

Minutes of School Board Meeting – January 26, 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,
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 20 district residents and staff members.

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Announcements

Mrs. Bernstein stated that the Board of Education was informed that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were selected to the Music Educators National Conference All-Eastern Band. [REDACTED] plays the flute. [REDACTED] plays the trumpet.

Mrs. Bernstein congratulated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], their families and their teacher Mr. Loeb on this outstanding achievement. She stated how proud she is of them.

Mr. Cepeda thanked and congratulated all the A Cappella music groups from the high school on their concert. They are very talented. He stated that it was a wonderful evening and everyone had a wonderful time.

High School Report

[REDACTED] [REDACTED], our high school representative updated the Board of Education on events at the high school. On Tuesday, January 13, the Rock, Scissor Tournament raised \$300. The SATs were held on Saturday. On Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6 SING is happening. Everyone is looking forward to this.

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] also noted with sadness the passing of [REDACTED] [REDACTED], an 11th grade student at POBJFK High School.

Mr. Dempsey commented on the loss of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He and members of administration attended the funeral today. He extended his sympathy to Jordan's family and friends. It is a sad moment for his family and for the entire community. Mr. Dempsey also offered condolences to Jim Murray and the entire staff in the high school. He noted that the staff is ready to support the students in any way they can.

Mrs. Lieberman on behalf of the Board of Education extended condolences to the [REDACTED] family. She also extended the Board's condolences to the staff and the students.

Presentations

INTEL Semi-Finalists

Ms. Joyce Barry and Ms. MaryLou O'Donnell were very pleased to honor [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for becoming a Semifinalist in the Intel Student Talent Search. Ms. Barry explained how difficult the Intel Student Talent Search is and how it differs from the Siemens contest.

Ms. O'Donnell also discussed how difficult this Talent Search is and spoke of the five essays the student has to write. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] spoke of their projects and reviewed one of their essays.

Mrs. Lieberman presented a citation from Legislator Judy Jacobs who unfortunately could not be at this evening's Board meeting.

Ms. Barry thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mrs. Lieberman on behalf of the Board of Education congratulated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on their outstanding achievements. She also congratulated their parents and their teachers.

Mr. Dempsey was pleased to announce that he received two letters commending the work of MaryLou O'Donnell.

Mr. Dempsey stated there will be a BOCES referendum to fund the purchase of a BOCES building on February 10, 2009. If anyone requires information, they can call the Superintendent's office or Nassau BOCES

Reports

Shared Inquiry – Socratic Seminar

Dr. Bruno stated that today we provided a session in shared inquiry (Socratic Seminar) for parents, administrators and the Board of Education.

She noted that we are training 90 middle school teachers this year in this methodology in both middle schools. This includes ELA, Science, Social Studies, Special Education and Reading.

This is one of the approaches to learning in IB. Dr. Bruno noted it is also a more rigorous approach to literature and critical thinking which is valuable to students even if we do not adopt the IB program

Dr. Bruno stated that teachers have asked that more teachers be trained. It is very exciting at both middle schools.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the January 21 edition of *The Long Island Press* contained the Best of Long Island categories. Sandy Vanderpool was named the best teacher on Long Island. He read what was said about Ms. Vanderpool. He extended his congratulations to Ms. Vanderpool.

Budget Concerns

Mr. Dempsey stated that the Board of Education has received an analysis of the State's budget. He encouraged all groups to communicate their concerns to our legislators about the possible harmful affects of the Governor's proposed budget. Mr. Dempsey spoke of his concerns particularly about pre-school special ed costs. He stated that under the Stimulus Package the federal government is considering providing aid to the states. Some of this money is for the government to keep the commitments it made in past years.

Mr. Dempsey stated it is a time for letter writing and attendance at meetings. He encourages everyone to be in communication with their legislators.

Public Participation

Mr. Jacque Wolfner responded to a question about the BOCES proposed building purchase. He reviewed the cost to buy the building this year and costs in future years to maintain the building.

Mr. Wolfner stated that he has been studying the proposed BOCES budget. It appears to include a 3.6% increase. He noted the biggest expenditure in the budget was for personnel.

