

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 2, 2009 – Westbrook Elementary School

President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BLOOM (arrived at 9:10 p.m.), MR. GELLAR,  
MRS. LAROSA, MR. G. SMITH, MR. W. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: NONE

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 12, 2009 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 19, 2009.

RECOGNITION: Girls Varsity Basketball: All County Academic: Jackie M. and Olivia Z.; New York State Scholar/Athlete Team. Varsity Wrestling: All County: Steven C.; New York State Scholar/Athlete Team. Boys Varsity Winter Track: All County: David K., Jeff G. and Nick M.. National Geography Bee Winners: First Place: James K., Second Place: Matthew M., Third Place: Anthony R.. Harvard Club Distinguished Teacher Award: Melissa Kennedy.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, 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): Lynette Gottesman, English Teacher; effective March 30, 2009 to June 30, 2009 (Udall).

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 LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Dina Altschuler, Science Teacher; effective September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Christine McCann, Special Education Teacher; effective September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (unpaid): David Morgan, Social Worker; effective September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Jane Murray, English Teacher; effective September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Michelle Martin-Herman, Music Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 (Udall/Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: Christine Alongi, Westbrook; effective April 18, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: TENURE APPOINTMENTS: Donna Cummings, Bayview/Paul J. Bellew; effective April 19, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: RESIGNATION: Ellen Quaglio, Coordinator of Driver Education; effective June 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: SWIM PROGRAM 2008-2009: KristiLee Schubert, Supervisor (\$30 per hour); Dana Bellona, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); John Bruno, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Karissa Calamari, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Jaimie DiPalma, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Kerri Flaherty, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Megan Hyland, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Kaitlin Kelly, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Sarah Linder, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Sean McCaffery, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Tom Monaghan, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Gabrielle Pelle, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Laura Riegel, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Michelle Rooney, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Kayla Rosenberg, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Ray Wolf, Lifeguard (\$10 per hour).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for 2008-2009 Budget Vote.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Ulrich reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 3/31/09.

The Policy Committee did not meet; however, a First Reading was held for the following policy: Authorized Signatures – File 5321. Copies were made available to the public. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to waive the Second Reading. Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt the policy after the First Reading.

Mr. Gellar reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 3/31/09. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 3/31/09 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mrs. Bieselin reported on the Health and Wellness Committee meeting of 3/31/09 and the COMPASS meeting of 3/18/09. Mr. Gellar reported on the West Islip Summit Coalition meeting of 3/24/09.

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

The Treasurer's Report for February 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of January 31, 2009 – \$30,422,046.57; ending balance as of February 28, 2009 – \$24,212,799.84.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, 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 Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Target – West Islip High School for \$1,594.31; Bayview PTA – Arts in Education for \$800.00; Smartboards for \$3,889.06.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Special Education tuition payment: 2008-2009 school year (East Islip UFSD) for \$71,710.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service charges: Hicksville UFSD (Holy Trinity School) 1 student @ \$512.12 = \$512.12.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** April 16<sup>th</sup> – Budget Worksession at 7:30 p.m. – New Location: Beach Street Cafeteria; April 20<sup>th</sup> – Petitions due at District Office by 5:00 p.m.; April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Budget Adoption at 7:30 p.m. – District Office; May 5<sup>th</sup> – Budget available for residents; May 12<sup>th</sup> – Public Hearing on the budget and voter registration – 7:30 p.m. Beach Auditorium; May 19<sup>th</sup> – Budget vote and election; Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – graduation ceremony.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** MTA Payroll Tax Letter Campaign is available on the District website.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Memorandums of Agreement: WIASA, WITA, UPSEU, Teaching Assistants, Paraprofessionals, and Nurses.

Two 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. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

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

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