

School Board Meeting – October 20, 2014

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman,
Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Pierno, Mr. Greenberg.

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Gierasch, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Guercio, Ms. Aloe,
Mrs. Tyler.

Absent: Dr. Mulieri

Mr. Bettan called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session to discuss matters regarding negotiation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____

Gary Bettan, President

There were approximately 30 district residents and staff members present.

Mr. Bettan called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

High School Update

Anthony Chen, our high school representative, updated the Board of Education of events that occurred and events that will happen at the high school.

- Marching Band Festival
- Pep Rally/Homecoming
- Spirit Week
- Parent/Teacher Conference

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis stated that she had the opportunity to meet with the two Siemens Semi-finalists, Susan Huang and Evan Lander.

Susan and Evan gave an overview of their research projects.

Dr. Lewis congratulated all of the students who submitted projects. She thanked the teachers, parents and Ms. Joyce Barry for their support. She also wanted to thank the Board for their continued support of these wonderful programs.

Dr. Lewis stated that at this time of year, there is a lot of emphasis on all the accomplishments at the high school level. She spoke about the many Points of Pride. She commented on how well all of the Varsity teams are doing. She wished the girls swim team all the best of luck. She stated that the boys' Varsity Soccer Team will be playing their playoff game at home on October 28 and she hopes to see everyone there. She spoke about the Coaches vs. Cancer game and how both sides raised a significant amount of money. She is waiting for the final numbers from Mr. Braico.

Dr. Lewis spoke of the proposal that is before the Board of Regents, which is for multiple pathways to graduate with a Regents diploma. The proposal was unanimously approved. She went on to explain the new Regent Pathways and the opportunities it offers students to explore the arts, humanities, science, technology, math and careers.

Dr. Lewis wanted to formally thank Assemblyman Chuck Lavine for the grant which enabled the purchase of tablets for all the elementary schools.

Dr. Lewis noted that Saturday was homecoming at the High School and kick-off was at 2:00.

Board Announcements

Mrs. Schulman stated that the JV Volleyball Team is in first place.

School Board Recognition

Dr. Lewis stated that Governor Cuomo has declared the week of October 27 to October 31, 2014 as School Board Recognition week. She stated that the Board of Education should be recognized all year for all of the work that they do.

Ms. Judy Jacobs, County Legislator, spoke on behalf of Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, and presented citations to the Board Members. She also expressed her thanks to the Board for all the time and effort they devote to the children and residents, and how much their work means to the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD.

Mr. Bettan questioned Ms. Jacobs about the speed cameras in front of the schools.

Ms. Jacobs stated that she was all for the cameras, but feels that if ever there was a vote she regretted it was this one. She feels that the idea is a good one, but the way it was implemented was poorly done.

Mr. Bettan apologized for opening up this can of worms.

Ms. Rebecca Alesia, Town Councilwoman, spoke as a parent and stated she is very appreciative of everything that the Board does. She spoke of the amazing experiences her son has had and the wonderful opportunities he's had in such a caring environment. Ms. Alesia, on behalf of Supervisor Venditto and the entire Town Board, presented a citation to the Board praising them for their work.

Mr. John McNamara, President of ADSA, thanked the Board for their dedication and the countless hours they give to the children and staff of our community. Mr. McNamara spoke of their partnership with the community and their focus on the need for continuous growth. He thanked the Board for their continued support, and focus which are always in the best interests of the children.

Mrs. Kathy Rea, President of PTA Council read a poem praising the Board, while Mrs. Paula Barsky, Vice President of PTA Council, handled the props. They presented the Board with gifts of candy.

Reports and Discussions:

NYSSBA Resolution

The Board had a discussion on the NYSSBA resolutions, to be voted on later in the evening.

Class Size

Dr. Lewis gave an overview on class sizes. She invited the secondary school principals to come up and asked if the Board had any questions.

Mrs. Schulman asked about the number (11) of less than 15 student-classes at Mattlin and the fact that there were none at POBMS. She thought that it would be reversed since POBMS has the self-contained classes.

Mr. Donarummo explained. He stated that he came on in the middle of the process and that next year he will use the same format as is used in the high school. He and Mr. McNamara reported the class sizes differently. He said that next year the process will be reviewed and they will report in the same way.

