

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 14, 2008 – High School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MR. BLOOM, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. G. SMITH,
MR. W. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: MRS. BIESELIN

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

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 Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 24, 2008, the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 8, 2008, and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to rescind the appointment of Dr. Magda Parvey to the position of Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and approve the appointment of Dr. Magda Parvey to the position of Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: Abolishment of Positions: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2008, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the elementary area (2 positions) of classification and that the following employees be terminated according to applicable provisions of law: Krista Pitman, Fran Coiro.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Kathy Galati, Elementary Teacher; effective July 29, 2008 (Captree Elementary School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Krista Pitman, Tenured Elementary Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 (Westbrook; Step 4⁵; recall due to resignation of Kathy Galati).

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Danielle Kuefner, Mathematics Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (High School; Step 1⁴; replacing N. Sybil).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Jessi Smith, Speech Language Pathologist; effective September 2, 2008 to September 4, 2009 (Manetuck; Step 3⁴; newly budgeted position) {change in status from regular substitute to probationary position}.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REAPPOINTMENT TO TENURED POSITION: Richard Zeitler, Guidance Counselor; effective August 26, 2008 (Step 24⁶; Udall; change from Assistant Principal).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Pamela Cirasole, Music Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (Oquenock; Step 7⁶; prorated at .5 continuing position).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Beth Fiorini, Social Studies Teacher; effective August 11, 2008 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kristin Foster, Elementary Teacher; effective August 25, 2008 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kerri Ierardi, Elementary Teacher; effective August 8, 2008 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Dina Altschuler, Science Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 – June 30, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, 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 weeks continuous medical coverage): Robin Caputo, Elementary Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to November 25, 2008 (Manetuck).

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS: Brendan O'Connell, School Social Worker; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (High School; Step 2⁴; replacing D. Morgan).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS: Joseph McErlean, Science Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (High School; Step 1⁴; replacing D. Altschuler).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS: Donna Mazur, Elementary Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (Captree; Step 2⁴; replacing C. Carlson {Child-Rearing Leave}).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION: Richard Zeitler, Assistant Principal; effective August 25, 2008 (Udall Road Middle School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY POSITION: Donna Saliba, Teaching Assistant; effective September 2, 2008 to October 2, 2010 (Step 7; Westbrook; newly created Kindergarten Integrated class).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY POSITION: Louise Guastella, Teaching Assistant; effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Step 1; Manetuck; newly budgeted Grade 4 Integrated {flow-through funds}).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY POSITION: Laurie Johnson, Teaching Assistant; effective September 2, 2008 to September 1, 2011 (Step 1; Captree; newly budgeted Special Education {flow-through funds}).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Thomas Desmond, Custodial Worker I; effective August 29, 2008 (Step 1; Paul J. Bellew; replacing C. Chin who resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Carole Hurd, Clerk Typist; effective September 2, 2008 (Step 1; High School and District Office; new position).

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Margaret Parro, Bus Matron; effective September 4, 2008 (Step 7; Transportation; new position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Denise Rehill, Teacher Aide; effective September 2, 2008 (Step 1; Westbrook; replacing C. Warenik who resigned).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Louise Guastella, Teacher Aide; effective August 30, 2008 (Captree).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Laurie Johnson, Teacher Aide; effective August 30, 2008 (Captree).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Bruce Miller, Maintenance Mechanic III; effective August 22, 2008 (Maintenance Department; DOE 07/16/02).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Barbara Susajlo, Special Ed Aide; effective September 2, 2008 (Step 8; Oquenock; new position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Ryan Seagraves, effective July 18, 2008, student.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE SECURITY OFFICER (\$15.65/HR): *Sean Keenan, effective August 18, 2008; *Edward Kemnitzer, effective August 18, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$100 per diem): Stephanie Incandela, effective September 2, 2008, student teacher; *Jacqueline Klueppel, effective September 2, 2008, student teacher; Jacqueline Mulligan, effective September 2, 2008; Lauren Stotzky, effective September 2, 2008; *Meredith Wagner, effective September 2, 2008, student teacher.

