

Minutes of School Board Meeting – March 23, 2009

Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Mosenson,  
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda.

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,  
Ms. Aloe, Mr. Christopher Guercio, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Jonas Acting District Clerk.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Mosenson that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

The meeting was recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

There were also present approximately 70 district residents and staff members.

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order 8:00 at p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Lieberman welcomed everyone to this evening's Board of Education meeting

### Announcements

Mrs. Bernstein congratulated PTA Council for a wonderful evening on the occasion of Founder's Day. The new format was terrific. She congratulated all the honorees and thanked them for all they do for children every day.

### High School Report

■■■■ updated the Board of Education on events at the high school.

### Presentations:

#### Long Island Psychology Fair

Ms. Joyce Barry and Ray Tesar were pleased to honor the following students for their participation in the Long Island Psychology Fair:

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Ms. Barry thanked Social Studies Chairperson, Maria Carnesi for all her help.

Mr. Tesar thanked the Board for the opportunity to do this program.

Mrs. Lieberman, on behalf of the Board of Education congratulated the students, their parents and Mr. Tesar on their outstanding achievement.

Toshiba Honorable Mentions

Ms. Barry, Ms. Barditch and Ms. Winnick were pleased to honor the following students for achieving “Honorable Mention” in the Toshiba Contest:

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Mrs. Lieberman congratulated these students, their parents and their teachers.

L.I. Junior Science & Humanities Symposium

Ms. MaryLou O’Donnell was pleased to honor the following students for their achievements in the Long Island Junior Science and Humanities Symposium:

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Ms. O’Donnell also thanked the Board of Education for their continued support. She also extended her thanks to all the teachers that help and encourage the students every day.

Mrs. Lieberman congratulated these students, their parents and their teachers on their outstanding achievement.

Mr. Dempsey announced that the Robotics Regional Competition will be held March 27 and 28 at Hofstra University. He urged everyone to attend.

Dr. Bruno was pleased to announced that two Odyssey of the Mind Teams, one from POB Middle School and one from Mattlin M.S. placed first in the regional competition and will be going on to the State Competition in April.

High Arts Showcase at the Melville Art-trium:

Dr. Chen was pleased to honor the following students for having their art work displayed at the High Arts Showcase at the Melville Art-trium:



Dr. Chen thanked the Board for their continued support of the arts program.

Dr. Chen stated that Carly Epler also received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Mrs. Lieberman on behalf of the Board of Education thanked the art teachers K-12 for all they do to encourage our students.

Public Participation

Mr. Arnold Pfeifer expressed his concerns about safety issues at POB Middle School. The handball court has much graffiti, broken glass and plastic containers over the court. He stated in the school itself there are rust stains on the ceiling. He also stated that the majority of the lights in the parking lot are not working.

Mr. Dempsey stated that Mr. Pfeifer's concerns will be looked into tomorrow.

Mr. Mosenson stated that this sometimes happens over weekends. We will have it cleaned up.

Mrs. Lieberman suggested that Ms. Parahus do a walk through of all buildings to see what lights are out in the parking lots.

Mr. Wolfner asked for a discussion of items on the agenda.

Mr. Ruf answered Mr. Wolfner's questions.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following routine business items including the pink sheet:

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff – Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nicole Bernor	English Teacher (.2) Position	April 10, 2009 (close of business)	

Professional Staff – Change of Tenure Date

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education approve the following Change of Tenure Date:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Current Tenure Date</u>	<u>Proposed Tenure Date</u>
Kate Linden	Special Ed Teacher	Sept. 1, 2009	Sept. 1, 2010 (Extension of Probationary Period)
Ellen Tully	Special Ed Teacher	Sept. 1, 2009	Sept. 1, 2010 (Extension of Probationary Period)

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda.

Nays: Mr. Mosenson, Mrs. Bernstein.

Motion Carried.

Summer 2009 Special Education – Primary and Elementary/Secondary Program Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Neil Lasher	Lead Teacher Primary Program	Summer 2009 Preparatory Work	\$7,531* 15 hours \$51.29/hour
Lauren Bromberg	Lead Teacher Elementary/Secondary Program	Summer 2009 Preparatory Work	\$7,531* 15 hours \$51.29/hour

\* Pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2008/2009

Steven Jacobs	Assistant Coach, MS Mens Lacrosse	3/09	\$2607.
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Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Stephen Arcuri	Chaperone	School Year 2008/2009	\$86.22/sess.
Judith Burke	“	“	\$86.22/sess.
Steven Jacobs	“	“	\$86.22/sess.

Appointments – per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses

Jeffery Leyser	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/09	\$130.58
Stephanie Fadlon	“	“	\$130.58
Chelise Cameron	Per Diem Substitute Nurse	“	\$245.00

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Albert Canonico	Maintainer Buildings & Grounds	March 23, 2009	
Justin Lazaro	Special Ed Aide Stratford Road	March 31, 2009	
Jonathan Hayes	Special Ed. Aide POBJFK High School	March 31, 2009	

The work of the above employee has been evaluated as satisfactory by their principal/supervisor and it is recommended that they be appointed to a permanent position as indicated.

Non-Teaching Personnel Appointment – School Monitor PT

Sabrina Hymowitz	School Monitor Part Time 2 hours – K Center (replacing Kathleen Useloff)	March 24, 2009	\$6,480 To be prorated
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Appointments – Child Care – 2008/2009

Julie Greene	Child Care Assistant	3/30/2009	\$7.75 p.h.
Julie Mandel	Child Care Assistant	3/30/2009	\$7.75 p.h.
Tarisa Maggio	Child Care Assistant	3/30/2009	\$9.75 p.h.



Resignations – Child Care – 2008/2009 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Donna Turello	Child Care Assistant	3/13/2009	
Billie Golan	Child Care Assistant	3/13/2009	

Non-Teaching Personnel – Student Worker Appointment

Kevin Barito	Student Worker	3/25/2009	\$7.65 p.h.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Work Hour – 2008/2009 School Year

Rose Linda Pingitore	Teacher Aide 1 hour additional per day – Mattlin Middle School (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) (replacing Donna Lawrence)	1/29/2009	\$19.45 p.h.
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Personnel Recommendation – Consultant

Erin Comerford	Consultant International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Year Program Coordinator	1 day – 3/25/09 @	\$475 per day includes transportation
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3. Finance

a. Donation – Mattlin Middle School

That the Board of Education accept a donation of the following:

- 5 non-student desks
- 10 bookcases
- 10 file cabinets
- 10 office chairs

b. Donation – Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation as a result of participation in Target’s Take Charge of Education program:

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School	\$146.32
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c. Donation – Old Bethpage Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation as a result of participation in Target’s Take Charge of Education Program:

Old Bethpage Elementary School	\$469.68
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d. Donation – Parkway Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation as a result of participation in Target’s Take Charge of Education program:

Parkway Elementary School	\$390.78
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e. Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks – Private and Parochial School Programs

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the textbooks on the memo from Joanne Levy dated February 26, 2009.

f. Donation – Stratford Road Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation as a result of participation in Target's Take Charge of Education program:

Stratford Road Elementary School	\$196.20
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g. Contract – Kidz Therapy Services, LLC  
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Kidz Therapy Services, LLC Federal Part B611 Flow-Through Contract.

