

PLANNING SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 25, 2009 – District Office
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA,
MR. G. SMITH, MR. ULRICH

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM, MR. W. SMITH

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Bernadette Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; effective August 3, 2009 – August 2, 2012 (\$150,000 annual salary; District-wide).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION: Bernadette Burns, Principal; effective August 3, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Dr. Magda Parvey; Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction; effective July 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jennifer Szewczyk, Special Education Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School @ Captree; Step 4² {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 TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Jennifer Greenman, Special Education Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Westbrook, Step 3⁴; replacing C. McCann).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Amy Mastrocinque, English Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (High School; Step 1²; replacing J. Murray).

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Pamela Cirasole, Music Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Oquenock; Step 8⁶; prorated at .6 continuing position).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Robert Timpson, Social Studies Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 (36 years).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Baynon, Internal Claims Auditor; effective July 1, 2009 (District Office, replacing M. Alleva who resigned, \$21.83/hour).

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 TEACHER AIDE (9.75/HR): Miriam Cosgrove, effective June 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PRINCIPAL MENTOR (\$600 per diem to a maximum of \$9,000): Kenneth Hartill.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: IB MENTOR (\$75 per hour to a maximum of \$22,500): Kenneth Hartill.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Jessica Micucci, effective June 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING SUPPORT PROGRAM (\$54.78 per hour): Kristina Rosenberg, Sheila Siragusa, Lori Suprenant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY SERVICES: Special Class Teachers (\$2,465 per class): Amy DeJoseph, Kristen Florea, Jamie Wheeler. Special Education Teachers (\$58.07 per hour individual / \$72.47 group): Shannon Murray, Lindsay Schmitz, Judy Warren. Behavior Intervention Services (\$58.07 per hour): Robert Matuozzi, Theresa Mercado, Shannon Murray, Alyssa Rush, Jamie Wheeler. Speech Therapists (\$58.07 per hour individual / \$72.47 group): Julie Degere, Jessi Smith. Job Coaches (hourly rate): Debbie DiCristo - \$17.66 per hour, Irene Tinnirello - \$17.13 per hour.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY SERVICES: Nurses (hourly rate): Sue O'Connor - \$42.32 per hour, Trish Reimer - \$42.32 per hour. Aides (hourly rate): Debra Carrig (2-1) / \$17.66 per hour, Debbie Costantino (class) \$17.66 per hour, Cathy Cronin (1-1) \$15.79 per hour, Alison O'Bryen (1-1) \$15.79 per hour, Jean Schilling (1-1) \$17.66 per hour.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2009: John Mullins, Director, \$50 per hour; Melanie Lahtonen, Assistant Director, \$40 per hour; Ed Pieron, Assistant Director, \$40 per hour; Maureen Umstatter, Assistant Director, \$40 per hour; John Denninger, Lead Counselor, \$20 per hour; Susan Burke, Clerical Support \$25 per hour; Debra Federico, Clerical Support \$25 per hour; Linda Cuozzo, Clerical Support \$25 per hour. Summer Recreation Camp Counselors - \$10 per hour: Ben Arikian, Colleen Burke, Alex C., Becky C., Nicole Craig, Shane Craig, Devan C., Brian C., Zack Denninger, Paige E., Kelsey Euell, Jenna Evarts, Greg F., Vinny Galasso, James G., Erick Harsch, Joe I., Claudia Kavitt, Melissa Lenowicz, Lindsey Lyons, Megan McAteer, John N., Krystyna O., Toniann Riportella, Barbara Ryan, Jackie Schulteis, J.P. Smith, Travis Specht, Daniel Sullivan, Wade Turri, Kelly Vollmer, Brittany W., Erin W., Chelsea Wood, Joe Wood.

The following agenda items were discussed, with no objection: R.E.F.I.T. Nominations. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve proposal for nomination of Steven Gellar to the 2009 Slate of Officers and Board of Directors for R.E.F.I.T.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Code of Conduct.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Superintendent's Vacation Days: July 20, 2009 through August 17, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – UPSEU – Summer Hours.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – retirement incentive for Robert Timpson.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – retirement incentive for Christine Boris.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – salary reduction for teachers of \$20 per paycheck for 09/10.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Terms and Conditions of Employment – Central Office administrators.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Terms and Conditions of Employment – Confidential staff.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Lease with ES BOCES to rent Masera School from 7/1/09 to 6/30/19.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Dr. Anthony Bridgeman, Principal; effective July 27, 2009 to July 26, 2012 (\$142,025 annual salary; High School).

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 8:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Daniel Marquardt, Principal; effective August 3, 2009 to August 2, 2012 (\$125,638 annual salary; Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PRINCIPAL MENTOR/PRINCIPAL SUBSTITUTE (\$563.56 per diem to a maximum of \$9,017): Anne Shierant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:11 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve attendance zone request for students named in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve construction bids.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, 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.