College Business Law – Grades 11-12; Music Education: High School Music Technology – Grades 9-12; ELA: Creative Writing, Elementary Curriculum Map Grade 3.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve new secondary course proposals for 2009-10 as follows: ELA: Journalism II; Mathematics: Integrated Algebra 2/Trigonometry.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve curriculum development proposals for 2009-10 as follows: Mathematics: Integrated Algebra 2/Trigonometry, Elementary School Curriculum Map – Grade 6; International Baccalaureate; Special Education: Special Ed/Home & Careers/Tech. – Grades 6/7/8 Life Skills; Science: Completion of Curriculum Alignment for Grades 5-8; ELA: Completion of Elementary School Curriculum Map – Grade 4, Elementary School Curriculum Map – Grade 5.

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REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Ulrich reported on the Finance Committee and Building and Grounds Committee joint meeting of 11/13/08.

Mr. G. Smith reported on the Policy Committee meetings of 10/20/08 and 11/4/08. Copies of all policies were made available to the public. A First Reading was held for the following policies: Board Member Code of Conduct – File 1338; Table of Organization – File 4212; Class Ranking/Weighting of Grades – File 7218; School Year – File 8411; Procedures for Contracts – File 5422.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Board Self-Evaluation Policy – File 2340.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve District Investments Policy – File 5220.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Purchasing Procedures Policy – File 5412.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Procurement of Goods and Services Policy – File 5421.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Insurance Policy – File 5610.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Use of School-Owned Materials & Equipment Policy – File 5623.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Computer Resources and Data Management Policy – File 5671.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Districtwide Safety Committee Policy – File 5683.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Alcohol, Drugs & Other Substances (personnel) Policy – File 6150.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Alcohol, Drugs & Other Substances (students) – File 7320.

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Mrs. Bieselin reported on the School Board/Student Liaison Committee meetings of 11/12/08 and 11/13/08, the Public Relations Committee meeting of 10/20/08, and the Health and Wellness Alliance meeting of 10/21/08. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the COMPASS meeting of 10/30/08. Mr. Gellar and Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 11/4/08.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Mr. Gellar reported on the Town of Islip zoning board meeting on 10/23/08, which he and Mrs. LaRosa attended. Governor Paterson's proposed budget cuts to education were also discussed.

Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 11/13/08 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated.

The Treasurer's Report for September 2008 was presented. Beginning balance as of August 31, 2008 – \$8,657,897.77; ending balance as of September 30, 2008 – \$8,033,024.26.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers for 2007-2008, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers for 2008-2009, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Approval of Recyclable Collection Agreement was tabled.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Services Contract with the Commack School District.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Services Contract for Educational Consultant Services with Thomas Rosati, subject to attorney review.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2008-09 SEDCAR Contract Agreements as follows: ACLD; AHRC – Assoc. of the Help of Retarded Children; All About Kids; Building Blocks Pre-School; Cleary School for the Deaf; Connetquot Central School District; DDI; East Islip School District; Hillcrest Educational Centers; Just Kids; Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Inc.; Kids in Action; Kidz Therapy Services; Leeway School; New Interdisciplinary School; Metro Therapy, Inc.; New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc.; Pathfinder Village; Suffolk County Department of Health Services; Variety Child Learning Center.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health services: Deer Park UFSD (St. Methodius School) 3 students @ \$677.36 = \$2,032.08.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation, with thanks: Bayview PTA – Arts in Education for \$1,275.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following equipment: Genie Personal Lift – Model # PLC-30; 261 Excel Rotary Mower – Model # 923037; Teacher Desks (Udall Road Middle School).

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: ACCEPT ARCHITECT PLANS FOR SUBMISSION TO STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: WHEREAS, the School Board members of the West Islip Union Free School District have reviewed the Architect plans as designed by Burton, Behrendt and Smith, for the locker room renovations at the High School, Udall Middle School and Beach Street Middle School, and renovations at the Masera School. And have approved same. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes Burton, Behrendt and Smith to submit the plans to the New York State Education Department for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: ACCEPT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: WHEREAS, the School Board members of the West Islip Union Free School District have reviewed Request for Proposals from construction manager firms and have selected School Construction Consultants as the firm that will meet the needs of the school district. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Board President to sign a contract with School Construction Consultants for construction manager services for the \$22,700,000 Bond Issue capital projects. The contract fee is \$688,956.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Student/Teacher Calendar – 2009/2010.

No one wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public.”

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, 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.