h. Contract – Hicksville Pre School Program  
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Hicksville Pre-School Program Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

i. Contract – Maryhaven Center of Hope

That the Board of Education authorize the President of Board to sign the Maryhaven Center of Hope Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

j. Contract – Variety Child Learning Center  
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Variety Child Learning Center Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

k. Contract – Health and Welfare – 2008-2009

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Garden City U.F.S.D. to provide one student with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

l. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following budget reports:

Informational transfers as of March 23, 2009  
Approval transfers as of March 23, 2009  
Revenue Status Report as of February 27, 2009  
Budget Status Report as of February 27, 2009

m. Adoption of Resolution to Approve the Contract for the Site Work at POBJFK High School

That the Board of Education adopt the following resolution to approve the contract with Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation for the site work at the Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation was the lowest responsible bidder in connection with the bid for site work at the Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School; and

WHEREAS, Stasi Brother Asphalt Corporation was awarded the bid to perform such work;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement with Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation to perform such work and authorizes the Board President to execute same.

n. Payment of Bills

March 2009

General Fund A	1,760,054.93
Trust and Agency	1,383,260.62
Federal	46,376.64
School Lunch	127,891.92
Child Care	189.39
Net Payroll	1,735,406.24

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, and February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Board of Education meetings.

Unfinished Business

Adoption of Policy 5315, “Allegations of Fraud”

Mr. Jonas reviewed and explained this policy.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the adoption of Policy 5315, “Allegations of Fraud”.

New Business

1. Approval of Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the Field Trips noted March 23, 2009 memo and the hand carried field trip provided to the Board of Education this evening.

Discussion:

Mrs. Weinstein inquired about the DECA trip to JFK airport.

Mr. Dempsey responded.

Mr. Mosenson asked the cost to the families.

Mr. Dempsey stated it was \$550.

Mrs. Bernstein requested a breakdown of all the costs.

Mr. Bettan stated that last year we spent a great deal of time discussing field trips. He stated that throughout the year, he has heard from parents that the kids don't go on field trips anymore because the Board of Education has cut the funds. This is not the case. He expressed his views that several of our principals took 75%,100% or more of their field trip budgets and are using these funds for end of year reward trips. That is why there aren't as many field trips for everyone else.

A level of accountability has not been met. He is also very upset that about the portion of these year end trips that is being paid for by parents.

Mr. Bettan stated that we have to have transparency and accountability.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we will improve this next year. The Board wants to see new guidelines.

Mr. Bettan further stated that as a Board, you make decisions based on input from the community. Perhaps we should have received more information from the principals. Evidently, they feel these end of year trips are important. New guidelines are needed. We should work from these guidelines to provide the children with field trips.

## 2. Resolution to Appoint Underwriters

Mr. Ruf explained this resolution.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education adopt the resolution naming Roosevelt & Cross, Incorporated, as the underwriter for the refunding bonds of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

3. Resolution – Professional Staff

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Jeffrey Meyer as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the ability of the employee named in Confidential Schedule “A” to perform her duties:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in Confidential Schedule “A “ to appear for a medical examination in the office of Dr. Meyer on April 15, 2009.

4. Resignation of Audit Committee Member

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Brian Sackstein, effective March 23, 2009 as an Audit Committee member for the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Mr. Sackstein for all his efforts on behalf of the Plainview School District. She requested that we invite Mr. Sackstein to a future Board meeting and present him with a plaque.



5. Appointment to Audit Committee

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by, Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education appoint Steven Wolfson to serve on the Audit Committee from March 23, 2009 – June 30, 2009.

Budget Review

Mr. Dempsey reviewed aspects of the New York State budget and how it would affect our budget. He reviewed the MTA tax and how it would affect us. He stated we may have to reallocate money for the MTA tax.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if there would be a separate code line in the budget for the MTA tax.

Pupil Personnel Services

Mr. Ruf reviewed the Pupil Personnel Services codes.

Discussion:

Mr. Mosenson asked about the increase in the Tuition Paid to Sp. Ed. Private Schools.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Mr. Cepeda asked if we made the adjustments on the consultants' code.

Ms. Becker stated we have worked very hard to keep costs under control.

Mrs. Bernstein asked why we need to bring in psychologists. Why can't our own psychologists provide intervention

Ms. Becker stated that some of our kids have very specific needs and we are able to keep our students in our schools. She also noted that one of our new PPS Assistant Directors is a psychologist and she is able to help.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if any thought has been given to giving our psychologists training or staff development so that we don't need consultants.

Mrs. Rothman discussed RTI.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that over the year we have brought OT and PT personnel into our schools. Perhaps we can bring other areas in district in order to save money.

Mr. Bettan stated that we are spending 1.3 million dollars for speech services. Are we delivering the best services that we can for this \$1.3 million dollars. He asked if we are monitoring these speech services to see how they are doing.

Ms. Becker stated that speech services are matched to IEP goals. She noted that one of our Assistant Pupil Personnel Directors is a trained speech therapist

Mrs. Rothman asked if there are programs that we can deliver to all our students.

Mrs. Weinstein requested a report on the Read 180 program to see how it is going.

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Ellie Becker and everyone in her department. We have seen substantial changes, all for the better. We are so far advanced from other districts.

Mr. Dempsey discussed IDEA funds. It is a one time funding to be used for short term investments for long term returns. We should take the time to develop a plan.

Mr. Mosenson stated you have to look for one shot expenditures.

## BOCES

Mr. Ruf reviewed several BOCES codes.

### Discussion:

Mr. Bettan discussed the possibility of further BOCES reductions.

Mrs. Lieberman asked the total of the BOCES reduction.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about the Summer School Consortium. How much was aidable.

Mr. Jonas stated we saved about \$74,000.

Field Trips

Mr. Ruf stated there are two components to field trips: the education portion and the transportation portion. He reviewed the per student allocations.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein questioned what type of trips the curriculum money would be used for.

Mr. Ruf stated trips for art and to Museums.

Dr. Bruno stated that money is also for Project Challenge and Odyssey of the Mind trips.

Mrs. Bernstein asked why they don't have their own codes.

Dr. Bruno stated that the students come from all buildings and that she is the budget manager.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that music has its own code.

Mr. Cepeda suggested that the Board be presented with all the trips at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Mosenson asked if these figures are based on planned activities or are these numbers based on what we did last year.

Mr. Mosenson requested that the Board see back up on these trips. He would like to see more specific information from the principals in the fall.

Mr. Bettan noted that we have had huge successes in DECA. Where in the budget do we see the funds for their trips.

Mr. Dempsey stated it is in high school clubs, fund raising and from the family.

Mr. Bettan stated that it seems to him that we are sending more and more students and other schools are sending less students.

Mr. Dempsey stated we are sending more kids based on enrollment.

Mr. Bettan expressed he hopes that we continue our success next year in DECA. He stated that we pride ourselves on our successes in DECA. He wants to make sure all kids that want to go can go.

Mr. Bettan stated that some principals chose to forego many trips in order to have end of year trips.

Mr. Dempsey stated that some trips did occur in the schools. But yes, the principals did forego some trips.

Mrs. Bernstein discussed the transfer of funds for trips. When we don't have enough funds in the education portion, we transfer funds from the transportation portion.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if the principals could have final say on trips as long as the total cost stays the same.

The answer is yes.

#### Business Office

Mr. Ruf reviewed the codes in the business office.

#### Miscellaneous

Mr. Ruf reviewed the Miscellaneous codes.