Mrs. Pierno asked about the Technology room and the fact that there are 18 computers. She asked why there are only 14 students in each class. She asked if they have looked into other spaces.

Mr. Murray said that they are using the space to the best of their ability. He said that the numbers didn't start at 14, but due to scheduling issues, some students had to drop the class.

Mr. Bettan said that as of now they have computer stations, but in the near future there will be wireless access and laptops, so the "that's how the lab is set up", should not be an answer.

Mr. Bettan asked about the low numbers in P.E. classes.

Mr. Murray stated that the numbers usually represent the need to accommodate the Special Ed. classes.

Mr. Murray said that they are mimicking Commack, in doing an assembly to focus on the electives. It has been very well received.

Mrs. Rothman stated that there has been a decline in French and asked if they are seeing any changes in enrollment.

Mr. Murray said “no”.

Mr. McNamara said that enrollment at POBMS is up slightly.

Dr. Lewis stated that they had been monitoring the enrollment numbers and courses. She stated that by staying on top of the situation they were able to staff the buildings before the end of June and that they had fewer scheduling problems.

Ms. Gierasch wanted to commend the three principals. She stated that Mr. Donarummo came in late in the scheduling process with a lot of challenges and Mr. McNamara was right there to help.

Dr. Lewis invited the elementary school principals to come up and asked if the Board had any questions.

Mr. Bettan asked the principals if they can comment on the number of ESL learners moving into the district and if there has been an increase in a specific language.

Ms. Miller said that there has been no real increase.

Ms. Gray said that Old Bethpage only has three students.

Ms. Clark stated that she has had an increase.

Ms. Hershkowitz said that she had one ESL learner last year and two more students this year.

Ms. Heitner stated that they have many students and they have a need for an almost full time ESL teacher. She said that most of the students are on a beginner level and that many of the parents don't speak English at home, because they feel the children can learn at school.

Ms. Gierasch stated that there are 68 students district-wide, five more than last year.

Mrs. Schulman asked if we were doing enough as a district in regard to communicating with the parents.

Ms. Hershkowitz stated that the parents don't generally attend school related activities. She said that, as needed, the district will provide a translator.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if they put out any written material in different languages.

Ms. Gierasch said not often, but on occasion. She stated that they host an annual parent event and they offer additional parent classes throughout the year.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she knows that the issue has been brought up before, but asked if there have been any problems with phone calls home to parents from the nurse's office.

Ms. Gray stated that she has had no issues and often the older siblings are very helpful.

Mrs. Pierno asked why there was such a disparity between the reported numbers between schools.

Ms. Gray said that as with the middle schools they are all reporting differently. She said that they will come up with a standard report.

Ms. Hershkowitz brought up the issue of split teachers.

Dr. Lewis responded.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following routine business items:

1. Students

Student Placements

That the Board of Education approve the student placements as recommended by Pupil Personnel Services.

2. Personnel

Professional Staff-Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lindsay DeLucca	Business Ed. Teacher POBJFKHS	11/1/14 thru 6/30/15

Professional Staff-Regular Substitute Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Catherine Tortoso	Business Teacher Regular Sub. POBJFKHS	11/1/14 thru 6/30/15	\$65,353 Step 2(to be prorated)

(Replacing L. DeLucca who is on leave of absence)

Non-Teaching Personnel-Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Tim Andreiuolo	Probationary Night Cleaner POBMS	10/21/14	\$36,026.+\$750. Step 2+Night Differential (to be prorated)

(Replacing V, Campagna who transferred to Old Bethpage, who replaced F. Gebel who took another position in the district.)

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators- 2014-15 School Year

Last Name	First Name	Building	Number of hours Facilitating	Projected hours to be paid (\$54.84/hr.)
Beinlich	Jennifer	JFKHS	2	1
Cotto	Colleen	Parkway	4	2
Curran	Darlene	MMS	4	2
Desimone	Peter	JFKHS	8	4
D'Esposito	Michele	KC	2	1
Epstein	Toby	MMS	6	3
Gonzalez	Yvonne	MMS	4	2
Hofer	Jennifer	POBMS	4	1
Loeven	Carla	Pasadena	4	2
Newman	Regina	Stratford Road	6	3
O'Sullivan	Brian	POBMS	4	2
Patanjo	Marian	Pasadena	2	1
Pedersen	Carolyn	KC	2	1
Poplawski	Daniel	POBMS	8	4
Psillos	Susan	MMS	4	2
Rappaport	Alan	JFKHS	6	3
Rauch	Gary	JFKHS	4	2
Schindelheim	Jean	JFKHS	10	5
Schroeder	Ruby	POBMS	4	1
Winick	Sherri	MMS	6	3

