

Minutes of School Board Budget Meeting – March 26, 2012

Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Ms. Gierasch, Mr. Ruf,
Mr. Sammy Gergis, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

There were approximately 30 district residents and staff members present.

Mr. Bettan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bettan welcomed every to this evening's budget meeting. The Board will be discussing BOCES, the Business Office, Miscellaneous, and Undistributed/Benefits/Debt Services. He stated we will also be discussing and voting on potential modifications to Draft I of the 2012/2013 budget.

Board Announcements

Mrs. Schulman was pleased to announce that a POB Alumnus, Randy Bluth, Legislative Commissioner was featured in an article in an Albany Newspaper.

2012/2013 Budget

BOCES

Mr. Gergis stated that the BOCES budget has decreased about \$120,000 over the present BOCES budget. He stated BOCES Administrative Services has been reduced. BOCES Instructional Support has increased about \$60,000. BOCES Special Education Tuition is being decreased approximately \$160,000. There is an increase of about \$50,000 in Computer Services. Mr. Gergis stated that transportation has also been reduced due to the fact we are getting better pricing from our cooperative. He stated overall the BOCES budget has been reduced about \$122,000.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked why the summer school consortium has gone up approximately \$10,000 in the past few years.

Mr. Ruf stated that there are additional aides. It is expense driven.

Mr. Jonas stated we pay proportionately.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about the program that is going up \$50,000

Mr. Gergis responded.

Mrs. Lieberman asked the increase per child.

Mr. Gergis stated it is \$15,000 per child.

Mr. Pierno stated that Castle Learning is in this code this year. It was in curriculum.

Mrs. Lieberman asked what the art program entails.

Mr. Jonas stated the student will be attending the Long Island High School for Art, Drama and Music.

Mrs. Lieberman asked why the student is going to this school as opposed to going to POBJFK High School. She expressed her view that at some point we will be having a philosophical discussion because of the 2% cap. She stated that we need information about these programs.

Mrs. Pierno discussed the testing scoring code. There is a very large increase.

Ms. Gierasch stated it includes the scoring of New York State exams and the costs for other exams. These are unknowns.

Mrs. Pierno asked if our substitute code will go down accordingly.

Mr. Jonas stated we don't know how we will be scoring our regents exams. There is a possibility that we may swap teachers in other districts for scoring.

Mr. Dempsey stated we don't know the logistics.

Mrs. Rothman asked if the substitute code is related to this.

Ms. Gierasch stated just the testing code. There is a fee with BOCES but it is less than others. She also noted there are fewer teachers out of the district.

Business Office

Mr. Ruf stated the Business Office expenses are down 2.5%. There is a slight reduction in postage because the report cards will be electronic. He spoke of the Contractual code for actuarial services. Mr. Ruf spoke of consultant services for our 403B and Medicaid compliance firms.

Mrs. Pierno asked about the Beechwood property. If we had to hire a demographer for this property, do we have money.

Mrs. Pierno discussed the equipment code. She asked about the envelop sealer.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Ruf spoke of insurance on our buildings and boilers in the district. He noted that we have changed providers for the district's student accident coverage in 2011/2012.

Mr. Ruf discussed Tax Certiorari. This is a beginning point if there is a shift from the County to school districts.

Mrs. Lieberman asked what kind of a number we would anticipate if there is a shift.

Mr. Ruf stated we would have a better idea in May.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we would want to establish a reserve fund.

Mr. Ruf stated we could do that next year.

Mr. Cepeda expressed his views that we are taking a good guess.

Mr. Jonas discussed tax assessments.

Mr. Ruf stated the reduction associated with the MTA Tax is a tax levy neutral event.

Mr. Ruf spoke of the request for copiers. We do a lot of copying in the district.

Mr. Cepeda expressed his views that as we go digital, we will see a reduction in this code. He asked if these copiers have the capability to scan.

Undistributed

Mr. Ruf stated that the ERS has increased 18.7% for tiers 3 and 4. The TRS rate has increased 11.84%. He spoke of the cost of health insurance for employees and former employees. He discussed the principal and interest of our energy performance contracts. He spoke of the transfer to the food service fund to purchase equipment items. He stated that our food service has not been self sustaining for the past two years. Mr. Ruf stated that the transfer to the Debt Service Fund, principal and interest, is about \$130,000 less due to refunding.

Discussion

Mr. Bettan stated that when you look at the key factors driving school budgets, employee benefits is the single biggest driving force over the past five years. He noted that while the Board of Education and Administration have struggled to maintain programs, services and jobs, these costs have grown at an astounding rate.

In the past five years the overall budget has increased \$19 million dollars or 16% to \$137 million. Over that same time period, benefits have sky rocketed from \$21.5 million to \$31 million. This year alone, the Board is budgeting a \$1.6 million increase in benefits or over 57% of this year's \$2.8 million budget increase.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that something must be done to control these costs. Employee health insurance, ERS and TRS has sky rocketed. Reform is necessary. Schools simply can't be expected to come up with the money for these programs. Mr. Bettan stated that he is not trying to take away the benefits from anyone. However, we have to re-evaluate these benefits and how they are funded.

Mr. Bettan further stated that all public employees need to understand that while their wages may appear to have been stagnant over the past few years, their total compensation has not. The Plainview-Old Bethpage school district employs approximately 868 people; 500 are teachers, 37.5 are administrators and 330 are classified staff. There is a very real and tangible cost of these benefits that have to be shouldered by the taxpayers. He stated this can't go on forever. Taxpayers and school districts simply can't keep paying these kinds of increases.

Mrs. Pierno noted that we thanked Mr. Ruf for the Triple A Bond rating. She expressed her views that the budget numbers would be "sky rocketing" if it weren't for the efforts of Mr. Ruf and his team.

Potential Modifications to Draft 1 of the 2012/2013 Budget

Mr. Ruf stated that we anticipate a State budget in the next few days.

Code 5540.461.49.00.00 – Contract for Transportation -- (-\$54,750)

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the reduction of \$54,750 in Code 5540.461.49.00.00.

Code 1620.260.48 – Replacement of desks at POBJFK High School -- (-\$8,424)

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the reduction of \$8,424 in Code 1620.260.48.

Various Codes – Wireless devices for Board of Education meetings -- +\$8,800

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve adding \$8,800 to various codes for wireless devices for Board of Education meetings.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein wants to make sure that if we add this \$8,800 in the budget, it does not mean that we have made a decision to use a specific company to update the Board room.

Mr. Dempsey stated that is correct. We are not committed to a specific company.

Mr. Jonas stated this money is for hardware.