Mr. Wolfner asked that there be a full discussion of the disposal of obsolete equipment at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School.

Mr. Cepeda spoke of the taxes BOCES would not have to pay if they owned the building.

Ms. Susan Stewart was extremely proud to show the Board a copy of Mattlin Middle School's Reflections. She congratulated the students, the teachers and the administrators on a wonderful job. Ms. Stewart stated that PTA and all the parents were wonderful.

Mrs. Lieberman, on behalf of the Board of Education congratulated the students, their parents, their teachers and the administrators.

Ms. Stewart wanted the Board to know how excited she was about the Socratic Seminar she attended this morning. She thanked the Board and Dr. Bruno.

Routine Business

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

1. Students

- Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Carolyn Raynor	Elementary Teacher Pasadena Elementary School	Feb. 2, 2009	\$96,792 Step 11MA 60L1 To be prorated
Valerie Zaffers	Guidance Counselor POB Middle School	Feb. 2, 2009	\$81,701 Step 6MA 45G To be prorated

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

Michelle Geller	Special Ed. Teacher POB Middle School	Jan. 21, 2009 thru June 30, 2009 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)
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Professional Staff – Change of Tenure Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Current Tenure Date</u>	<u>Proposed Tenure Date</u>
John Manzella	Science Teacher POBJFK High School	Sept. 1, 2010	Sept. 1, 2009

Coaching Recommendations/Appointments/Rescission – School Year 2008-2009

John Iorio	Head Coach, V Women's Golf	3/09	\$4495
Philip Lucchio	Head Coach, JV Men's Golf	3/09	\$4317
Michael Rutcofsky	Coach, MS Baseball	3/09	\$3333

NOTE: Rescind appointments for John Iorio at BOE meeting of January 5, 2009 and Philip Lucchio at the BOE meeting of July 24, 2008.

Personnel Recommendation – Advanced Placement Proctors for 2008/2009 School Year

Jerome Abel	AP Proctor	School Year 2008/2009	\$148.78
Margaret Brent	“	“	\$148.78
Shelia Cohen	“	“	\$148.78
Marcia Goldberg	“	“	\$148.78
Virginia Himmelstein	“	“	\$130.58
Diana Kurthy	“	“	\$148.78
Susan Lee	“	“	\$136.54
Dianne Maxwell	“	“	\$148.78
Eleanor Scarr	“	“	\$148.78
Thomas Shean	“	“	\$136.54
Marsha Struhl	“	“	\$148.78
Laura Vargo	“	“	\$148.78

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2008/2009 – H.B. Mattlin Middle School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lori Sklar	Art Club Advisor	School Year 2008/2009	\$877 To be prorated

NOTE: Rescind BOE appointment of 6/23/2008 for Susan Psillos

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2008/2009 – Plainview-Old Bethpage
John F. Kennedy High School

Marjorie Bauer	Moot Court Ass't Advisor	Jan. 2009- June 30, 2009	\$877
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NOTE: Rescind BOE appointment of 6/23/08 for Nancy Rogers for the period Jan. 2009 to June 2009.

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Tiffany Brady-Donovan	Chaperone	School Year 2008/2009	\$86.22/sess.
Pat Fahrenholz	Chaperone	“	\$86.22/sess.
Marcia Goldberg	Chaperone	“	\$86.22/sess.
Rose Loesel	Chaperone	“	\$86.22/sess.
Les Steinberger	Chaperone	“	\$86.22/sess.
Rose Tantillo	Chaperone	“	\$86.22/sess.