#### Discussion:

Ms. Becker discussed and explained pre-school CPSE costs.

Mr. Mosenson wants people to know this is another unfunded mandate that will cost the district over a half million dollars

Mrs. Bernstein discussed Robotics supplies. We received a grant from Senator Kemp Hannon. When we met with him several months ago, he asked us to come up with a project for him to fund. She asked if we are going to write to ask for another grant.

Mr. Dempsey stated we have not written to him. But it is certainly worth a shot.

Mr. Mosenson suggested that community members also get in touch with Senator Hannon requesting grant funds. Letters can be sent to him at 224 Seventh Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Garden City, New York 11530. His e-mail address is [hannon@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:hannon@senate.state.ny.us).

Mr. Cepeda asked if any of our copies have scanning capabilities.

Mr. Ruf knows definitely of one. He will check on the others.

Mr. Bettan stated that the pre-school CPSE is a potential cost to the district of a half a million dollars.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that we should write to our local representatives to let them know that they should not put another unfunded mandate on the schools district.

Mr. Bettan asked about the district's welfare benefit.

Mr. Ruf stated it is contractual.

Mr. Bettan asked if that is an area where if their portfolio doesn't perform well, do we have to make up the difference.

Mrs. Lieberman stated we do.

Mr. Bettan stated that because of the stock market, we are going to have to make up substantial amounts of money. We are trying to keep programs and not cut teachers because of the big bill that is going to come due.

Mrs. Rothman discussed the decrease in pension accounts due to the stock market

Mr. Cepeda discussed BAN borrowing.

### Revenue Tax Levy

Mr. Ruf reviewed the revenue side of the budget.

Discussion:

Mrs. Weinstein asked about child care. There is a large balance in the account. She asked if we considered taking any money from this account. It seems to be accumulating.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that the Director pays her bills in June. Perhaps we can see what is left after June.

Mr. Mosenson noted that child care was never meant to be profit making. He suggested that we try to reduce the rate we charge if only for a year or two. Child Care is a bargain. Maybe we can look to ease the burden of the parents that participate in Child Care.

Mr. Dempsey answered questions from last week that Board Members has posed.

Mrs. Bernstein asked the prime reason for buying a new bus.

Mr. Ruf stated it is to replace the old bus.

Mr. Bettan asked if we have been having any down time because the existing bus is getting old and causing problems.

Changes to 2009/2010 Budget

Code 2815.162.53

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman to hire a floating nurse for 180 days at \$135 per day and to reduce the codes for substitute nurses in the K-Center, Old Bethpage, Pasadena, Parkway, Stratford, Mattlin, POBJFK High School, POB Middle School and HANC.

Code 5581.490.49

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein to reduce Code 5581.490.49 by \$26,600.

Code 5581.490.49

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein to reduce code 5581.490.49 by \$10,324.

Mrs. Bernstein questioned which children receive the OLSAT test.

Dr. Bruno stated this is the test that is administered to all children in the second grade in order to determine entry into Project Challenge.

Mr. Mosenson discussed the reduction of \$2,500 for the new bus. We have had not major repairs.

Mr. Ruf stated we have had major repairs on the bus we are using now. It is over 10 years old. We will get aid on the purchase of the bus.

Mrs. Lieberman would like our kids to be transported in a new bus.

Mrs. Bernstein questioned the PENNYSAVER reduction. She asked if we will be exploring other ways to advertise our agenda. She asked that we place a notice in the PENNYSAVER informing the community that we are not placing the agendas in the PENNYSAVER in order to save money.

Mr. Mosenson noted that this is part of the culture of change. Mr. Mosenson stated that we can place the agendas on our website. Board Meetings are listed in the school calendar which is sent to everyone.

Mrs. Bernstein reiterated that she wants something placed in the PENNYSAVER informing the community that we will be saving money by not place agendas in the PENNSAVER.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes in the 2009/2010 budget:

Code 5510.406.49	-\$ 2,500	Code 1421.441.00	-\$25,000
Code 1480.468.54	-\$ 8,960	Code 9731.712.00	-\$38,493
Code 1010.430.00	-\$ 4,000	Code 2110.494.00.52	-\$40,561
Code 1060.402.00	-\$ 8,191	Code 2630.490.41	-\$19,690
Code 2110.520.35.00	-\$ 3,000	Code 1620.428.48	-\$67,500
Code 5540.467.43	-\$20,676		
Code 2810.413.52.52	+\$ 5,000		
Code 1620.403.48	-\$ 7,227		
Code 1621.406.48	-\$ 5,000		

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following changes to the 2009/2010:

New Code	+ \$184,459	- MTA Tax
Code 2253.444.52	- \$ 55,000	- Summer ABA Services – Federal Fund
Code 2250.400.53	- \$ 45,000	- ABA Services – Federal Fund
Code 2110.580.00	- \$ 6,500	- Copy Paper – District Wide Code

Mrs. Bernstein questioned Code 2020-159-00, Administrator Retirement/sick days. She asked if this amount is sufficient.

Mr. Dempsey stated we currently don't know who would be retiring next year. It is only an estimate.

Mrs. Bernstein questioned the rate of pay for the Adult Ed Coordinator.

Mrs. Bernstein questioned the large disparity between the various buildings with regard to substitute codes. Are we looking to have the schools control their cost.

Mr. Jonas responded that sometimes it is beyond the principal's control.

Mrs. Bernstein asked for a breakdown of cost of all chaperones by school. Are there efficiencies that can be used.

Mrs. Bernstein also questioned the significant increase in the bus monitor code.

Mrs. Weinstein noted that there are matrons in the transportation codes.

Mr. Ruf will review this.

Mrs. Bernstein asked what a contingency budget would like.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Mr. Bettan noted that if we are on a contingency budget, all the fields used for little league and soccer will have to be paid for by the groups that use them.



Mrs. Bernstein asked about Tel/Logic. She understands that we can't make a private/parochial school to use Tel/Logic, but if a school does use it, can the school decide not to use it in Plainview.

Mr. Guercio said that the service is not mandatory.

Mr. Bettan asked if we could store the books for them.

There are many problems if we did something like that.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we are going ahead with the Fern School Project.

Mr. Ruf stated that we are in a hold due to the potential solar roofing project.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if you could put the money toward another project.

Mr. Ruf stated you would likely need voter approval.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Mr. Ruf for the 5 year building survey.

#### Public Participation

Mr. Sully Goldberg asked if it is possible for the Board to come in with a flat budget.

Mr. Jacque Wolfner questions debt service, office supplies and computer supplies.

Mr. Ruf responded.

Mr. Wolfner asked if the second draft of the budget will be made available to the public. He discussed his analysis of the budget.

Mr. Wolfner expressed his views that the budget can be reduced.

Ms. Amy Pierno, on behalf of the High School PTA asked how high school staff will be affected by this budget.

Mr. Jonas responded.

Ms. Yan Gao discussed the cost of special education out of district students.

Mr. Dempsey explained that the cost is regulated by the State.

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

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Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Mosenson,  
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda.

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Ruf, Mrs. Fischer.

#### Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Jonas Acting District Clerk.

#### Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

There were also present approximately 30 district resident and staff members.

Mrs. Lieberman welcomed everyone to this evening's Board of Education meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Emergency Repair at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School – Weight Room/Dance Studio

Mr. Dempsey stated that we have been working on an interior project at POBJFK High School. While this work was being done, a structural problem was noted on an exterior wall.