Mrs. Pierno likes to look at the whole product. It is a concept without a savings. This bothers her. She stated she needs more information. She would like to see a corresponding savings.

Mr. Cepeda stated there might not be a one to one correlation.

Mr. Rothman noted that the Board has met with only one company.

Mr. Ruf explained there is a savings in time in administration.

Mr. Jonas stated the Board gets the end product.

Mrs. Rothman asked if this cost provides training.

Mr. Dempsey stated the \$8,800 is for wireless devices.

Mrs. Pierno asked what the fee would be if we went with the company we interviewed.

Mr. Ruf stated it would be approximately \$18,500.

On the Motion:

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

Abstentions: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman.

Motion Carried.

Code 5510.581.49 – Fuel for district’s two buses -- +\$1,000

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the increase of \$1,000 in Code 5510.581.49 for the projected cost of fuel.

Code 2110.481.35 – Additional workbooks for POBJFK H. S. -- +\$11,280

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the increase of \$11,280 in Code 2110.481.35 for additional workbooks for POBJFK High School.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan stated that it is a good idea to do this for this year. It is not a commitment for future years.

Code 2850.505.62 – Uniforms for the Science Olympiad and Lego Competitions – (-\$900)

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education approve the reduction of \$900 in Code 2850.505.62.

Code 2110.471.52 – Chinese Program -- +\$69,892

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the addition of \$69,892 for a .6 fte Chinese Program.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein stated that the Board has talked about having some continuity between our elementary program and our secondary program.

Mrs. Lieberman stated this is making it a cohesive program.

Code 2110.471.52 – Gifted and talented program -- +\$13,500

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education add \$13,500 to Code 2110.471.52.

Code 2110.481.59 - Private and Parochial Textbooks -- \$1,250

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education approve the addition of \$1,250 to Code 2110.481.59.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno stated that this will provide consistency between books for our school children and the children that attend private and parochial schools.

Code 1620.260.48 – Update of Board and Staff Development Room -- +\$18,940

Mr. Jonas explained what Administration would like to do to update the Board/Staff Development room. These updates would include a portable white board and LCD/LED monitors.

Recommendation:

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the purchase of presentation equipment to update the Board of Education/Staff Development Room.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno sees a lot of benefits. She would like more information as to how we will save money. She sees this costing more than \$18,940. It is more like a \$45,000 project.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that savings are important. We also have to improve functionality.

Mr. Cepeda stated that he likes that Mrs. Pierno is looking for offsetting dollars.

Mrs. Bernstein inquired if there is more information that the Board could have before next week that would impact on the Board's decision.

Mr. Jonas stated that this room is being used almost everyday for staff development and other meetings.

Mrs. Pierno asked the cost of the portable smart board.

Mr. Jonas stated it is approximately \$4,200.

Motion:

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

Abstentions: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman.

Motion Carried.

Discussion of Potential Site Work on Improving Athletic Field(s) -- +\$100,000

Mr. Ruf stated that the Town of Oyster Bay has requested that the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District partner with the Town of Oyster Bay for improving a field at Plainview-Old Bethpage High School.

Mr. Cepeda suggested that the project be placed on our Capital Projects list. If everything falls right, we would have money available.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if this is a transfer to Capital Expenditures and if anything happens, can we use the money for something else.

Mrs. Lieberman would like to hear what the Town of Oyster Bay has to say.

Mr. Cepeda stated that it doesn't hurt us if we put it in our Capital Expenditures and then don't use it. It could be used for something else that is on the Capital Expenditure list.

Mr. Bettan requested that we put on our website what we voted on tonight and what we still have to do.

Public Participation

Meredith Lewin discussed the Fern Place parking situation. She stated the residents know that the Fern Place School needs more parking. They object to the having additional spaces in front of the school. She spoke of the safety problems if they use this area. She told the Board the residents hired a surveyor who came up with a better plan. She provided the Board with the surveyor's plan. She also provided the Board with a Google Map of the school.

Mr. Jacque Wolfner discussed the number of students attending BOCES. He discussed tuition for these students. He expressed his views that it is probably less than what we would have to pay if we had the students back in our schools.

He discussed the ERS costs.

Mrs. Chris D'Alessandro, Vice President of Budget for PTA Council asked if the revenue numbers are solid for this year.

M. Ruf stated that the revenue budget is very solid. Hopefully the State Aid numbers will increase when the budget is finalized.

Mrs. D'Alessandro asked if we could contact the Town of Oyster Bay about the athletic project for further clarification.

Mr. Dempsey stated we have tried to contact the Town Board and we will try again this week.

Mr. David Kaufman, President of the Booster Club, parent of a son in the District and also speaking on behalf of the POB Soccer Club expressed his views that this athletic field is needed. We can't let it slip away. We have to come up with a way to get this field.

Mr. Jack Young, representing PAL, also stated that this field is needed. He said Plainview is the only town in the Town of Oyster Bay that does not have a comparative field to other towns. There are solutions that we could come up with. We won't be in control if the field goes to the Washington Avenue Park. He stated he believes there are several youth organizations that would make some type of contribution to this project. He can only speak for PAL.

Mr. Doug Bersky representing Plainview-Old Bethpage Little League supports this state of the art facility.

Mr. Chris Rogler, a teacher and coach in our District, supports the field. He stated it would be great to have a facility such as this.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

The meeting was reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – March 19, 2012

Board Room - Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

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

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Mr. Ruf, Ms. Gierasch, Mr. Guercio,
Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

There were approximately 35 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bettan welcomed everyone to this evening's Board Meeting. He stated that the Board will be reviewing the following budget areas this evening: Athletics, curriculum, Human Resources, Board of Education/District Clerk, Superintendent and Revenue/Tax Levy. We will then continue with our regular Board meeting.

High School Update

Andrew Yu, our high school representative, updated the Board on events at the high school.

Board Announcements

Mrs. Rothman attended the 2nd Stratford Road School Bowl Festival on March 8th. This event involved every grade and every child. Stratford Road wanted to raise awareness of hunger in the world and on Long Island. 2200 pounds of food and \$1,080 was donated. The kids made bowls for the soups. It was a wonderful evening. She congratulated all the students and the faculty.

Mrs. Schulman stated she attended the Cultural Fair at Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School on March 8th. The students spoke of the countries their families came from and about countries in which they were interested. Mrs. Schulman stated that it was very interesting to note what students picked up. It was a very nice event.

Mrs. Bernstein thanked PTA Council for the wonderful PTA Founders Day Dinner. She congratulated all the honorees. She thanked PTA for bringing together present and past PTA members.

