

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 25, 2008 – District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), MR. BLOOM (arrived at 7:40 p.m.),
MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. G. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: MR. W. SMITH

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Dr. Blau announced that Governor Paterson has withdrawn his proposal for mid-year state aid cuts.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid):** Josephine Hassett, Physical Education Teacher; effective December 1, 2008 to December 19, 2008 (High School).

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: RESIGNATION:** Patricia Miller, Teacher Aide; effective December 19, 2008 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve **CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS:** Rosaria Carusillo, Cafeteria Aide; effective November 20, 2008 (Paul J. Bellew; change from a 1-hour teacher aide to a 3-hour cafeteria aide; replacing C. Labombard who is now a teaching assistant).

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: CHANGE IN STATUS:** Kellie Neglia, Teacher Aide; effective September 4, 2008 (Udall; change from regular substitute to a probationary appointment as per IEP).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT:** Maureen Rendino, 1-Hour Teacher Aide; effective November 20, 2008 (Paul J. Bellew; replacing R. Carusillo who is now a 3-hour cafeteria aide).

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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: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 weeks continuous medical coverage): Christian Becker, Custodial Worker I; effective October 20, 2008 – January 9, 2009 (High School).

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: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): *Edward Byrnes, effective November 14, 2008; *Edward Nikl, effective November 14, 2008; *Jose Ortiz, effective November 14, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): *Jodi DiJennaro, effective November 21, 2008; *Micki-Anne Leccese, effective November 21, 2008.

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: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Susan DiGrigoli, effective November 10, 2008.

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: SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME BUS DRIVER: Christine Phelps, effective November 24, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Tracy A. Beier, effective November 26, 2008.

The following agenda items were discussed, with no objection: Public Input Session and Budget Meeting Dates, Repairs of restrooms at the High School as part of the Bond Project.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve letter of engagement with Nawrocki Smith LLP to function as interim internal claims auditor at a rate of \$600 per week.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Mrs. LaRosa, 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.