Mr. Ruf explained the situation. We are in compliance with all codes. At the end of last week, there was concern about the strength of the exterior wall. Our district architect was on site and confirmed our belief. This problem is due to water infiltration. Mr. Ruf stated that we want to repair this as soon as possible. He emphasized there is no immediate danger. Our district architect contacted the SED. It was suggested that this be considered an emergency project so that repairs begin as soon as possible.

We don't have a good estimate of the cost. Mr. Ruf and Ms. Parahus will meet with a structural engineer at the high school tomorrow and we will have more information after this meeting. Mr. Ruf reiterated that there is no imminent danger to our students; however the repair should be made as soon as possible.

Ms. Parahus also discussed this situation.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman asked if there are any other walls in the same situation.

Ms. Parahus stated no.

Mrs. Rothman asked if there was any issue involving mold.

Ms. Parahus stated no.

Mr. Cepeda asked if this work involves more than “point” work.

Ms. Parahus stated it did.

Mr. Cepeda asked what we are going to do to insure that something like this doesn't happen again.

Ms. Parahus stated that the structural engineer will provide this information.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that water is our enemy. He asked if there is any kind of districtwide inspection that we can do to determine if we have any other similar problems.

Ms. Parahus stated that we intend to look at the masonry.

Mrs. Lieberman asked the time reference to check our buildings.

Ms. Parahus stated we don't know yet.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the resolution states these repairs are for emergency repairs. He reiterated that this is just for the State.

Mrs. Lieberman asked where the money to pay for this repair will come from.

Mr. Ruf stated it will come from the General Fund.

Resolution:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the District is currently engaged in a construction project involving the Weight Room at POBJFK High School; and

WHEREAS during the course of said construction, the District discovered structural deterioration of the exterior wall of the Weight Room; and

WHEREAS the District's Architect (BBS) has indicated that although there may be no imminent threat of collapse, said structural deterioration of the exterior wall of the Weight Room will pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the students and/or staff if not addressed expeditiously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby deems the POB JFK Weight Room Exterior Wall Restoration Project to be an emergency project, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Superintendent's designee to take the necessary steps to repair same without first obtaining voter approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the source of the funds for said project shall be the District's General Fund.

2008/2009 Salutatorian

Mr. Dempsey introduced [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Salutatorian for the 2008/2009 School Year. He spoke of all her accomplishments.

2008/2009 Valedictorian

Mr. Dempsey also introduced [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Valedictorian for the 2008/2009 School Year. He outlined her accomplishments.

Mr. Dempsey stated he was extremely proud of both of these young women and wished them well in the future.

Mr. Dempsey congratulated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their parents on this outstanding achievement.

Mrs. Lieberman congratulated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and their parents. She expressed her views that it is wonderful to see such well rounded students being named Valedictorian and Salutatorian. On behalf of the Board of Education she stated how proud she was of these two young women and wished them well in the future.

Girls High School Varsity Gymnastics Team – Nassau County Team Championship

Mr. McDermott introduced Debbie Rut, Coach of the Girls High School Varsity Gymnastics Team. Ms. Rut stated that this was the first time in 20 years that POB was not combined with Bethpage for the purpose of Gymnastics. In spite of this Plainview won the Nassau County Team Championship. She introduced the following girls on the team:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. Dempsey congratulated these girls and their parents.

Review of Budget

1. Music

Mr. Ruf reviewed the music budget of \$172,681.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked if all the codes are now in the right codes for next year.

Mr. Ruf stated they are.

Mr. Mosenson asked about the purchase of instruments. He asked where are we with this plan.

Mr. Ruf responded.

2. Building and Grounds

Mr. Ruf reviewed the codes in this budget. He spoke of the cost of fuel oil. He discussed the SED requirement for a five year inspection of buildings which is mandated but not funded.

Ms. Parahus reviewed the capital project codes. She went over the current capital projects and those proposed for 2009/2010. She reviewed which projects were completed and which were not. She spoke of doing priority “ones”.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan asked if there is any form of grants that we could tap into for the elevator to be revamped rather than fixed-up. He inquired if stimulus money could be used for this since students with injuries would be using the elevators.

Mr. Dempsey stated we will look into this.

Mr. Mosenson noted that several years ago we talked about solar film for our windows. He asked if anything had been done about this.

Ms. Parahus stated no. She was in discussion with several companies. She was told it would not make a substantial difference.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we can get a copy of the building condition survey to see what projects are “ones” and which are “twos”.

Mrs. Rothman asked if we have anticipated our technology needs when considering electrical upgrades. She asked if it pays to have a five year plan to replace our vehicles.

Mr. Ruf stated we try to purchase one a year.

Mrs. Rothman asked about the substitute custodian code.

Ms. Parahus discussed how we are handling this code.

Mrs. Bernstein asked about the equipment code. We have purchased some furniture that we never had before.

Ms. Parahus stated that POB Middle School needs 12 cafeteria tables and the high school needs six tables. She wants to buy round collapsible tables.



Mrs. Weinstein asked if the round tables we are buying are for the cafeteria.

Ms. Parahus stated yes. There are other round tables that can be moved around the building.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we are seeing savings from Johnson Control and are we keeping track of these savings.

Mr. Ruf stated yes we are seeing savings and we are keeping track of these savings.

Mr. Cepeda thanked Ms. Parahus and the Building and Grounds Department for all their work. He asked if we have looked at cost savings in voice over IP.

Mr. Cepeda expressed his views that we can bring down the fuel oil a bit.

Mr. Bettan discussed maintenance and inspection of the bleaches. He asked if it looks as like we have anything on the horizon.

Ms. Parahus stated there are no safety issues at this time.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we are considering doing any work in the high school locker rooms.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if there is anything we can do to these areas.

Ms. Parahus stated we will be looking at ventilation.

Mr. Ruf stated that the cost to do the boys and girls locker room would be approximately \$760,000.

Mrs. Weinstein questioned the installation of the emergency showers at Pasadena.

Ms. Parahus responded.

Mrs. Weinstein asked what the code for School Activities and the code for Outside Organization are for.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that there was a safety issue with putting a film on the windows.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that she is very leery about reducing the fuel oil code. She would rather be safe than sorry.

Mr. Dempsey stated there could be a small savings but he is worried about a spike in the cost of fuel.

Mr. Cepeda stated that he believes we can reduce this code.

Mr. Bettan agrees. He too believes this code could be reduced a bit.

Mr. Cepeda stated that we should take advantage of this.

Mrs. Lieberman stated if we take this down \$15,000, you are talking about pennies. She stated we should wait until we see the numbers.

### 3. Personnel

Mr. Ruf reviewed the personnel codes.

#### Discussion:

Mr. Mosenson stated we settle a lot of cases. Because we settle these cases could the legal fees, extra services code be reduced

Mrs. Bernstein believes there is room to reduce this code.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if there is a legal requirement to place our ads in the PENNYSAVER. We could save money.

There is no legal requirement.

Mr. Mosenson agrees. This is an area for a good start.

Mrs. Bernstein stated there maybe other ways to advertise these ads possibly through e-mails.

Mr. Mosenson stated that possibly we could use parent connect.

Mrs. Bernstein stated our agendas are on our website the same time they are in the PENNYSAVER.

