

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 12, 2009 – Beach Street Middle School

President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA (left at 9:45 p.m.),
MR. G. SMITH, MR. W. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM

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

Attorney: Ms. LaPlace

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 Regular Meeting of February 10, 2009, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 26, 2009, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 3, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS: Lucinda Lanzarotta, Guidance Counselor; effective July 1, 2009 (24 years).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS: Anne Quarles, English Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 (8 years).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS: Cynthia Shierant, Elementary Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 (33 years).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENTS: Rhona Spielberg, Special Education Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 (30 years).

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 LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Kerri DeBetta, Elementary Teacher; effective March 16, 2009 (Bayview).

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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-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Kathleen Finn, Speech Teacher; effective February 23, 2009 (Westbrook).

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): MaryEllen Keeley, Speech Teacher; effective February 23, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): William Skinner, effective March 3, 2009.

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 FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): Joann Horyczun, effective March 2, 2009.

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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Dennis Cronin, Custodial Worker I; effective March 16, 2009 (Beach Street; change from groundskeeper).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Andrew Moschetto, Groundskeeper; effective March 16, 2009 (Grounds Department; change from acting head custodian).

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): Brian Macineirghe, effective March 9, 2009, student teacher; *Nicole Samlick, effective March 13, 2009; *Kelly Wood, effective March 4, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION TEACHER (\$56.11/HR): Kerri Giorgianni, effective March 6, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE (as per Memorandum of Agreement): Lindsay Krellenstein, Speech Teacher; effective February 24, 2009 (\$140.27 per day; Udall).

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mr. Stern discussed the English Language Arts Staff Development Proposal for 2008-2009.

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. W. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 3/10/09. Mr. Gellar reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings of 3/4/09 and 3/10/09. Mr. G. Smith reported on the Audit Committee meeting of 2/12/09. The Legislative Action Committee did not meet; however, Mr. Gellar reported on a recent meeting with Assemblyman Boyle to discuss the proposed MTA tax. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 3/11/09 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated, and the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 2/23/09. Mr. Gellar reported on the West Islip Summit Coalition meeting of 2/23/09. The Bullying Awareness Committee did not meet; however Mrs. LaRosa thanked Mr. Zocchia for helping to bring the anti-bias program to the district.

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

The Treasurer's Report for January 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of December 31, 2008 – \$3,850,694.80; ending balance as of January 31, 2009 – \$30,760,852.70.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, 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 Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Beach Street PTA – Anti-Bullying Performance for \$1,200; Beach Street PTA – Michael Zotto Presentation for \$500.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service contract with West Islip UFSD: Massapequa UFSD (Grace Church Day School) 1 student @ \$735.71 = \$735.71.

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 Special Education tuition and related services payment, pending attorney review: Sachem Central School District = \$59,488.38.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The West Islip School District was recognized by Good Samaritan Hospital and presented with a plaque at a dinner on March 11, 2009.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Budget Worksessions: Thursday, March 19 – 7:30 p.m. – Beach Street Library Media Center; Tuesday, March 24, 2009 – 7:30 p.m. – Beach Street Library Media Center (Planning Session to follow).

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OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mr. W. Smith commented on Good Samaritan Hospital's expanding footprint and its effect on the community. Mrs. LaRosa added that the West Islip Summit Coalition will work with the district, the hospital, and the residents on issues that arise.

Three residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:05 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, 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.