Mrs. Pierno spoke of the Third Annual aLittle Doctors Blood Drive she attended. Kids learned the importance of donating blood. It was an outstanding event.

Mr. Bettan stated that he read to a class during PARP last week. He expressed his views that this is one of the most enjoyable events that he participates in.

Ms. Gierasch stated that she was impressed with the writing of the kids.

Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey was pleased to announce that Raymond Kim has been named Valedictorian and Nicholas Golio has been named Salutatorian for the 2011/2012 school year. Mr. Dempsey spoke of their achievements and accomplishments. They will be honored on April 23 when we have Student Recognition Night.

Ms. Gierasch was pleased to announce that 192 parents have signed on to participate in the Parent University. She reviewed the different workshops that are being offered. Information regarding this event is on our website. She thanked the PTA and the other organizations for their support. It will be a very interesting evening.

Ms. Gierasch read an e-mail from one of our graduates telling how impressed her teachers in college were with how well she was prepared. Ms. Gierasch also told of "skyping" with students in Italy.

Mr. Bettan spoke of the success of our "High School 101" program. The 8th graders go to the high school for orientation.

Mr. Jonas was pleased to report the success of our custom report cards that are on now on line.

Mrs. Bernstein asked about the number of people requesting hard copies

Mrs. Schulman asked how many families are participating.

Mr. Jonas responded.

Budget Presentation

Mr. Ruf reviewed the equipment code. He discussed some of the items that are being replaced. Wrestling mats, water polo goals tennis posts and a new ice machine are being purchased.

He stated code 2110-412-43 represents a reallocation of items from the health curriculum to this code.

In Code 2855-250-43 new Lacrosse goals, soccer goals and wrestling Mats that are anti Microbial are being purchased.

In Code 2855-460-43 the current score board in the Mattlin Middle School gym is being replaced. Goal posts at Plainview Middle School are being replaced.

Mr. Ruf also discussed the cost of travelling to athletic events at other schools.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if the football helmets are safe.

Mr. McDermott stated they are and meet all concussion requirements.

Mr. Bettan asked if the Section has come up with any money saving efforts.

Mr. McDermott stated they have done things to save money.

Mrs. Pierno asked if any money has been saved with the purchase of a washer/dryer.

Mr. Ruf stated we have and hopefully we will see more savings in the future.

Mrs. Pierno noted the increase in the cost of goals and the cost of wrestling mats.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we have to provide concussion training for our coaches. Does money have to be set aside for this.

Mr. McDermott stated that we don't know the amount of training that is required.

Mrs. Bernstein spoke of the coaches that don't work in the District. We have to find a way to train them.

Mrs. Rothman asked the number of students that participate in athletics.

Mr. McDermott stated that it has been very steady—1100 to 1200 kids participate.

Mrs. Lieberman noted that a lot of schools are cutting teams. Will this affect us. Will there be a sufficient number of teams for our teams to compete against.

Mr. McDermott stated that as long as there are enough teams, we will have enough competition.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if the Board could be provided with a list of what uniforms are being replaced.

Mr. McDermott will provide a list of what was replaced last year.

Curriculum

Ms. Gierasch stated that the curriculum budget has decreased slightly by 0.7%. She spoke of the purchase of smartboards, nooks and tablets, net books and I Pads. She spoke of materials needed for training for common core standards. Ms. Gierasch spoke of instructional materials needed to meet student learning objectives. We will be doing curriculum writing and staff development for K, 1, 2, and 4. We will have a roll out of social studies 7 and 8 instruction materials. We will continue with our Read 180 and Level Literacy Intervention. We are piloting with AIMSWEB and purchasing the Daily 5 Elementary subscriptions. She discussed science materials. She reviewed literacy grants. We will receive \$96,000 in Title I funds and \$91,000 in Title II Funds.

Mr. Bettan asked what type of books are being purchased.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we are trying to fill in the genres. She spoke of Wilson services.

Ms. Gierasch spoke of a conference on dyslexia in New York City and how successful it was.

Mrs. Schulman asked if we have enough books for Read 180.

Ms. Gierasch stated there are enough books. No one has to share a book. In some cases, teachers share manuals.

Mrs. Schulman asked if Castle Learning is used in the elementary level.

Ms. Gierasch stated it is mostly used in grades 7-12. It is not used in the elementary schools.

Mrs. Rothman asked if we have Foundations in the 3rd grade.

Ms. Gierasch stated there is a modified Foundation program in grade 3. It is not necessarily for the whole class.

Mrs. Rothman asked how Leveled Literacy Intervention compares to Reading Recovery.

Ms. Gierasch stated that Leveled Literacy Intervention is 3 to 1 as compared to Reading Recovery which is 1 to 1. Leveled Literacy is very good and teachers see much success.

Mrs. Rothman asked if Leveled Literacy Intervention students are grouped by skills.

Ms. Gierasch stated they are very closely aligned.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we are anticipating that our Enrichment for All Program will run the same next year as it ran this year.

Ms. Gierasch stated it would.

Mrs. Pierno asked if there is money in the budget for DASA regulations.

Ms. Gierasch stated there is.

Mrs. Pierno asked where Castle Learning could be found in the budget.

Mr. Ruf stated it is in a BOCES grant.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we received a Safe School Grant.

Mr. Ruf stated we didn't.

Mrs. Pierno discussed Code 2110-481, Textbooks. She asked about money for this year. She asked if we have a newly hired science specialist.

Ms. Gierasch stated we don't have a newly hired science specialist.

Human Resources

Mr. Jonas stated that Human Resources is basically a flat budget. He reviewed the increase.

Mrs. Bernstein asked in the following year's budget, if we don't need to print as many newsletters, will the cost will be decreased.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that we will still have to send out several newsletters.

Board of Education & District Clerk

Mr. Ruf discussed the cost of the paper ballots.

Mrs. Lieberman noted that we have only budgeted for one vote.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we could eliminate one convention in “Conference and Travel”. If we don’t, perhaps she suggested we change the commentary.

Mr. Cepeda suggested we keep the dollar amount but change the commentary.

Superintendent

Mr. Dempsey discussed the increase in travel. He believes a little more should be placed in the travel code.

Revenue

Mr. Ruf discussed the GAP Elimination Adjustment. He discussed the reduction of the MTA reimbursements.

Mr. Gergis discussed other revenues.

Mr. Ruf discussed the Fund Balance.

Changes and Modification to Draft 1 of the 2012/2013 Budget

Mr. Ruf reviewed the changes to Draft 1 of the 2012/2013 budget. We will be adding 32 to 40 additional parking spots at the Fern Place School.