4. Curriculum

Mr. Ruf reviewed several codes.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan asked if the costs in the materials codes are one time costs.

Dr. Bruno stated they are one time costs.

Mr. Bettan asked if the 7<sup>th</sup> grade science textbooks are obsolete.

Dr. Bruno will check.

Mrs. Weinstein asked why the math program code did not get smaller. She also noted that literacy intervention is also very large.

Dr. Bruno stated it is a one time cost.

Mrs. Weinstein discussed literacy training for teachers.

Mrs. Rothman discussed the elimination of books for Reading Recovery.

Dr. Bruno explained the reason for this.

Mrs. Rothman asked how many more students will be able to avail themselves of literacy intervention.

Mr. Bettan asked about staff development and Socratic seminar.

Dr. Bruno stated we will continue the Socratic seminar.

Mr. Cepeda asked about the calculators that cost \$8.00 each. Do we have to purchase these.

Mr. Ruf stated that the District has to purchase these too.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we are monitoring how our calculators are coming back. She would like the Board to be informed of how many we have had to replace.

Mrs. Lieberman noted that a student is charged if the calculator does not come back.

Mrs. Bernstein noted we have \$4,000 for in-service training college visits and then we have \$5,000 for college visits. She asked what the difference is.

Mr. Ruf will check.

Mr. Bettan was very pleased to note that we don't have to spend \$1,900 for report card supplies.

5. Adult Ed

Mrs. Lieberman noted this is one of the codes she would like to see changed and enhanced. A lot of other districts offer more to its citizens in the way of adult education than we do.

6. Nurse

Mr. Ruf reviewed the codes.

Discussion:

Mr. Jonas stated that it has been difficult to cover for nurses when one is out. Our nurse coordinator suggested hiring a "floating nurse". We already hire substitute nurses when we can get them. He reviewed the benefits of a "floating nurse". Administration would like to recommend hiring a "floating nurse". The cost would be approximately \$14,000 over what we are paying for substitute nurses.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that this makes a lot of sense. She noted that this recommendation come out of a meeting with the PCT.

Mr. Bettan thanked the PCT and the nurse coordinator for all their help. He stated that he would like a log to be kept of what this nurse did during the year when she wasn't needed in a building because of an absence.

7. Senior Citizens Club

Mr. Mosenson asked for the bus situation to be explained.

Mr. Ruf stated that the maintenance cost for the existing bus is escalating.

Mr. Mosenson asked the cost of a new bus.

Mr. Ruf stated a new bus would cost approximately \$45,000.

Mr. Mosenson asked the cost of repairs.

Mr. Ruf responded.

8. Board of Education & District Clerk

Mrs. Weinstein suggested that since the Board has not gone on any out of state conferences in several years, perhaps the \$6,000 could be phased out.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that perhaps we could also reduce the cost of the annual NYSSBA conference since it is going to be in New York City again this year.

Mr. Mosenson stated there may be a conference we want to go to.

Mrs. Bernstein stated she was thinking about reducing this code by perhaps \$4,000.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that NEWSDAY is much more expensive to advise in. Perhaps we could just use the PLAINVIEW HEARLD.

9. Superintendent

Mr. Ruf reviewed these codes.

Mr. Bettan stated that if we had savings in fuel we could use the savings in other capital projects.

Mr. Ruf reviewed the changes from the last meeting.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we have any idea when we will have information on federal funding.

Mr. Dempsey stated that Bob Lowry of the State Superintendent Association stated that the stimulus money should be available shortly. Right now we don't have a commitment from the Governor on cuts in the budget.

Mr. Dempsey discussed the MTA tax. We have no information on this now. He discussed pre-school education.

Mr. Bettan asked what other districts are doing that are not putting the pre-school costs in their budget.

Mr. Dempsey stated they are hoping it doesn't happen.

Mr. Bettan asked if it doesn't come about would we put the money back in the fund balance.

Mr. Dempsey stated you need to be cautious.

Mr. Dempsey discussed the IDEA money. We don't know what the economy is going to look like two years from now.

Mr. Cepeda stated at next week's Board meeting he would like to see a current year to date budget. He would like to see where our actual numbers are coming in. He would like to see where we are at.

#### Public Participation on the Budget

Mr. Jacque Wolfner reviewed a spread sheet he put together on the budget. He noted we have to be very careful on how we project our budget.

Ms. Amy Pierno asked about the summer school staffing. Is there more staffing. She asked if we are training more teachers for the literacy collaborative.

Ms. Pierno asked if we are still doing MSTE.

Dr. Bruno said no.

Ms. Pierno asked if the curriculum field trips is the education portion of field trips.

Mr. Ruf stated it is.

Ms. Pierno questioned Trainers, K-12.

Mr. Ruf stated that this is what we pay in district staff for staff development.

Ms. Pierno wanted the Board to know that the construction at the high school between building and grounds, the students and the phy ed teachers worked. It really wasn't a disaster

A resident suggested we use mini buses instead of regular size buses when we transport students for field trips. We can save money.

#### Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and negotiations.

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

#### Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Jonas Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President



Minutes of School Board Meeting – March 9, 2009

Board Room - Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman,  
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda.

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,  
Ms. Aloe, Ms. Pallotta.

Absent: Mr. Mosenson, Mr. Christopher Guercio, Mrs. Fischer.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mr. Mosenson that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

The meeting was recessed at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

There were approximately 50 district residents and staff members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Lieberman welcomed everyone to this evening's Board of Education meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Lieberman announced there will be two public participation opportunities. The second public participation will only be for budget items.

Mrs. Bernstein reminded everyone that next Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> is the Founders' Day Dinner Awards and urged everyone to attend.

### High School Report

■■■■, our High School Student Government representative, updated the Board of Education and community members on events at the high school.

### Middle School Stock Market Game Winners

Dr. Metzendorf congratulated the five students, including Captain ■■■■, on their team's 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the middle school division of the Stock Market Game. Unfortunately, their advisor Mr. Anthony Isola, was unable to attend this evening. Dr. Metzendorf commented how proud everyone was of this accomplishment.

### Toshiba ExploraVision Competition Winners

Dr. Metzendorf and Ms. Paula Engel announced the 1<sup>st</sup> place Regional winners in the Northeast Division of the Toshiba ExploraVision competition. The three winners gave an explanation to the Board of Education and community of their project, "Flexibone." On Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. the Toshiba President from Japan will be at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School to personally congratulate the students.

Ms. Engel thanked the Board of Education and parents.

Mr. Dempsey spoke of the Taxpayer rally on Saturday, February 28. In attendance were State Legislators, representatives from POB teachers, PTA, Board of Education and Central Administration.

Concerns were raised about Governor Patterson's proposed MTA payroll tax on employers. This tax would cost the district \$225,000.

Mr. Dempsey attended the Huntington Arts Council opening reception for the High Arts Show Case V on Thursday, March 5. Also in attendance were Judith Chen, Joshua Golbert, five POB art teachers, students and parents. Nine POB high school students had their art work on display. In addition, twelve string orchestra students performed in a chamber quartet.

Mr. Murray reported that last Tuesday 120 students attended the DECA New York State Competition in Rochester. Thirty-seven POB students will move on to the International Competition round in late April/early May in Anaheim, CA. Mr. Murray stated that he appreciates the Board of Education's support. He commended the advisors and chaperones.

Mrs. Lieberman offered her congratulations to the DECA students, advisors and chaperones.

