

School Board Meeting – December 15, 2014

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

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

Absent: Mr. Bettan

Mrs. Schulman called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session to discuss matters regarding negotiations and personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

Mr. Bettan arrived at 7:00.

There were approximately 15 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bettan welcomed everyone to this evening's Board of Education meeting. He thanked the community for coming out to vote, especially given the weather. Mr. Bettan stated that in the next three to four years we will not recognize the buildings.

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.

- World Language Honor Society
- SAT's and Subject Tests
- ACT
- Orchestra and Jazz Concert
- METMUNC
- Senior Citizen Tea
- Choir Concert
- Incoming 9th Grade Orientation
- A Cappella

Board Announcements

Mrs. Bernstein congratulated the World Language Honor Society Inductees. She spoke of how wonderful the ceremony was and how great it is to see so many students availing themselves to more than one language. She expressed her thanks to Mr. Dennis, the staff and the students.

Mrs. Bernstein said that she had seen the article in Newsday citing Bryan Wang and Allen Duutovic, All Long Island Volleyball Players. Congratulations to them and Coach Russi Villalta.

Mrs. Pierno had the opportunity to attend the High School Orchestra and Jazz Concert last week. She said how amazing the concert was and what a wonderful way to kick-off the Holiday season.

Mrs. Pierno mentioned that two recent graduates of POB passed away.

A moment of silence was held.

Mr. Bettan stated that there will be no more speed cameras. There were cheers all around!

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis had the opportunity to see concerts at the Middle School as well as Parkway's fourth grade concert. She stated how wonderful they all were. Tomorrow she said that she will be seeing Stratford's concert as well. Dr. Lewis said what a musical district POB is.

Dr. Lewis stated to the Board that the Middle Schools have reached out and they are ready, to present their events at the Board of Education meetings. She said, with the Board's blessing, a representative for each school will come every other month and present information from both Middle Schools.

Dr. Lewis asked Ms. Gierasch to speak about the Hour of Code.

Ms. Gierasch stated that POB kicked-off its Hour of Code Week for grades K thru 12. She introduced Ms. Laura Bernhardt and Mr. Christian Bowen who shared some highlights. They said that the partnership between the Librarians and Technology was fantastic. They stated that 2,200 students have had the opportunity for coding so far and the staff and the students have been overwhelmingly excited.

Ms. Gierasch stated that all of the feedback has been positive and how wonderful it is to see the students so excited. She said that the parent feedback has been great and that they can't believe that their Kindergarten kids are coding. She hopes to promote this as a family event.

Dr. Lewis said that it is a Board goal coming to life. She feels that this initiative is very worthy of publication and many districts have been interested in the progress. Dr. Lewis stated that she is very proud of this unique opportunity.

Discussion

Mrs. Schulman stated that she was speaking to a 12th grade student who was so excited about it and couldn't wait to show her what she had done.

Mrs. Pierno said that fewer students are going into computer sciences, especially girls and this is great exposures. She feels the way they are presenting it is brilliant.

Dr. Lewis stated that it was a global initiative and they were challenged to join in.

Mr. Bettan expressed how fantastic this program is and how it is giving the students the skills they need to go forward. He said to please let the Board know what they need to do, to keep it growing.

Zspace

The Board had an opportunity to witness Zspace at Mattlin MS. They were able to use the tablets and the 3-D glasses to experience the full effect.

Ms. Gierasch stated that the teachers are excited with the technology and how they are creating a wonderful curriculum in Math, Science and Technology. She said that it is very hard to explain to the public, but the buzz with the students has been phenomenal.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she had the opportunity to “play with it”. She said that it’s amazing the things that you can do with it that would otherwise not be available in the classroom.

Mrs. Schulman feels that it will be a powerful tool for the special needs population. She feels that when used for visual learners, it will add another dimension.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that it was a fantastic experience. She said to be able to feel the virtual heart pumping and seeing the wings on the butterfly was amazing. She feels that it will be a great tool for students who are visual learners.

Mrs. Rothman feels that it is a great tool, and that students and staff can take ownership of their own learning. She stated how great it is that they can learn at their own pace. She stated that kids are learning in ways we can’t image.

Mrs. Bernstein piggybacked on all of the other positive comments. She feels that it is a great way to engage the students. She feels it’s another tool in the teacher’s toolbox.

Mr. Bettan said that it is a great virtual hands-on lesson and to be able to interact with what you are learning is amazing.

