

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 29, 2009 – District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Amanda Harvey, Elementary Teacher; effective January 20, 2009 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Linda Loudon-Canonic, Elementary Teacher; effective January 26, 2009 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Andrea Miller, Elementary Teacher; effective January 26, 2009 – February 20, 2009 (Beach).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, 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): Michelle Holt, Reading Teacher; effective February 11, 2009 to April 29, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Intermittent Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 week medical coverage): Kelly Cassese, Special Education Teacher; effective January 8, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECLASSIFICATION (Probationary appointment to Regular Substitute appointment): Danielle Kuefner, Mathematics Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (High School; Step 1³).

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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 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Marie Vizzini, Cafeteria Aide; effective January 5, 2009 (Step 1; Manetuck; replacing K. Hirt who resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$100 per diem): Kolleen Arthur, effective January 22, 2009, student teacher; Jessica Carroll, effective January 13, 2009; Heather Fuchs, effective January 28, 2009, student teacher; Carly Giovan, effective March 16, 2009, student teacher; Melissa Kolb, effective January 26, 2009, student teacher; Amanda Nicolotti, effective January 22, 2009, student teacher; *Keith Slack, effective March 23, 2009, student teacher.

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): Linda Ormond, effective January 30, 2009; Diane Schlosser, effective January 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2008-2009 WINTER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES, revised: Denise Radesky, JV2 Girls Basketball; Richard Zeitler, JV2 Boys Basketball.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR: High School: Shawn Wallace, Mock Trial (omitted from September agenda).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR: Udall: Melissa Senatore, Music Director.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: Donna Mazur, Science Teacher; effective February 2, 2009 (replacing R. Pitagno).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2008 – 2009 (\$1,000 Stipend): Appointment: Cindy Innamorato (Julie Degere, Captree) (Replacing R. Blumling; reference attached memorandum).

A presentation was given by Gary Bixhorn – Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve PAWS Fund Raising Event.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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The following agenda items were discussed, with no objection: Summer and Recreation Camps, Future Operations of Vending Machines, "Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School at Captree" – School Sign, and 1-800-REUNION.com.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve residency exception for Oquenock student and Udall Road student named in Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, 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.