## PRESENTATIONS

### IB Conference Update

Dr. Bruno reported that last weekend eleven staff members attended three days of training in New York City for the IB Middle Years Program. She attended the head of school training with Ed Metzendorf, Angela DeLessio, Dean Mittleman and Beth Fox. Six teachers attended teacher training in Humanities.

Dr. Bruno reviewed the requirements for IB. The major cost of the program is for staff development.

Mrs. Weinstein asked what the plan is for next year.

Dr. Bruno suggests one more year of study. Not enough teachers have had staff development and exposure to the program.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if our ELA curriculum will have some of these ideas written into curriculum.

Dr. Bruno stated that ELA skills will be combined with social studies. Rubrics will emerge from this.

Mrs. Rothman asked how many other school districts are involved on Long Island.

Dr. Bruno stated that Commack is the other Long Island school trained.

Mrs. Rothman asked if we could join with Commack.

Dr. Bruno replied that it is more cost effective for an IB presenter to come here to Long Island.

Mr. Bettan stated that he is fascinated about interactions between disciplines. How would we actually implement these changes?

Dr. Bruno stated she is not sure. A consultant from IB is coming down from Buffalo and she will inquire.

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Dr. Bruno for her update.

### Discussion and Reports

#### LIPA Solar Project

Mr. Dempsey reported that four projects are being recommended. LIPA would like to generate 50 megawatts of green power.

We have not yet been authorized and have not agreed to participate. Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Ruf have been in contact with LIPA, but have no written confirmation. There have been positive steps in this process.

Mr. Ruf stated that the roofing materials will be solar powered. We are waiting for written documentation.

#### Governor's Budget – Communication to the Public

Mr. Dempsey stated that the Governor's stimulus plan to return lost income impacts our budget. There are many complex issues. Each district will receive additional IDEA funds to support special education.

Mr. Bettan stated that we want to maintain teacher jobs. It is important to recognize this is only a two-year plan. We should keep the tax levy as low as we possibly can.

Mr. Dempsey stated we will review revenue to the district. The challenge is how to communicate this to the community. He feels it is not clear to the general public.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if there are other ways we can get information out to the community.

Mr. Dempsey stated that questions and answers could be placed on the district website. He cautions this approach.

Mrs. Rothman stated she agrees with this and thinks it is a good strategy. What else can we do? More mailings?

Mr. Cepeda asked if we could do a streaming presentation and let the community know where we are at.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that in Syosset, TV's are set up to let people know where their tax dollars are going. We could highlight some building activities before the budget is finished. It is a good PR piece. Each budget question answer should stay consistent.

Mrs. Bernstein asked for ways in which we can hear what a lot of people are thinking and questioning. She suggested a question and answer sheet. What is the community questioning. Also a sheet would give correct information.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we could solicit in the next district newsletter some budget questions. We could encourage people to communicate with the Board of Education members.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the newsletter is going to the printer tomorrow morning. He doesn't know if we can do this.

Mr. Bettan suggested three or four key areas – something well formatted. Ask PTA members to pass along. Something that looks professional.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about the increase in private and parochial transportation costs. Some of these items we have no control over. NEWSDAY wants lower budgets this year.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jacque Wolfner had questions about Personnel and several items under finance.

A resident asked about math enrichment in grades 7 and 8. She feels students must increase their math skills. She said Jericho has more challenging math for students.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the new math program does have enrichment materials.

Dr. Bruno stated that both the elementary and middle school math programs are web based. The elementary site is almost ready to be presented to the community.

The resident then asked if the students that come from other districts to our schools pay enough tuition.

Mr. Dempsey stated that tuition is based on the State rate.

Mrs. Janice Sheehan commented that she appreciates that the Board of Education recognizes children's accomplishments. She thanked the Board for all they do.

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Mrs. Sheehan.

Mr. Jonas, Mr. Ruf and Dr. Bruno answered Mr. Wolfner's questions.

Mrs. Lieberman introduced Laurie Lynn, the new Director of Guidance. Ms. Lynn will begin on July 1, 2009.

Mr. Dempsey also welcomed Ms. Lynn.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein, 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

Administrative Personnel Recommendation – Probationary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Laurie B. Lynn	Director of Guidance Work Year: 10 mos+25 days (replacing F. Solomon- retired)	July 1, 2009	\$138,000

Eligible for Tenure: July 1, 2012

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

Laura Doherty	Elementary Teacher Pasadena Elementary School	Mar. 12, 2009 thru May 25, 2009 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)
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Non-Teaching Personnel Appointment – Bus Monitors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Carolyn Prasek	Bus Attendant 4 hours per day (replacing Betsy Shein who is on LOA)	Mar. 10, 2009	\$13,032 prorated
Susan Fishelberg	Bus Attendant 5 1/2 hours per day (replacing Kathy Useloff)	Mar. 10, 2009	\$17,919 prorated
Robin Klausner	Bus Attendant 2 hours per day (New Position)	Mar. 10, 2009	\$6,516 prorated
Donna Turello	Bus Attendant 2 hours per Day New Position	Mar. 10, 2009	\$7,041. prorated
Carol Guagliardo	Bus Attendant 6.25 hours per week Monday-Thursday (replacing Kathy Useloff)	Mar. 10, 2009	\$19.45 ph
Arlene Maupin	Bus Attendant 6 hours per week Monday-Thursday (replacing Kathy Useloff)	Mar. 10, 2009	\$19.45 ph

Personnel Recommendations – In District tutor for Homebound Student

Maria Cerniello	Home Tutor	School Year 2008/2009	\$50.29/hour
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Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lucille Ackerman	Chaperone	School Year 2008/2009	\$86.22/sess.
Shari Rose	“	“	“
Maureen Sciulla	“	“	“
Yael Shmuely	“	“	“

Senior Citizen Program – Rescission/Appointment

Rachel Staiano	Senior Citizen Coordinator	July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009	\$17,835
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Note: Rescind appointment at the BOE meeting of 7/15/2008

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence

Amanda LaGrandier	ABA Special Aide 7 hours Kindergarten Center	January 15 -
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Note: Rescind appointment at the January 26, 2009 BOE meeting

Consultant – Mad Science of Long Island

That the Board of Education approve the Service Agreement for Mad Science of Long Island as a program consultant for the 4<sup>th</sup> R Recreation Program. The compensation is \$82.00 per child, 94 students tentatively in the Spring session 03/30/09-5/29/09.

Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers/Nurses

Alison Kelly	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	3/09	\$130.58
Jennifer Smith	Per Diem Substitute Nurse	3/09	\$135.00

3. Finance

a. Contract – Health & Welfare – 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Huntington U.F.S.D. to provide one student with health & welfare services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Special Education Non-Resident Tuition Revised by Bethpage U.F.S.D.-September, 2008 – June 2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the contract with Bethpage U.F.S.D. whose students are attending our 2008/2009 Special Education program.

c. Contract – Marion K. Salomon & Association, Inc. Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

d. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Mattlin Middle School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes 45 student desks located at Mattlin Middle School.

e. Donation – Nassau Tract Teacher Center

That the Board of Education accept two mini grants from the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District:

Daniel Poplawski	Recycled Glass Slumping	\$2,444
Sherri Winnick/ Paula Engel	Operation Montserrat	\$ 875

f. Award of Bid #466 for Projects at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

That the Board of Education award two out of the four bids for Bid No. 466 to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

HVAC Construction (Mechanical) – Thermo Tec Combustion, 6 Grand Avenue, Farmingdale, NY to include:

Base Bid No. 3 (HVAC Reconstruction Computer Lab) \$75,000.00

Total Award Amount \$75,000.00

Natatorium – Philip Ross Industries, 200 Long Island Ave., Wyandanch, NY to include:

Base Bid No. 2 (PVC pool liner installation) \$62,000.00

Total Award Amount \$62,000.00

g. Establishment of Scholarship Fund

That the Board of Education establish a scholarship fund to be awarded to students in the study of environmental issues.

h. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Pasadena Elementary School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following items:

General Electric Refrigerator  
Panasonic 27" DVD VCR Television

i. Contract – School Tuition – 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Randolph Academy to provide one student with school tuition as listed in the contracts.

j. Agreement with Rubicon International

That the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign the licensing agreement with Rubicon International for renewal of the Atlas Curriculum Mapping System for a period of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 at a cost of \$4,500.

k. Treasurer’s Monthly Report

That the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the period December 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

l. Payment of Bills

March, 2009

General Fund A	1,198,157.77
Trust & Agency	1,380,857.53
Federal	16,764.16
School Lunch	1,880.00
Capital	5,920.74
Net Payroll	1,870,994.53

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman, that the Board of Education approve the field trips noted on the memo of March 9, 2009.

2. Approval of 2009-2010 School Calendar for Student Attendance

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, that the Board of Education approve the 2009-2010 school calendar for student attendance:

September	7	Monday	Schools Closed	Labor Day
	8	Tuesday	Schools Closed	Superintendent's Conference Day
	9	Wednesday	Schools Opens	First Day of School (1/2 day)
	28	Monday	Schools Closed	Yom Kippur
October	12	Monday	Schools Closed	Columbus Day
November	3	Tuesday	Supt's Conference Day (Schools Closed)	Election Day
	11	Wednesday	Schools Closed	Veterans' Day
	26-27	Thursday-Friday	Schools Closed	Thanksgiving Recess
December	24-	Thursday	Schools Closed	Christmas Recess
January	1	Friday		(Schools reopen, Monday, January 4, 2009)
January	18	Monday	Schools Closed	M.L. King Jr.'s Birthday
February	15-19	Monday-Friday	Schools Closed	Mid-Winter Recess
March	29-	Monday	Schools Closed	Spring Recess
April	5	Monday		
May	31	Monday	Schools Closed	Memorial Day
June	25	Friday	Last Day of School	
	27	Sunday	High School Graduation	

- (1) In the event no contingency arises which requires the closing of schools, schools will be closed on Friday, May 28, Thursday, May 27 and Tuesday, April 6.
- (2) In the event a contingency arises which requires the closing of schools, days will be identified as follows:

<u>No. of Days Closed</u>	<u>Dates to Be Used</u>
1	May 27
2	May 27, May 28
3	May 27, May 28, April 6

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Mr. Dempsey stated that currently the budget is 2.7% above this year. There is 1.2 million dollar loss of State aid. The tax levy increase is 4%. If State aid is restored back to us it will result in a lower tax levy

#### Budget Review:

Mr. Ruf reviewed the WPOB, the 4<sup>th</sup> R Program and the Library budgets. The library budget consists of supplies, including books materials, periodicals, etc. Library automation moved to the BOCES code.

Mr. Bettan asked if we need clerical support with the new automation software program.

Mr. Jonas explained that only the high school has library aides. The library was always automated, but now on one system district-wide. He believes clericals are being used efficiently. Clericals help when librarians are teaching classes and also assist the Main Office when necessary.

Mrs. Bernstein asked what is the function of the District Library.

Mrs. Levy stated that the district library houses a collection of books and materials available to all schools.

Mrs. Weinstein asked about the periodicals and are there multiple copies of each.

Mrs. Levy said it depends, but yes there are multiple copies of some periodicals.

Private and Parochial Textbooks – One hundred eighty-five students received their books from in-house. Two hundred seventy-eight students received their books from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor. We receive aid of \$58.25 per pupil in this category.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we have put anything extra in the budget in case students from private and parochial schools return to POB.

Mr. Dempsey stated there will be a slight increase. We always allow for growth.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if private and parochial schools can order anything they want.

Mrs. Levy stated that a 5 year rule is imposed.

Mr. Dempsey stated there are control factors.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if they are using more consumables than in the past.

Mrs. Levy said she will look into this.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if certain schools used Tel/Logic.

Mr. Ruf stated yes certain schools do and some don't.

Mrs. Levy stated that some schools have the room to house the textbooks. It depends on the population.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we can encourage the use of Tel/Logic.

Mr. Dempsey stated he is not sure what we can do to impose the use of Tel/Logic on schools.

Science Research – Consists of Independent Research at JFK High School, Siemens, Intel, DuPont, Middle School Lego Robotics, Science Olympiads and TV Studio and media program at the HS.



Mr. Ruf noted a reduction in the consultant code and stated we have been using in-house staff rather than outside consultants.

Mrs. Rothman asked about continued need for a statistician consultant. Could we train any of our current staff members?

Mrs. Barry said Ray Tesar is currently at the 2<sup>nd</sup> level SPSS statistics training.

Mrs. Bernstein asked about the \$900 for tee shirts.

Mrs. Barry said it is part of the requirement for the science Olympiad and Lego competitions.

Mr. Cepeda appreciates all we have done. This is an area where POB really excels. We really get a lot for the money. He thanked everyone in this area.

Art – Mr. Ruf reviewed the art budget.

Mrs. Bernstein asked what is our plan.

Dr. Chen explained that five years ago a long range plan was developed beginning in the elementary schools to begin gross motor development.

Mrs. Bernstein asked about the kiln. Will we have a kiln in each building.

Dr. Chen said yes.

Mrs. Bernstein asked who has a kiln now.

Dr. Chen said no one, yet. Pasadena and Parkway are schedule to have kilns.

Technology – Mr. Ruf reviewed the technology budget which has decreased from 2007/2008. The plan is to increase the number of SmartBoards, ceiling mounted projectors and audio support systems in each school. Also to update the computer labs in each middle school and refresh building laptops.

Mrs. Rothman asked what is the cost of training for SmartBoards.

Dr. Bruno answered that the training is in the staff development code.

Mrs. Rothman asked how we determined where additional SmartBoards would be placed.

Mr. Jonas replied that principals and staff were asked about the use and based upon requests from the teachers.

Mrs. Rothman suggested an idea for cost savings if we move AV repairs to in-district.

Mr. Ruf stated that Mr. Lodico has negotiated a new contract with BOCES saving the district over \$20,000.

Mr. Cepeda suggested instead of having a lap top with a lot of memory and power could we use the server.

Mr. Lodico said he has met with vendors and is looking into this.

Mr. Cepeda asked how old are the computers at the middle schools.

Mr. Lodico replied that we need to update them. Dr. Bruno replied that the software programs of Read 180 and System 44 won't run on them. If we have a needy child we swap computers around the district.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if the teachers are really using the SmartBoards. Are we moving to quickly adding more SmartBoards?

Mr. Dempsey replied this is not a massive number of SmartBoards. He has seen teachers using them as part of their instruction. We will make sure all are being used. He recommends we do monitor usage.