Mr. Ruf stated the additional cost of \$11,280 in Code 2110.481.35, is for workbooks in POBJFK High School.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if the information regarding textbooks came from chairpeople and staff.

Ms. Gierasch stated this information came from a combination of people.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we purchase these additional workbooks for our students, they should be purchased for parochial schools as well.

Mr. Bettan stated that it is important that we heed the Superintendent's advice.

Expansion of Chinese Program

Mr. Dempsey reviewed the Chinese Program.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the expansion of the Chinese Program will be a multi year program.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we have received positive feedback about enhancing the program this year.

Mr. Brian O'Sullivan discussed our vision. Over the course of the next four years, we are planning to build our program to grades 1-12. He spoke of the local, regional and global reasons to expand this program. He spoke of what other districts have in their Chinese Program. He spoke of what would be done in each of the next four years. He explained the CEU portion.

Mrs. Pierno asked what would be eliminated to provide for the Chinese CEU.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that this is very exciting and a long time in coming. It is the language of the future. It will put us on the map.

Mr. Cepeda stated it is a very worthy investment. He thanked everyone involved in laying this out. He asked if we have the resources for this.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated we did.

Mr. Jonas stated it is a terrific program. He asked the Board to consider the financial impact down the road. Once you begin a program, there is a long term staff commitment.

Mr. Bettan stated this opened up staggering opportunities for our children. This is something that is very long overdue.

Mrs. Schulman expressed her views that this will make the language program less fragmented. The piece that concerned her is that it is a level four language. You are not going to get that good at it. She is worried about attrition. She also stated that it is a cultural program as well as a language program.

Ms. Gierasch stated that based on the interest level and staff in place now, it would be a 2.0 staffing add at some point.

Mrs. Pierno believes the key is to have enough hours. You have to “grab” them in the 5th grade.

Mrs. Bernstein expressed her views that the students will be “grabbed” after they have had a CEU in it.

Mrs. Pierno stated that we have to commit at least through FLACS Checkpoint B Exam.

Mrs. Schulman stated that in order to get the most proficient students, we will be getting kids that are taking French and Spanish.

Mrs. Pierno discussed the Regents schedule.

Mr. Bettan thanked Mr. O’Sullivan.

Mr. Cepeda expressed his views that we have to prioritize to get down to 2.5%

Mr. Dempsey stated that we will again review the potential modifications to the budget at the Monday, March 26th Budget Meeting. We will not be voting on the modifications then.

Public Participation

Ms. Chris D’Alessandro, Vice President of budget for PTA Council, asked if the Board could vote on these modifications next week. It would give people an opportunity to express their views before the budget is adopted.

Mr. Bettan stated the Board can vote on some of the items next week.

Ms. D’Alessandro, speaking as Vice President of the High School PTA, questioned which books are being included in the high school next year.

Mrs. Lieberman requested that Ms. D’Alessandro be provided with a list of these books.

Ms. D'Alessandro stated that she was glad to see the Chinese program expanding.

Mr. Ed Letterer asked if changing the configuration of our middle schools has been considered. One school could be 5 and 6 and the other middle school could be 7 and 8. This way all the students would be together for eight years.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the way to go is to discuss this with the two middle school PTAs. He stated there are pros and cons to such an idea. We have to do research. Mr. Dempsey gave his opinion on this configuration.

Routine Business

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

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>
Angela Sigmon	Guidance Counselor POBJFK H.S.	June 30, 2012 (End of Business Day)	

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>		<u>Salary*</u>
Carla Loeven	Art Teacher POBJFK High School	March 21, 2012 thru May 18, 2012 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

Jeannine Gulli- Kachuba	Special Education Teacher H.B. Mattlin M.S.	Apr. 2, 2012	\$85,707 Step 5MA 60
Stephanie Roehrig	Foreign Language Teacher H.B. Mattlin M.S.	Apr. 2, 2012	\$104,450 Step 12MA 60L1

Non-Teaching Personnel I- Resignation

Eileen Smith	Special Ed. Teacher Aide (Extended LWOP from 9/6/2011)	Mar. 8, 2012 (close of business)
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* Salary pending 2011-12 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching personnel I- Change of Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Leah Kalfin	1:1 Special Ed. Teacher Aide POB JFK H.S.	1:1 Special Ed. Teacher Aide POBJFK H.S. 6.5 hours per day (in accordance with IEP)	Mar. 5, 2012	\$22,659.39* To be prorated

Personnel Recommendation – School Year 2011-12 – ELA Review Classes-
Appointments
Mattlin MS

Kathy Abbene	Librarian-Grade 5	School Year 2011-12 Four-180 minute sess.	1.333 of own hourly rate of pay
Toby Epstein	Reading-Grade 5 & 8	“	“
Pamela Leeb	Reading-Grade 6	“	“
Rachel Diaz	Reading-Grade 6	“	“
Christine Bianco	English – Grade 7	“	“
Darlene Curran	English – Grade 7	“	“
Richard Olivari	Reading – Grade 8	“	“

POB MS

Carole Green	Elementary – Grade 5	“	“
Pat Schaumburg	Reading-Grade 5	“	“
Lori Charletta	Spec. Ed – Grade 6	“	“
Dina Futterman	Reading – Grade 6 & 8	“	“
Joanna Gentile	English - Grade 7	“	“
Amy Rosenbaum	English – Grade 7	“	“

* Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Personnel Recommendation – School Year 2011/2012 – Math Review Classes – Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
<u>Mattlin MS</u>			
Thomas Bonica	Elementary-Grade 5	School Year- 2011-2011 up to four-180 min sess.	1.33 of own hourly rate of pay
Deanna Consiglio/ Cori Cohen	Elementary-Grade 5	“	“
Edward Broad	Elementary-Grade 6	“	“
Christina Sardinia	Elementary-Grade 6	“	“
Alisa Giogetti	Spec. Ed.-Grade 7	“	“
Jacqueline Impennato	Math- Grade 7	“	“
Dina Baccoli	Math – Grade 8	“	“
Louise Cataldo	Elementary-Grade 8	“	“
<u>POB MS</u>			
Carole Green	Elementary-Grade 5	“	“
Pat Schaumburg	Reading-Grade 5	“	“
Lori Charletta	Spec. Ed. – Grade 6	“	“
Marjorie Alfrod	Elementary-Grade 6	“	“
Jeannine Campbell	Math-Grade 7	“	“
Risa Henkel	Math – Grade 7	“	“
Lisa Abel	Math – Grade 8	“	“
Jodi Goldstein	Math – Grade 8	“	“

