

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 10, 2009 – Manetuck Elementary School  
Vice President Steven Gellar, Presiding

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

ABSENT: MR. G. SMITH

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 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. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2009, amended as follows: approve closing the district buildings on Fridays during the summer from July 10 through August 28.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Beth Fiorini, Social Studies Teacher; effective February 16, 2009 to June 30, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Edward Jablonski, Social Studies Teacher; effective September 2, 2008 to June 30, 2009 (High School; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; replacing B. Fiorini – Child-Bearing/FMLA/Child-Rearing).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Linda Thompson, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective February 9, 2009 (Step 1; Beach Street; replacing K. Simmons who transferred to Oquenock; she replaced J. Horyczun who resigned).

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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 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Andrew Nolfo, effective January 26, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS (\$100 per diem): \*Beata Bielawska, effective January 27, 2009, student teacher; Nicole Conti, effective February 2, 2009, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2009 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Baseball: Steve Mileti, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Asst. Varsity Coach; Shawn Rush, J.V. Coach; Kevin Osburn, JV2 Coach. Softball: Michelle Schroeder, Varsity Coach; Beth Crimi, Asst. Varsity Coach; Colleen Reilly, J.V. Coach; Frank Franzone, JV2 Coach. Boys Track: Jeremy Robertson, Varsity Coach; John Lavery, Asst. Varsity Coach. Girls Track: Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Tara Lee, Asst. Varsity Coach. Boys Lacrosse: Scott Craig, Varsity Coach; William Turri, Asst. Varsity Coach; Eric Rao, J.V. Coach; Jon Reese, Asst. J.V. Coach; Mike Hazelton, JV2 Coach; Ryan Howard, Asst. JV2 J Coach. Girls Lacrosse: Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach; Tom Powers, Asst. Varsity Coach; Michelle Studyley-Broderick, J.V. Coach; Natalee Rubecwich, Asst. J.V. Coach. Boys Tennis: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; Norman Wingert, J.V. Coach. Girls Golf: Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2009 Spring Middle School Coaches: Baseball: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach; Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach. Softball: Shanan Mauro, 7-8 Udall Coach; Anthony Russo, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Track: Ed Aromando, 7-8 Udall Coach; Denise Radesky, 7-8 Beach Coach. Girls Track: James Wood, 7-8 Udall Coach; Angela LaGallo, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Lacrosse: Mike Ferrugiari, 7-8 Udall Coach; Joe McErlean, Asst. Udall Coach; Chris Scharf, 7-8 Beach Coach; Greg Schmalenberger, Asst. Beach Coach. Girls Lacrosse: Beth Fiorini, 7-8 Udall Coach; Lindsey Aitken, Asst. Udall Coach; Ariana Breitfeller, 7-8 Beach Coach; Jessica Vaillancourt, Asst. Beach Coach. Boys & Girls Swimming: Noreen Matthews, 7-8 Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach; KristiLee Schubert, Asst. Udall/Beach Boys & Girls Coach. Boys Tennis: Nancy Silvestrini, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern reported on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, International Baccalaureate Update, and Literacy Staff Development Activities.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. W. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 2/10/09. Mrs. Biesel reported on the Public Relations Committee meeting of 1/27/09. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 2/10/09. The Legislative Action Committee did not meet; however Mr. Gellar reminded the community of the letter writing campaign. Information is available on the district website. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 2/10/09 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Dr. Blau reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 1/13/09. Mr. Gellar reported on the West Islip Summit Coalition meeting of 1/12/09. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Bullying Awareness Committee meeting of 1/29/09.

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

The Treasurer's Report for December 2008 was presented. Beginning balance as of November 30, 2008 – \$5,184,144.22; ending balance as of December 31, 2008 – \$1,036,778.77.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, 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. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Dairy – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$2,428.47, Mivila for \$1,503.28, TA Morris for \$1,887.06; Large Equipment – awarded to Bar Boy Products for \$395.00, Nassau Foodservice Equip. for \$530.00; Meat – awarded to Flynn's Provisions for \$845.15, Mivilia for \$689.00, T.A. Morris for \$2,832.40; Smallwares – awarded to Borax for \$105.50, Calico Industries, Inc. for \$849.68, Mivila for \$979.56, New Paper and Chemical for \$56.70.

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: PTA Arts in Education to P.J. Bellew for \$1,100.00; PTA Arts in Education to P.J. Bellew for \$900.00; PTA Arts in Education to Bayview for \$1,100.00; Box Tops in Education to P.J. Bellew for \$1,212.83; Box Tops in Education to Beach St. for \$869.00; PAWS – Brick Paving Project Plans for \$1,160.00; Target to Bellew (Field Trips) for \$500.00; Scholarship America to P.J. Bellew for \$500.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition and health service charges for East Islip UFSD (St. Mary's School) 5 students @ \$669.42 = \$3,347.10.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve tuition and health service charges for Brentwood UFSD (St. Joseph's Academy) 2 students @ \$576.60 = \$1,153.20.

The Special Education payment to Sachem CSD for \$59,488.38 was tabled, pending attorney review.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2008-2009 Special Education contract with Dr. Thomas Rosati.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2008-2009 Special Education contract with Brentwood Union Free School District.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, 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 equipment: Xerox Work Center (Business Office), Sharp Typewriter (Business Office), Cell Phones, CNC Milling Machine (High School).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the Assurance of Compliance – Civil Rights Certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the Corrective Action Plan – Audit Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Substance Abuse Awareness Week: March 2 – 8, 2009; WIDE 5K Fun Run: March 8, 2009; PAWS Dinner Dance: March 13, 2009.

Dr. Blau announced that two West Islip students are National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Amanda P. and Christopher M..

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Mr. W. Smith asked community members to attend the upcoming Budget Worksessions and participate in the process.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Bloom who opposed, to approve RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, after review of the record of the disciplinary proceeding regarding the student named in Executive Session, affirms the determination of the Superintendent of Schools.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. 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.