Co-Curricular Activities-POBMS-2014-15 School Year-Recissions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joseph Morello	First Lego League Robotics Advisor	Immediately
Kari Golder	Yearbook Club Advisor	"

Appointments-TAG Program-2014-15 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kate Rosenzweig	Home Parent Training	2014-15 School Year	\$65.00/ph

Appointments-Swim Program-2014-15 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Noelle Fuggini*	Lifeguard Trainee PT	2014-15 School Year	\$12.50/ph
Seth Pearl*	“	“	“

*Pending Nassau County Civil Service Approval

Finance

8.1 Contract-Daniel Drance

That the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign the agreement for Math Teacher Training with Daniel Drance for the 2014-2015 School Year in the amount of \$3,800.

8.2 Contract-Schoolwide, Inc.

That the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to sign the Agreement with Schoolwide, Inc. for 4 days of Teacher training for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$4,500.

8.3 Contract-4th R Program

That the Board of Education approve the service agreement between the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD and Lil Chefs, Jump Bunch, Challenge Island, RL Entertainment-Bricks 4 Kidz and Zoda, LLC-Mad Science of Long Island for the fall session of the 2014-2015 school year.

8.4 Donation-Dictionaries

That the Board of Education accept a donation of a dictionary/almanac for every third grader in the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD.

8.5 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment-POBMS

That the Board of Education declares obsolete for disposal purposes the items listed in a memo from Dr. Judith Chen dated September 19, 2014

8.6 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment-Old Bethpage

That the Board of Education declares obsolete for disposal purposes the items listed in a memo from Ms. Jennifer Hoffman dated October 10,2014

8.7 Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Approval Transfers as of October 16, 2014
- Informational Transfers as of August 31, 2014
- Budget Status Report as of August 31, 2014
- Revenue Status Report as of August 31, 2014

8.8 Treasurer Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Treasurer's Report for August 2014
- Trial Balance as of August 31, 2014
- Cash Flow Projection as of August 31, 2014

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

New Business

11.1 Appointment of Voting Delegate

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Seth Greenberg to serve as Voting Delegate at the New York State School Boards Association 95th Annual Convention on October 26-28, 2014 in New York City.

On the Motion

Yea: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein.

Nay: Mrs. Pierno

Abstention: Mr. Greenberg

Mrs. Pierno feels that as the newest member, Mr. Greenberg should be able to go to as many workshops as he can.

11.2 Appointment of Alternate Voting Delegate

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mrs. Amy Pierno to serve as Alternate Voting Delegate at the New York State School Boards Association 95th Annual Convention on October 26-28, 2014 in New York City.

On the Motion

Yea: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein.

Nay: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman, Mr. Greenberg.

11.3 **Proposed Resolution for the NYSSBA's 95 Annual convention**

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education support the resolutions as proposed by the New York State School Boards Association.

NASSAU-SUFFOLK SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

2014 PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS WORKSHEET

FOR NYSSBA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2014 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

KEY:

S Support Resolution

Sa Support Resolution if Amended

O Oppose Resolution

M Move to Committee

ND No Decision

NM Not to be Moved

EXPIRING NYSSBA POSITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION (2009 SUNSETTING RESOLUTIONS)	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	RESOLUTIONS DINNER	LOCAL DISTRICT	NYSSBA BUSINESS MEETING
1. Cultural Diversity <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	

BYLAW AMENDMENT RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	RESOLUTIONS DINNER	LOCAL DISTRICT	NYSSBA BUSINESS MEETING
2. Bylaw Amendment: Article 2. Schedule of Membership Dues <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	RESOLUTIONS DINNER	LOCAL DISTRICT	NYSSBA BUSINESS MEETING
3. Supporting RIC's For Data Storage <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	
4. Supporting State Aid For Professional Development <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	
5. Supporting Full-Day Kindergarten <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	
6. Supporting Increased Funding for Pre-Kindergarten <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	SA	
7. Opposing Educator Bonuses <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S	
8. Supporting Cap Relief For Distressed Districts <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	O	O	S	
9. Supporting Common Core Teacher Certification Alignment <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	S	S Motion carried 4-3	
RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION (CONTINUED)	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	RESOLUTIONS DINNER	LOCAL DISTRICT	NYSSBA BUSINESS MEETING
10. Supporting The Use Of Student Performance In APPR <i>(NYSSBA Board of Directors)</i>	S	O	O	

RESOLUTIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	RESOLUTIONS DINNER	LOCAL DISTRICT	NYSSBA BUSINESS MEETING
11. Affordable Care Act <i>(Shenendehowa School Board)</i>	O	NM	O	
12. Annual School Budget Election and Vote <i>(Elmsford Union Free School Board)</i>	O	O	O	
13. Medicare Premium Reimbursement Under NYSHIP <i>(Manhasset Public School Board)</i>	O	O	O Motion Carried 6-1	

*** LATE RESOLUTION TO BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR**

NASSAU-SUFFOLK SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES SUPPORT OF A LATE RESOLUTION TO BE BROUGHT TO THE BUSINESS MEETING BY LONG ISLAND SCHOOL BOARDS.

"**RESOLVED**, that the New York State School Boards Association advocate for state and federal legislative and regulatory action in addressing the educational and fiscal issues attached to the influx of unaccompanied minors into New York State."

- A. To support the motion to suspend the by-laws - support
- B. To support the resolution – support

Discussion

#6--On the motion-Support Resolution if Amended-On the motion-if the funds are distributed equally.

Mr. Greenberg stated his concerns that the fund are not being distributed equally. He said that the focus should be on bolstering other areas.

Mrs. Lieberman feels that most of the money is being used for funding in the city and that there are many areas here on Long Island that could use the funds.

Mrs. Schulman feels that there should be more support for the lower income districts.

#9-Mr. Greenberg had concerns that every few years there was going to be new certification. He feels that the focus should be on real issues, such as staff development.

#9-On the Motion

Yea: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Rothman.

Nay: Mr. Greenberg, Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Lieberman.

#13-On the Motion

Yea: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Greenberg.

Nay: Mrs. Pierno

11.4 Additional Proposed Staff Development Courses – 2014-15 School Year

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following additional proposed staff development courses for the 2014-15 school year:

- Utilizing Tablets in the Classroom Collegial Circle (Parkway)
- Grade 2 Foundations User Collegial Circle (Stratford Road)
- What you need to know about hatching birds Collegial Circle (Old Bethpage)
- STEAM projects in the Elementary Art Classroom Lesson Share Collegial Circle (K-Center and Elementary)
- Creating a Growth Mindset
- Big Ideas, and Essential Questions Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
- Earth Science Lab Share Collegial Circle (JFKHS)

Additional Proposed Staff Development Courses – 2014-15 School Year-Con't

- Integrating Labs for AP Environmental Science(Science Collegial Circle-JFKHS)
- Using zSpace in the Classroom Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
- Aligning Lesson Plans with the New Social Studies Framework Part 1 Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
- Aligning Lesson Plans with the New Social Studies Framework Part 2 Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
- Tech/Industrial Arts Engineering Collegial Circle(JFKHS,MMS,POBMS)
- RTI Providers: Practical Ideas for Helping Students Struggling with Early Literacy Skills Collegial Circle (KC)
- Using Internet Resources in the Kindergarten Classroom
- Strategies to Infuse Common Core State Standards In The Content Areas
- Biography of Frida Kahlo the Surrealistic artist
- Grade 7 Articulation (7th Grade Only)
- Project Challenge Collegial Circle (MMS & POBMS)
- JASON Project (MMS & POBMS)
- Teacher Website Creation and Updates with School Wires and Google Apps Collegial Circle (POBMS)
- POBMS Art/Technology Department VTS/Gallery Utilization Collegial Circle (POBMS)
- Collegial Circle Sculptural Tools and Technics (POBMS)

11.5 Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the JFKHS field trip as listed on the memo dated October 15, 2014, and the Mattlin MS trip on the memo dated October 10, 2014.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education recess to executive session for the purpose of negotiation.

The meeting was recessed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____

Gary Bettan, President