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators – School Year 2011-2012

<u>Facilitator</u>			
Neil Lasher	You Want to Play Sports in College – Part 2	School Year 2011/2012	\$53.76
Jennifer Strangio- Lott	Analyzing Data in the ABA classroom (ABA)	“	\$53.76
Jennifer Strangio- Lott	Evidenced Based Strategies for Teaching Students who require Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)	“	\$53.76
Adam Paltrowitz	Common Core Curriculum for the Performance Ensemble	“	\$53.76

* Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2011/2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Kathleen Davis	Asst. Coach, Varsity Womens Lacrosse	Immed.	\$4432
David Goldberg	Head Coach, MS Baseball	Immed.	\$4624
Colin Jones	Asst. Coach, MS Mens Lacrosse	Immed.	\$2732
Karen Roveto	Head Coach, JV Softball	Immed.	\$4432
Brandon Steinberger	Head Coach, MS Baseball	Immed.	\$3494
Christina Visbal	Head Coach, Varsity Womens Golf	Immed.	\$4711

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2011-2012

Lauren McGee	Asst. Coach, JV Softball	Immed.	\$3960
Karen Roveto	Head Coach, JV Softball	Immed.	\$4432

* Salary pending 2011/2012 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – 4th R-Spring 2012 Program

Penny Flakowitz	Dance	School Year 2011-2012	\$25 per class
Raina Hirshorn	Arts & Crafts	“	\$25 per class
Allyson Genshaft	Arts & Crafts	“	\$25 per class
Allison Spund	Arts & Crafts	“	\$25 per class
Tara Flood	Bake & Taste	“	\$25 per class

Appointment – Professional Staff – TAG Program – School Year 2011-2012

Elizabeth Corey	Home Parent Trainer	School Year 2011/2012	\$65/hr.
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Appointment and Reappointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Maureen Davis-Crawford	Per Diem Substitute Teacher-Reappointment	3/19/2012	\$137.19*
Torie Pashkoff	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	“	\$137.19*
Michael McCue	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	“	\$137.19*
Bailey Whitney	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	“	\$137.19*

* Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute

Jessica Carrieri	School Monitor PT	3/20/2012	\$8.50 ph
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Return from Leave of Absence

Michael Korn	1:1 Special Ed. Aide 6 ½ hours- Mattlin M.S.	3/19/2012
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Termination

Andrew Negron	Cleaner POB JFK High School	March 26, 2012 (pending Nassau County Civil Service approval)
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3. Finance

a. Contract – Health and Welfare Services – 2011/2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011/2012 school year with Hicksville U.F.S.D. to provide 85 students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow – Through Allocations 2011/2012

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the following contracts:

All About Kids/Mid Island Therapy
The Association for Children with Down Syndrome (ACDS)
CDD-The Center for Developmental Disabilities
The Hagedorn Little Village
Harmony Heights School
The Summit School (Jamaica Estates)
Variety Child Learning Center

c. Cooperative Bids – 2012-2013

That the Board of Education approve participation in a POBCSD exclusive bid for Natatorium Bleachers.

d. Obsolete Equipment – Music Department

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following;

Technics Electric Piano
Model Number: SX PX 206

e. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POB Middle School

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

Television
Serial #MC 32570391

f. Agreement with Schoolwide, Inc., for Additional Staff Development Training

That the Board of Education approve a service agreement with Schoolwide, Inc., for two days of Professional Development with Schoolwide, Inc., for a total amount of \$2,500.

g. Disposal of Obsolete Vehicles

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

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| 1) | 1991 GMC Sr. Citizen Bus | VIN# 1GDG6P1P6MV500072 |
| 2) | 1978 Street Sweeper | VIN# 993AH1138 |
| 3) | 1991 Chevy Astro Van | VIN# 1GCCM15MB204010 |

h. 4TH R Recreation Programs

That the Board of Education approve the service agreements between the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD and Mad Science of Long Island, Schoolhouse Chess of Long Island and Bricks 4 Kids for the Spring session, 2012.

i. Princeton Review

That the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign the agreement with Princeton Review at no cost to the District.

Discussion:

Ms. Aloe stated the following changes are to be added to the contract:

“The school district will provide classroom space for the Princeton Review, Inc., to provide test preparation to students as part of the district’s **Spring 2012** Adult Education Program”. ***The Agreement shall terminate at the completion of the Spring 2012 Adult Education Program but no later than June 30, 2012.***

j. Contract – Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the following Flow-Through Funds:

Brookville Center for Children’s Services, Inc.
Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc.
Henry Viscardi School
Kidz Therapy Services, LLC
Marion K. Salomon and Associates, Inc.
Metro Therapy, Inc.
School for Language and Communication Development (SLCD)
The Summit School (Upper Nyack)
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. (UCP)

k. Payment of Bills

March 2012

General Fund A	\$3,736,667.68
Trust & Agency	\$2,830,655.79
Federal	\$ 37,207.20
School Lunch	\$ 118,624.25
Capital	\$ 24,879.81
Child Care	\$ 3,232.41
Net Payroll	\$3,824,216.94

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings of February 27 and March 5, 2012.

Unfinished Business

Bid #627 – Jamaica Avenue Roof

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education award Bid #627 to Hygrade Installers in the amount of \$848,500.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein noted that this bid has come in over what we anticipated. She asked how it would be offset.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Mr. Bettan stated that we want to coordinate this roof repair with the tenants in the building.

New Business

1. Additional Staff Development Courses

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following additional Staff Development Courses for the 2011/2012 school year:

Analyzing Data in the ABA classroom (ABA)	-	6 hours
Evidenced Based Strategies for Teaching Students who Require Applied Behavioral Analysis	-	4 hours
Common Core Curriculum for the Performance Ensemble (JFK H.S.)	-	2 hours
You Want to Play Sports in College-Part2	-	2 hours

2. Update to Cell Phone Regulation #6830.2R

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following revision to the Cellular Telephone Regulation, #6830.2R:

Add to “Restricted Outgoing” list:

Elementary Schools Night Custodian in Charge (4)

Tablet with Data Plan (new)

Security Guards (4)

3. Resolution – Legal Notice – Budget Vote and Election of Board Trustees

RESOLVED, unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs the District Clerk to publish the Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
OF THE PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLAINVIEW, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Nassau County, Plainview, New York will be held in the H. B. Mattlin Middle School, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York, in said school district on May 7, 2012 at 7:45 p.m. prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. To present to the voters a detailed statement (proposed budget) of the amount of money which will be required for the 2012-13 fiscal year.
2. To discuss all the items hereinafter set forth to be voted upon by voting machines at the Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting pursuant to Education Law of the State of New York and acts amendatory thereto.