Ms. Gierasch spoke very highly of the company that they are leasing the tablets from. She commended Ms. Joyce Barry for being a great partner and for all of her support. She stated that many local districts have been coming in to see what all the buzz is about.

Mr. Bettan said it is all fantastic and full “STEAM” ahead.

Bond Update

Mr. Ruf gave an update on the Bond Vote. He stated that the big focus was on security and that they still need to work out a few minor tweaks.

Honoring Retirees

Mr. McNamara spoke very highly of Ms. Dolores Hoehn's devotion and dedication to the students of POBMS.

Mr. Bettan presented Ms. Hoehn with a plaque and thanked her for her many years of service to the children.

Holiday Music

Mr. Bettan spoke of how proud he was of the music students that performed for the community tonight.

Public Participation

Mr. Jacque Wolfner stated that he was happy that the general public was aware of the Bond and able to come out and vote. He asked how the initial design meetings will be financed. He requested a full discussion on a few agenda items.

Mr. Ruf responded.

Ms. Kathy Rea, on behalf of the PTA, wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. She said that she is looking forward to working together in the New Year.

Routine Business

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

Students

Student Placements

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

Personnel

Professional Staff – Termination of Regular Substitute Contract

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jessica Maynard	Regular Substitute Reading Teacher Stratford Road	November 24, 2014 (Close of Business)

Note: Ms. Maynard was a leave replacement for D. Futterman

Professional Staff – Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Maria Cerniello	.4 Per Diem Teacher Substitute POBJFKHS	December 9, 2014 (close of business)

Note: Ms. Cerniello was a .4 leave replacement for S. Goodrich

Professional Staff – Extension of Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dina Futterman	Reading Teacher Stratford Road	1/1/15 thru 6/30/15

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sophia Goodrich	English/Reading Teacher POBJFKHS	1/5/15 thru 4/15/15

(Up to 12 weeks to be covered under FMLA)

Jacqueline Impennato	Math Teacher MMS/POBJFKHS	1/13/15 thru 4/23/15
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(Up to 12 weeks to be covered under FMLA)

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Vanessa Jackson	Health Teacher POBJFKHS	1/12/15 thru 1/23/15

(Up to 12 weeks to be covered under FMLA)

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Colleen Smith	Elementary Teacher Regular Substitute	12/16/14 thru 6/30/15 (or earlier at the discretion Board of Education)	\$62,396 Step 1MA (to be prorated)

(Replacing D. Futterman who is on Leave of Absence)

Victoria McQuade	School Media Specialist Mattlin MS	12/16/2014	\$62,396 Step 1MA (to be prorated)
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(Replacing K.Quenneville who resigned)

(Eligible for Tenure: December 16, 2017)

Personnel Recommendation-Professional Staff- Curriculum Writing Additional Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Debra Kirkup	Geometry Common Core	2014-15 School Year	7	\$55.94/hr
Susan Marc	“	“	“	“

Personnel Recommendation-In-District Facilitators- 2014-2015 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Abate, Suzanne	Facilitator	School Year 2014-15	\$55.94/hr.	1
Lewis, Arian	“	“	“	1
Meier, Thomas	“	“	“	1
Pfeiffer, Janese	“	“	“	1
Schlissel, Aaron	“	“	“	1
Waxman, Michele	“	“	“	1

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2014/2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joseph Graziose	Piano Accompanist Grade 5 & 6 Winter Concerts	2014-15 school year	\$50/per rehearsal (3) \$50/per concert (3)

Note: Pending NYS OSPRA fingerprint clearance

Appointments – TAG Program – School Year 2014-2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ed Broad	Substitute TAG Teacher	2014-15 school year	\$65/hr
Cynthia Gendjoian	Substitute TAG Aide	“	\$25/hr

Personnel Recommendation – Tutor for Homebound Students

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michele Schaefer	Home Tutor	2014-15 school year	\$54.84/ph

Non-Teaching Personnel – Child Care Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brandon Casciola	Child Care Worker Substitute	12/16/14	\$10.00

Personnel Recommendations-Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Donna Vangelatos	Chaperone	2014-15 School Year	\$94.01
Mary Clinton	“	“	“
Gail Broad	“	“	“
George Manolakes	“	“	“
Cathy Regan	“	“	“