Mrs. Bernstein stated if we have five in each elementary school, what percentage of middle school and high school classrooms will have them if we make the new purchases.

Mr. Lodico will check.

Mr. Bettan asked if we can pull back a little this year to reduce the budget codes. He suggests technology be shared more. Are there any portable devices. In these economic times could we scale back a little bit.

Mr. Dempsey recommends continuing the commitment in equipment.

We could explore the use of wand technology .

Mr. Cepeda suggested we keep the budget as it is. We should continue to maintain momentum.

Athletics - Mr. Ruf said the proposed athletic budget is down 5%.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that the equipment code is going down a lot and she is concerned about safety issues.

Mr. McDermott said we are in good shape.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if there is any padding in the budget.

Mr. Ruf answered no.

Mr. Jonas stated we have the largest athletic program in Nassau County. We added JV golf. We don't want to eliminate any sports. We could combine grades 7 and 8 on the girls and boys volleyball and basketball teams.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if Section 8 has new rules that will reduce the number of contests.

Mr. Jonas stated it might reduce one football contest.

Mrs. Weinstein asked about the purchase of uniforms.

Mr. Jonas stated we buy high quality uniforms. From experience they last longer. We always purchase the highest quality safety equipment.

Mrs. Weinstein asked about the use of bids. Do we bid with other people?

Mr. Jonas stated we are required to use bids.

Mrs. Rothman asked how we compare to other similar size school districts.

Mr. McDermott replied that 60-70% of districts spend 20% more than we do.

Mr. Bettan asked if we are looking to change any teams.

Mr. McDermott replied teams are based on student interest. Almost all students participate.

Mr. Cepeda stated we have an extremely rich program. He believes in athletics for all children. We have the most teams in Nassau County.

Mr. Dempsey stated that if we need to make reductions we could combine grade levels. He would not eliminate any high school teams.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that the middle school years are times for children to try new things. If we eliminate some teams there will be less opportunities for students.

Mr. Dempsey agreed. That is why we are recommending the same teams for next year.

Mrs. Bernstein asked about the Health program in fourth grade. We said we would review.

Mr. Dempsey met with Health Advisory Committee. They decided that the film was acceptable and appropriate. The committee is looking for an updated version.

Mr. Jonas stated that changes are being considered at this point. We are looking for a better film.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the parents found the film outdated, not inappropriate.

Mrs. Bernstein asked what the process is for replacing uniforms. How long do we keep uniforms?

Mr. McDermott stated that varsity uniforms are replaced every four to five years. Then the uniforms are given to the junior varsity teams. We generally get seven to eight years total usage. We have purchased 50 sets of uniforms in the last two years. He always purchases the safest safety equipment available.

Mr. Bettan asked for an update on the progress of the weight room.

Mr. Ruf stated that the sheetrock is up, the room will be painted soon and doors are being installed. Also, new electrical work completed. Work was done in-house. Additionally, soundproofing was added between rooms.

Transportation/Health and Safety – The budget includes transportation to thirteen schools, seventeen special education schools and includes transportation for four hundred twenty-four private and parochial students.

Mr. Ruf recommends the purchase of a new small bus that would hold twenty-five passengers. The new bus would be for in-district movement and the ten year old bus could be used by the Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if the bus is aidable.

Mr. Ruf answered yes.

Mr. Ruf explained how different portions of the codes were developed

Mrs. Lieberman asked which AHRC.

Ms. Eiring answered Brookville.

Mr. Ruf stated we are a member of the consortium.

Mr. Dempsey stated a consortium is being suggested by Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi that would include thirty school districts. He suggests we explore this county-wide consortium. There is no commitment.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if districts could share a bus.

Ms. Eiring replied we are only charged per seat.

Mrs. Lieberman stated she is upset by the charge per pupil.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if the county-wide consortium would be through BOCES and there would be administration charges, etc.

Mr. Ruf stated we are in the final year of a five year contract.

Mr. Cepeda asked since gas prices were recently lowered if we have a little more cushion than we need.

Mr. Ruf stated that Mr. Cepeda could be right.

Mr. Cepeda stated that maybe this is an area we could reduce to lower the tax levy.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we use a van for the BOCES Cultural Arts Program.

Mr. Ruf said he will find out.

Mrs. Weinstein asked about universal busing. If we went back to prior transportation requirements before universal busing how much money would be saved.

Ms. Eiring gave the current mileage requirements for universal busing. She compared this to our prior transportation requirements. No real cost savings.

Mr. Ruf stated that with no other changes there would be no cost savings.

Ms. Eiring and Mr. Ruf gave a presentation on increasing the mileage at the schools. The high school requirement would change from a 1.0 mileage requirement to 1.5, the two middle schools would change from zero to 1.0 miles, and the elementary would change from zero to .5 miles. No change would be made at the Kindergarten Center. These changes would result in a savings of 12 routes.

Mr. Dempsey would like to share this proposal with other groups. He would not recommend the proposal right now. Possibly in the future.

Mrs. Rothman stated that she is all for saving money, but is more concerned with safety and traffic concerns. She is not comfortable with this proposal. She suggested we look into Zero Period and how many students use the Zero Period bus.

Ms. Eiring stated she did a study on this subject and could share this information.

Mr. Dempsey gave examples of 5 hour buses.

Ms. Eiring said no savings would be seen.

Mrs. Lieberman stated there are many dangerous streets closest to POB Middle School. She asked if we wanted this discussion now. We would need a referendum. We should take one step at a time.

Mr. Bettan asked what drives the costs up and how can we move more children in these five hours. Costs are up by more than 50% in five years. We need a better way to control costs.

Mr. Cepeda asked if we have a seat for every child eligible to ride the bus.

Ms. Eiring responded.

Mr. Cepeda stated that the community says busses are only 40% full.

Ms. Eiring stated that ridership studies are done all the time.

Mr. Cepeda stated that busses are running at half capacity.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we are not ready to look at universal bus changes right now. Will look at savings and see what the model was with 3 hour busses.

Mrs. Lieberman said costs would be incurred by opening the buildings a half hour earlier. We will need to look at all costs.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. David Kralstein asked for an explanation in the Special Education budget for the increase in ABA services.

Mrs. Lieberman replied that we will discuss the Special Education budget when Ellie Becker returns and is available to answer questions.

Mr. Jacque Wolfner spoke about transportation issues

Mr. Wolfner asked why the transfer of debt amounts do not line up.

Mr. Ruf stated that Mr. Wolfner is correct and that \$343,000 was moved in to the debt services account.

The revenue budget would be presented on March 23.

Mr. Kralstein asked is there was any more discussion on changing the times for the different buildings.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he has feedback from the PTA raising concerns about changing times. Times will not change by next year. There are a number of concerns.

Mrs. Amy Pierno stated that there is already a problem getting the high school students into the building. We would need to build a larger entrance to the high school if new transportation requirements were made.

Mrs. Pierno asked about a new PA system in the high school.

Mr. Ruf stated we will take a look at this.

Mrs. Pierno said the Technology Committee suggested a new voice over system.

Mr. Dempsey said that was the intention, but the costs were prohibitive.

A resident asked if we could conduct a survey on bus usage. She feels many students hardly use them.

Mr. Dempsey stated that most parents want busses available to them.

Executive Session:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Bettan, that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

The meeting was recessed at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Pallotta  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President



The meeting was reconvened at 12:25 a.m.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Weinstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Jonas, Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President