A copy of the proposed budget shall be made available, upon request, to residents of the school district beginning April 30, 2012, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the office of the District Clerk, Administration Building, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that said Budget Vote and Election will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the Three (3) Election Districts, described below, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2012-13 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for three year terms commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015.
3. To adopt the annual budget of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library for the fiscal year 2012-13 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the School District.
4. To elect one (1) member of the Library Board of Trustees for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2017.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library's budget for 2012-13, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning April 30, 2012, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the District Office, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York and at each school house in the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008, Section 495 was added to the Real Property Tax Law, and requires the School District to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education and member of the Library Board of Trustees shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York, not later than April 16, 2012, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing time. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 67 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate. Vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees shall be considered separate specific vacancies; candidates run at large. A separate nominating petition is required to nominate a candidate to each separate specific office. Such nominating petitions shall describe the specific vacancy upon the Library Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 67 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 qualified voters or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and, must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is

also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the District pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law in each of the three election districts, on May 8, 2012, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, May 10, 2012, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election, except Sunday, and on Saturday, May 12, 2012, between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m., and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law of the State of New York, the Board of Registration will meet on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at each of the three (3) separate election districts to prepare the Register of the School District to be used at the Budget Vote and Election to be held in 2013, and any special district meetings that may be held after the preparation of said Register, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting of said Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at the school election for which said Register is prepared, or any special district meeting held after May 15, 2012.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning April 2, 2012; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 10, 2012, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on May 15, 2012, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with §2035 of the Education Law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the District Clerk, Board of Education at the Administration Building, 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, New York in sufficient time to permit notice of the proposition to be included with the Notice of the Public Hearing, Budget Vote and Election required by Section 2004 of the Education Law or on or before March 16, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 167 qualified voters of the District (representing 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the School Board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, which is unlawful or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditure of monies is required by the proposition, or where other valid reason exists for excluding the proposition from the ballot.

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Election Districts have been established in the School District. The boundaries of the Election Districts, as adopted by resolution of the Board of Education, and the place in each election district for voting shall be as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 - JAMAICA AVENUE SCHOOL

BEGINNING at a point where South Oyster Bay Road intersects the dividing line between Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York and Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York; thence in a northerly direction along the center line of South Oyster Bay Road to an intersection with the center line of Woodbury Road; thence in a generally northeasterly direction along the center line of Woodbury Road to a point dividing Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York from Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York; thence in a generally southeasterly direction along the line which divides Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York and Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York; thence in a generally northeasterly direction along the line dividing Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York and Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York to the center line of Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway; thence in a generally southerly direction along the center line of the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway to a point which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York; thence in a generally westerly direction along the boundary line which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York to its intersection with South Oyster Bay Road; said point being place of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 - PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BEGINNING at a point in the center of the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway which divides Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York from Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York; thence in a generally southerly direction along the center line of the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway to a point which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York; thence in an easterly direction along the line which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York to a point in the center of Plainview Road; thence in a generally northerly direction along the center line of Plainview Road to its intersection at the center line of Old Country Road; thence in a generally easterly direction along the center line of Old Country Road to its intersection with the Nassau-Suffolk County line; thence in a generally northerly direction along the Nassau-Suffolk County line to a point where Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York, Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York and the county line meet; thence in a generally westerly direction along a boundary line which divides Syosset Central School District, Syosset, New York and Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York to the point in the center of the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway, the point or place of beginning.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 - OLD BETHPAGE SCHOOL

BEGINNING at a point on the center of Plainview Road which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York; thence in a generally northerly direction along the center line of Plainview Road to its intersection with the center line of Old Country Road; thence in a generally easterly direction along the center line of Old Country Road to a point where Old Country Road intersects with Nassau-Suffolk line; thence in a generally southerly direction along the Nassau-Suffolk line to a point where Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York, Farmingdale Union Free School District, Farmingdale, New York and the Nassau-Suffolk County line meet; thence in a generally westerly direction along the boundary line dividing Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Farmingdale Union Free School District, Farmingdale, New York to a point where Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York, Farmingdale Union Free School District, Farmingdale, New York and Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York meet; thence in a generally northerly direction along the boundary line which divides Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, Plainview, New York from Bethpage Union Free School District, Bethpage, New York to the center line of Plainview Road, the point or place of beginning.

Dated: Plainview, New York
March 19, 2012

By Order of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plainview, New York
Harriet Fischer, District Clerk

Executive Session

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

The meeting was reconvened at 11:30 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – March 5, 2012

Board Room - Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

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

Absent: Mr. Chris Guercio

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Ms. Gierasch, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gergis,
Ms. Aloe, Mr. Gregory Guercio, Mrs. Catanese

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

There were approximately 25 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Bettan began the meeting by announcing that tonight's meeting will continue with budget discussions. The budget information is listed on the district's website.

Student Government Up-Date

Andrew Yu, student government representative, updated the Board on events at the High School. Thursday night the Tri M Society had their induction ceremony at the high school. Battle week took place with all four classes competing against each other. The schedule was: Monday, Capture the Flag, Tuesday, Treasure Hunt, Wednesday, Battle of the Brains, Thursday, Scavenger Hunt and Friday, Battle Day. The seniors won with the sophomores coming in second place.

Board Announcements

Mrs. Bernstein attended a PTA sponsored community event, a Chili Cook Off. It was very well attended and a financial success. The funds collected will go toward their scholarship fund. She thanked the event chairs and committee for participating in this event and for their support.

Mr. Ruf congratulated Mrs. Kim Parahus, Director of Facilities for Plainview-Old Bethpage and current Vice President of the NYSSBGA Nassau Chapter as being named a recipient of the National Association for Professional Women's "VIP Woman of the Year" distinction. Mrs. Parahus was selected on her unique qualities and professionalism.

Ms. Gierasch announced that 200 students in the middle schools submitted essays for a contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. McNamera and Ms. Gierasch attended. These were phenomenal essays. Six of our students were recognized locally and one student reached county level. Families were invited and checks were presented. We hope to expand this to the high school level.

Ms. Gierasch also spoke about the "Wear Red Day" held at Mattlin Middle School sponsored by the American Heart Association. They were able to raise \$250. She congratulated the students at Mattlin.