Personnel Recommendations – Appointment – Senior Citizens Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Emilia Baer	Art Teacher	Jan. 2009 to June 2009	\$23.00/hr. 2 hour class 8 sessions

Appointments – Child Care – 2008/2009 School Year

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Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers & Nurses

Jane Rubenstein	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	1/09	\$130.58
Seth Alexanderson	“	1/09	\$130.58

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute Appointments

Michael Fabrizio	Part Time Substitute Cleaner	Jan. 27, 2009	\$12.25 ph
Richard Tesoriero	Part Time Substitute	Jan. 27, 2009	\$12.25 ph

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Amanda LaGrandier	ABA Special Aide 7 hours Kindergarten Center	Jan. 15, 2009 not to exceed six (6) weeks	

Appointment of Permanent 2008-2009 Membership to the CSE

That the Board of Education approve the following 2008/2009 recommendation for membership to the Committee on Special Education:

Leslie Sattler – CSE/CPSE Parent Member

3. Finance

a. Nassau County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Grant

That the Board of Education approve the grant with the County of Nassau for drug and alcohol prevention funding for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the contractual agreement.

b. Donation from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County (CCE)

That the Board of Education accept a donation of a shaded tree from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County (CCE)

c. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POB Middle School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes obsolete equipment listed on Dr. Metzendorf’s memo dated January 13, 2009.

d. Donation – Stratford Road Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following three checks to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District:

New York State Association for Health & Physical Education	\$500.00
Target’s Take Charge of Education Program	\$208.50
General Mills Box Tops for Education	\$345.50

e. Donation Parkway Elementary School – General Mills Box Tops for Education

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District:

General Mills Box Tops for Education	\$280.00
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f. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

Revenue Status Report as of December 31, 2008
Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2008
Informational transfers as of January 26, 2009
Quarterly Vendor Report as of December 31, 2008.

Discussion:

Mr. Cepeda asked for a clarification of some budgeted items that went over and other items that are now at zero.

g. Extra Classroom Treasury Report – September, October, November 2008

That the Board of Education approve the Treasure's Monthly report for September, October and November 2008.

h. Payment of Bills

January 2009

General Fund A	1,055,442.13
Trust & Agency	1,274,640.05
Federal	31,205.84
School Lunch	914.95
Child Care	2,919.91
Capital	10,951.20
Net Payroll	1,723,232.68

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 5 and the Special Board of Education meeting of January 16, 2009.

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 January 26, 2009 memo.

Discussion:

Mr. Mosenson questioned the theater club costs. He asked who is paying this cost.

Mr. Dempsey stated that administration will provide the Board of Education with more information on club related costs.

2. New Course Offerings – High School

Advanced Placement Photography

Ms. Judith Chen reviewed and explained the Advanced Placement Photography course. Ms. Chen stated there is no additional cost or additional staffing involved in this new course. She reviewed the need for this new course. It makes more sense to do it this way.

Ms. Chen reiterated there is no additional cost involved in the Advanced Placement Photography course. It would be a better way in which to give students what they need.

Discussion:

Mr. Mosenson asked where the money for supplies would come from.

Ms. Chen stated the students' already have the supplies.

2. New Course Offerings – High School

Advanced Placement Photography - (Continued)

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Advanced Placement Photography Full Year Course, 1 Credit, 12th graders.

Comparative European Languages ,History of English and Romance Language Philology and Spanish for Business - **TABLED**

Discussion:

Mrs. Weinstein questioned the requirements for the History of English and Romance Language Philology course. She asked about the possibility of raising the SAT scores by taking this course. She noted that all these courses are for seniors. She was pleased that more LOTE courses are being offered to students. She asked what students we think will be taking these courses. She asked what students would be advised to take.

Mr. Mosenson asked why these courses would not be offered to 11th graders.

Mr. Mosenson asked about the Spanish for Business Course. Is this a foreign language course or a business course.

Mr. Bettan suggested that these courses be offered to 11th graders. He asked if this would affect enrollment in other courses.

Mrs. Bernstein also expressed her concern about how it would affect enrollment in other courses.

Mrs. Lieberman suggested these three new course offerings be held until Ms. Salemson is available to answer the Board's questions.

She also suggested that if Board Members have any more questions, they put them in writing and forward them to administration.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education table the following high school new course offerings:

Comparative European Languages
History of English and Romance Language Philology
Spanish for Business

3. Memorandum of Agreement – Buildings & Grounds Unit

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Buildings & Grounds Unit.

4. Memorandum of Agreement – School Aides Unit

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the School Aides Unit.

5. Side Letter Agreement with School Aides Unit

Mr. Jonas explained the Side Letter.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement with the School Aides Unit.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

The meeting was reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President