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE: Gregory Iorio, In School Suspension Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 (\$140.27 per day; High School).

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. W. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 8/13/08. Mr. Gellar reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 8/13/08. The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education, and Health and Wellness Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for June 2008 was presented. Beginning balance as of May 31, 2008 – \$26,418,939.03; ending balance as of June 30, 2008 – \$14,174,723.28.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. 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. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Bagels – awarded to Modern Italian Bakery for \$1,175.00; Dairy – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$1,030.70, Mivila for \$1,123.22, TA Morris for \$3,495.88; Dishwasher Supplies – awarded to Ecolab for \$2,494.73, Mivila for \$89.75, New Paper and Chemical for \$5.00; Frozen Foods – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$3,548.62, Mivila for \$2,150.16, TA Morris for \$22,621.83; Grocery – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$6,174.73, Jaybee Distributors for \$15.00, Mivila for \$4,710.91, TA Morris for \$2,568.09; Ice Cream with Equipment – awarded to Circusman Ice Cream for \$15,168.50; Meat – awarded to Mivila for \$89.00, Flynn's Provisions for \$159.60, TA Morris for \$4,110.40; Paper – awarded to APPCO Paper & Plastics Corp. for \$29,643.56, Borax for \$739.26, Driscoll Foods for \$495.26, Mivila for \$286.25, New Paper & Chemical for \$1,566.18; Snacks – awarded to Cookies and More for \$19,318.09, Driscoll Foods for \$5,650.07, Jaybee Distributors \$16,346.02, McKee Foods for \$544.00; Bread – awarded to Modern Italian Bakery for \$7,322.19; Drinks – awarded to QTG Sales (Tropicana) for \$177.15, Mountain Service Distributors for \$768.10, Colonial Coffee Service for \$855.00, Pepsi – Meadowbrook Distributors for \$1,086.75, Cookies and More for \$8,606.95, Galaxie Coffee Service for \$1,653.75, Bill Geyser for \$2,484.55, Jay Bee Distributors for \$1,070.15.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Life Touch to Beach Street Middle School for \$859.37; West Islip Soccer Club for \$2,200.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, 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 items: 1988 GMC Van (Security Vehicle).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health services: Smithtown CSD (Smithtown Christian School) – 3 students @ \$699.35 = \$2,098.05.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve stipends for miscellaneous positions as follows: Printing – John Zohuski, from \$17,659 annual to (no increase at this time); Adult Education Director – Larry Kazemier, from \$3,578 per semester (2 semesters) to \$3,721 per semester; Driver Education Director – Ellen Quaglio, from \$2,630 annual to \$2,736 annual (paid in two installments); Enrichment Director – Larry Kazemier, from \$1,622 per semester (3 semesters) to \$1,687 per semester; Adult Education Secretary – Judy Bodenmiller, \$3,640 per semester (2 semesters); Driver Education Secretary – Lori Pastore, \$1,200 per semester (3 semesters); Enrichment Secretary – Lori Pastore, \$1,200 per semester (3 semesters).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Contract with Security Coordinator.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, 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 material: two Sharp ZX415 typewriters; one IBM Selectric II.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of NAWROCKI SMITH LLP as INTERNAL AUDITOR for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve board delegate (Sharon Bieselin) and alternate (Annmarie LaRosa) to the NYSSBA's annual convention.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – Cheerleading.

A brief discussion was held regarding the date of the 2009 Commencement Ceremony. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to rescind the date for the 2009 Commencement Ceremony as Friday, June 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and approve the date for the 2009 Commencement Ceremony as Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: First day of school for teachers – September 2nd; first day of school for students – September 4th.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:11 p.m. on motion by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m. on motion by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. Gellar, 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.