Mr. LaBrocca spoke about a Math Fair held on Friday at Hofstra University. Fourteen students participated and four students advanced to the final round. The final round will take place on April 20th. These students and the title of their projects are:

David Kim	Probability of 4 th Down Success
Susana Kwon	Amphichiral Knots
James Shamul	Gene Frequency Using Taylor Series
Elizabeth Varhese	Logarithms

Mr. LaBrocca also thanked Mary Lou O'Donnell and Sherri Winnick for helping the students prepare for this competition.

Mrs. Barry informed the Board of the visit to legislator Judy Jacobs' office honoring the Intel finalists in Nassau County. Each of the students described their projects. Channel 12 was present to film this event. She commended Mrs. Jacobs for doing such a wonderful job in honoring these students.

Mrs. Barry also spoke about a Lego Robotics competition. Members from both middle schools went on to the finals at Longwood.

Ms. Gierasch thanked Mr. Yagaloff, Mr. LaBrocca and Mrs. Carnesi for attending the module for the Common Core in Freeport.

Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey began the budget part of the meeting by stating that last Monday, February 27th was the first of the budget meetings. Draft #1 of the budget is on line. The budget increase is currently at 2.1% and the tax levy is targeted at 2.5%.

Budget Reports

Pupil Personnel Services

Mr. Ruf began the Pupil Personnel budget by stating that there was a decrease of 2.6% that is attributed to the fact that the TAG program has been brought in-house. He highlighted this budget with the purchases in the equipment code of three whiteboards, and tuition paid for 16 special education students plus several contingency placements.

Mrs. Pierno asked about an \$80,000 reimbursement from Nassau County. Ms. Becker explained about the maintenance for residential students and that the cost is structured differently. Also, there is an offsetting revenue from the state for these placements.

Mrs. Bernstein questioned the code for students placed in other public schools. She asked for an explanation of what kind of programs they were. Ms. Becker gave a special education service related to Down Syndrome as an example.

Mrs. Schulman questioned the outside consultant – is this ongoing? Ms. Becker replied that there is still a need at times but there is an overall decrease.

Mrs. Pierno brought up the Governor's budget and that he is looking to pass on some costs for a pre school program to the districts. Mr. Ruf responded that funds are not included in the 2012-2013 budget because if the Governor's proposal is accepted they would deduct one third of the future costs associated with pre school special education from the district's 2013-2014 state aid.

Ms. Becker did a presentation on special education staffing. She said that each year we look at projections. Also, CSE's determine placement. We instituted a co-teaching model to allow for a part time special education teacher for grades 1 and 2. We have found that early intervention works. We hope to change the model to full time special education teachers by using the existing staff that we have for grades 1 and 2. It is our hope to change the model by giving support in the early years.

Mrs. Bernstein asked will having the full time special education teacher replace the part time aid.

Mrs. Becker responded, yes.

Mrs. Pierno stated that the change in the model is terrific and thank you for figuring out how to get this to work.

Mr. Dempsey added that we are taking a look at the performance of our students. We believe that a full time special education teacher will enhance their academic performance.

Mr. Jonas wanted to clarify a comment made earlier. There is no intent unless driven by enrollment to decrease the actual number of aids. Aids will be redeployed with the intent to use throughout the year in positioning as needed.

Technology

Mr. Ruf began the technology budget with equipment purchases and an increase of 11.2%. There are new initiatives. The Art and LOTE labs at the high school will receive upgrades. The whiteboard initiatives are pretty close to completion districtwide.

Mr. Bettan asked if we are updating the Adobe Suite. Mr. Lodico responded, yes.

Mr. Bettan wanted to know if a ceiling projector or a screen could be put up in the Board Room. Along with Board meetings, this room is also used for staff development. Mr. Lodico will explore this further.

Mr. Bettan asked about open wireless access for our students. Mr. Lodico explained about BYOD (bring your own device). Mr. Jonas said that the upgrades attributed to the IP telephony project will include switches that will afford us the opportunity to go wireless.

Art

Mr. Ruf highlighted purchases of four cameras. Dr. Chen stated that all the classrooms are at the same level with their technology.

Music

Mr. Ruf stated that we are looking to purchase 15 new instruments. There is \$28,700 allocated for repairs and reconditioning of instruments. There is a sizable increase related to the purchase of microphones for the Smart Music program.

Mr. Golbert explained the Smart Music program initiative. It is a personal music tutor which accompanies the student. The student plays along to the music. They can record their performance and send it to the teacher. The cost in the first year is \$15,000.

Research/Media

Mr. Ruf spoke about the purchase of four Netbooks, a printer and LCD projector. There are funds allocated for the new camera in the TV studio at the High School.

Mrs. Pierno asked about the uniforms request in the Lego Robotics code. Mrs. Barry responded that shirts are required in order to compete in the competition.

Library

Mr. Ruf highlighted the purchase of Nooks in the equipment code.

Mrs. Bernstein wanted to hear about this Nook plan.

Ms. Abbene explained that Barnes & Noble came in and did a presentation. She said that Nooks have more capabilities than an iPad. Mr. Jonas said that we are not ruling out iPads. We are exploring all options.

Mrs. Rothman wanted to know the difference between Kindles versus Nooks. Ms. Abbene said that BOCES does not support Kindle.

Mr. Cepeda said that he would like to see what our plan is and how we will phase it in. As we increase our technology line will we decrease our book line.

Mr. Bettan stated that he supports investing in Nooks and that we will have to make some policy changes.

Private & Parochial Textbooks

Mr. Gergis highlighted this budget. There is a 1.4% increase which provides 438 students with textbooks.

4th R Program

Mr. Gergis stated that there are offsetting revenues in this code. The increase is due to the new Bricks for Kids program which is tied into the Lego competitions.

WPOB

Mr. Ruf said that the increase in this code is due to a new initiative by streaming WPOB on line. We would need to buy the proper equipment and do the necessary configurations. Once we are set up and ready to go we should see a decrease to this code next year.

Mrs. Bernstein wanted to know what we will be able to do with this streaming. Mr. Ruf replied that you could go to the website and listen to WPOB. There would be worldwide coverage of the program.

Adult Ed

Mr. Gergis began the report on the Adult Ed budget by stating that we receive offsetting revenue for the courses that we offer. We run approximately 85 programs. The revenue does not cover the cost entirely.

Senior Citizens

Mr. Gergis stated that there is a 4.5% increase. Last year, the senior citizens lost their annual grant and in order to maintain their programs, we increased their budget.

Mrs. Lieberman gave an update on Rachel Staiano. She is doing well will be going into rehabilitation.

Transportation

Mr. Ruf indicated that part of the increase in this budget is due to the purchase of a new bus which will be offset by some aid. This is year four of a five year contract. Mr. Ruf explained how we bid the last contract.