Appointment-Per Diem Substitute Teacher and Nurse

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Young	Per Diem Substitute Nurse	12/15/14	Step 1	\$137.50
James Avila	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Alexandra Collin	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Korey Falconi	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Kathryn Geller	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Vanessa Saraceno	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Colleen Smith	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/11/14	Step 1	\$145.58
Rosemary Callahan	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	12/15/14	.4 of Teacher Rate	\$159.89/day

Non-Teaching Personnel - Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Deana Alex	Typist Clerk PT Substitute	2014-15 School Year	\$12.50/PH
Jenifer Ashton	School Monitor PT Substitute	“	\$8.75/PH
Nicole Jonas	“	“	“
Darlene Walch	“	“	“

Finance

8.1 Contract –Xerox

That the Board of Education the attached resolution and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement between the District and Nassau BOCES.

8.2 Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Approval Transfers as of December, 2014
- Informational Transfers as of November 30, 2014
- Budget Status Report as of October 31, 2014
- Revenue Status Report as of October 31, 2014
- Quarterly Vendor Payment Record for July 1, 2014 to September 31, 2014.

8.3 Treasurer Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

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

8.4 Disposal of Obsolete Vehicle

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the obsolete vehicle listed on a memo from Mr. Ward dated November 26, 2014.

8.5 Disposal of Obsolete Technology Equipment – Old Bethpage

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the obsolete technology equipment listed on a memo from Ms. Hoffman dated December 9, 2014.

8.6 Disposal of Obsolete Technology Equipment – POBMS

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the obsolete technology equipment listed on a memo from Mr. McNamara dated November 26, 2014.

Discussion

Mr. Bettan asked that since the overhead projectors are still working, could they be donated.

Mr. Ruf stated that he will look into that.

8.7 Payment of Bills

December 11, 2014

General Fund A	\$ 4,827,804.49
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,595,655.76
Federal	\$ 3,243.24
School Lunch	\$ 122,129.71
Capital	\$ 8,876.54
Child Care	\$ 1,673.87
Net Payroll	\$ 1,890,326.31

8.8 SEQRA Determination for POBMS Track Project

That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution declaring that they are the lead agency and that the following project is a Type 11 action under SEQRA law, which represents routine activities of educational institutions that do not have significant adverse impact on the environment:

**Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District
Proposed Replacement of Existing Running Track at the
Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District**

RESOLUTION LANGUAGE – TYPE II ACTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District (the "Board of Education") is proposing the replacement of an existing running track at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School (hereinafter the "proposed action"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has retained VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. to review the proposed action, the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617, and to make a recommendation to the Board as to the proper classification of the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action specifically includes the reconstruction of an existing ash-surfaced running track with a rubberized asphalt running track, including associated field event appurtenances and drainage improvements (e.g., installation of drywells) within the running track area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the "*replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*" and the "*routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings...*" are Type II actions; and

WHEREAS, consultations were undertaken with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP); however, no response has yet been received. The Board of Education will consider any recommendations offered by OPRHP to the maximum extent practicable;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, as lead agency, after review of the action proposed at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C., hereby determines that the proposed action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(c)(2) and (8) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

Miscellaneous

9.1 Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of November 17, 2014, December 1, 2014 and the Bond Referendum Tally, December 9, 2014.

New Business

11.1 Circulation of:

Policy # 5421- Procurement of Goods & Services with change

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Greenberg that the Board of Education approve the following policy for review and comments:

Policy # 5421- Procurement of Goods & Services with change

11.2 Curriculum Writing Proposal- 2014-2015 School Year

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following Curriculum writing project for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Geometry Common Core

Discussion

Mrs. Pierno stated that although it is great that they are offering this project, it would have been better if the State had provided the information needed prior to the beginning of the school year.

11.3 Additional Staff Development Proposals- 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 school year:

- Reading Fundamentals Collegial Circle (Pasadena)
- iPads as Instructional Tools in the Classroom Collegial Circle (Elementary)
- Writing Fundamentals Collegial Circle (Pasadena)
- Proactive & Positive Approaches to Classroom Management
- Living Environment Regents: Data Warehouse Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
- Enhancing Guided Reading

11.4 Field Trip-Stratford Road

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Field Trips listed on a memo dated December 9, 2014.

11.5 Algebra2/Trigonometry Review Sessions

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve Algebra2/Trigonometry Review Sessions for the 2014-2015 school year:

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session for the purpose of negotiation.

The meeting was recessed at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President