Field Trips

Mr. Ruf explained that there is a \$28 per pupil allocation at the elementary level, \$24 at the middle school level and \$30 at the high school level. The allocation is given to each principal to manage.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we expect to have more children attend public schools with some of the parochial schools closing. Ms. Eiring indicated that it is not significant for our purposes. Mrs. Pierno also questioned the amount of field trips for Project Challenge. Ms. Gierasch will investigate further.

Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Ruf began by stating that there is a decrease of 1.6%. He reviewed the purchase of desks and tables. There is a need for a dust collection system in the maintenance shop and an allocation for a commercial washer at the high school, a snow blower and electric for ceiling mounted projectors.

There are issues with the pool at POB Middle School. It requires marble dusting which will cause the pool to be out of commission for five days.

With the construction of the locker rooms at the high school, we are looking to relocate Camp Apollo to POB Middle Schools. A small portion of this program with the older children may be at Mattlin. The high school will still house the regional summer school.

There is a dramatic change in the electricity and natural gas code related to the fact that we won't be purchasing fuel oil next year because of the deal that we made with National Grid. There will be a telephone project districtwide. It is scheduled to occur this summer. We would be able to eliminate many of our outside telephone lines and communicate between our buildings.

The sewer usage fee is still pending litigation. Mr. Ruf stated that he did not feel comfortable removing that allocation from the budget.

Mrs. Parahus did an overview of the capital projects which includes exterior door replacement districtwide, parking lot and curb replacements. She discussed auditorium

lighting and upgrades and the continuation of the installation of wireless clocks at Mattlin, POB Middle School and the high school. Also, an allocation is included to upgrade the pool filter rooms at POB Middle School and the High School.

Mr. Bettan discussed the possibility of a turf field somewhere in our town from the Town of Oyster Bay. He would like to see some funds put aside to support this in the event that we would receive this turf field.

Mr. Cepeda asked where we were with the capital projects related to the Capital Reserve Fund. Mrs. Parahus replied that all the projects are up at SED awaiting approval which should come at the end of March.

Mrs. Pierno said that Fern Place is a lucrative tenant and would like to make sure we keep them. Mrs. Parahus discussed the improvement to the existing parking spots along with the addition of parking spots.

Mr. Dempsey announced that there is an “Empty Bowl” festival this Thursday at Stratford Road. This is a community activity and celebration of the arts. Bring food in to feed the hungry – between 6PM and 8PM.

Ms. Gierasch reminded everyone about the parent university coming up on March 28th. You can register on-line. Approximately 60 parents are registered.

Public Participation

Mrs. Dender thanked the Board administrators and staff for attending the Chili Cook Off at the High School. She is especially glad that the Board was able to add the addition of a full time special education teacher in grades 1 and 2. This will be a great service to our children.

On behalf of the PTA, we believe that our perspectives are invaluable in the process of choosing a superintendent. We don't make the decisions, but we offer important information to help you make those decisions. I would respectively like you to reconsider including us in the interview process for a superintendent.

Mrs. Stefanie Nelkins asked for an update on the search for a new superintendent. Mr. Bettan responded that we have met with our consultants, Hazard and Young tonight and in the early part of March the interview process will begin.

Mrs. Jane Pace had the opportunity to attend an orchestra concert in Ellwood and spoke about what a fine job they did. She commended Mr. Rubin. She also spoke about a student who was texting while driving and how she crashed and was killed.

She spoke about the dangers of texting while driving and how this needs to be added to the curriculum.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner inquired about the masonry reconstruction work at the high school that was not done. Mr. Ruf explained that the roof project went slightly over budget so we decided not to do the work at this time. He asked for clarification on obsolete equipment and the Custom Computer contract. Mr. Jonas replied.

Routine Business

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

1. Student

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>Effective Date/Salary</u>
Amy Krolick	Speech Teacher MMS/PMS	March 26, 2012 Step 7MA45 *\$88,195

*Salary pending 2011-12 contract negotiations.

Personnel Recommendation – School Year 2011-12-Geometry Review
Classes/PKHS – Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Harriet Greenspan	Math Teacher PKHS	2/28/12- 4/26/12	8 sessions	*1.33 of own hourly rate of Pay
Risa Henkel	Math Teacher PMS	2/28/12- 4/26/12	8 sessions	*1.33 of own hourly rate of Pay

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators-School Year 2011-12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
Thomas Meier	Facilitator	Developing IEP Goals & Treatment Programs for students with Pragmatic Language & Social Skills Deficits	School Year 2011-12	*\$53.76	1.5

Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Work Hours – 2011-2012 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rose Linda Pingitore	Teacher Aide Mattlin MS	\$20.44PH* 1/17/12 thru 3/17/12
Mara Schnee	School Monitor K Center	\$20.44PH (additional 1.25 hours)
Jeanne Walsh	School Monitor K Center	\$20.44PH (additional 2.25 hours)

*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

3. Finance

a. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Human Resources

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

Brother Intellifax 4750e

b. Donation - PAL

That the Board of Education accept the donation of a shed from Plainview PAL to the Plainview Old Bethpage Central School District.

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of February 27, 2012.

New Business

1. Marshall Evaluation Rubric for Principals

Discussion

Mr. Dempsey stated that as part of the teacher and principal evaluation program, guidance is needed for the evaluator. We are required to adopt a rubric and have chosen the Marshall Evaluation Rubric for Principals.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Marshall Evaluation Rubric for Principals.

2. Additional Staff Development Course and Facilitator

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following additional Staff Development Course for 2011-12:

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Developing IEP Goals and Treatment Programs For Students With Pragmatic Language and Social Skill Deficits	Thomas Meier

3. Approval of Custom Computer Contract

Discussion

Mr. Jonas explained that this contract provides the ability for districts to publish custom report cards through Infinite Campus.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the contract with Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.

4. Rescission of Tax Levy Limit Calculation

5. Tax Levy Limit Calculation

Discussion

Mr. Dempsey stated that at the last meeting we recommended that the Board approve the tax levy limit calculation. This was related to the accounting of capital expenditures. Mr. Ruf explained that upon further guidance, the state indicated that the calculation should include capital expenditures from multiple years.

During the week, the state changed their guidance of calculating the capital expenditures for the tax levy limit calculation. At the end of the week we received an e-mail from Debra Cunningham from the state indicating that the original approved calculation that was approved at the meeting of February 27th was, in fact, correct.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that no motion be made on the Tax Levy Limit Calculation

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Catanese

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

The meeting was reconvened at 11:35 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President