

Minutes of School Board Meeting – February 26, 2007

Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Shapp, Mrs. Dender,
Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Richter.

Also Present: Dr. Brooks, Ms. Hodrinsky, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Jonas, Mr. Gregory
Guercio, Ms. Aloe, Mr. Chris Guercio, Mrs. Catanese.

Absent: Mr. Mosenson, Mrs. Fischer

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Dender, seconded by Mrs. Richter that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hodrinsky
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Debbie Bernstein, Vice President

Mrs. Bernstein called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

There were approximately 175 district residents and staff members present.

Announcements:

Mrs. Bernstein attended the Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. She congratulated Dr. Metzendorf and the entire school for a wonderful performance.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that two meetings would be added onto the budget calendar – March 5th at 7:00 p.m. and March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Student Government Update

The student government representative reviewed upcoming activities at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Presentations:

Mens Cross Country Scholar Athlete Team Awards

Coach Justin Carey presented the following Mens Cross Country Scholar Athlete Team Awards:



Womens Swimming Scholar Athlete Team Awards

Tom Hayes the following Womens Swimming Scholar Athlete Team Awards:

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Womens Tennis Scholar Athlete Team Awards

Coach Neil Lasher presented the following Womens Tennis Scholar Athlete Team Awards:

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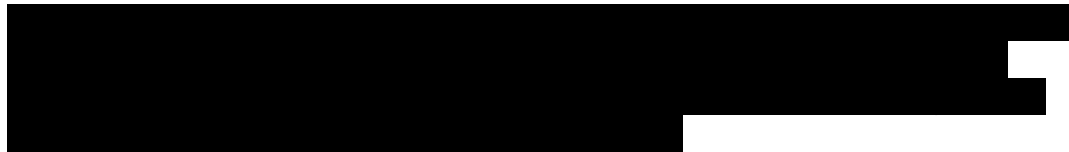
Womens Volleyball Scholar Athlete Team Awards

Tom Hayes presented the following Womens Volleyball Scholar Athlete Team Awards:

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Womens Cross Country Scholar Athlete Team Awards

Coach Thomas Syrett presented the following Womens Cross Country Scholar Athlete Team Awards:



Mrs. Bernstein, on behalf of the Board, congratulated the students, their families, their teachers and their coaches of the scholar athletes.

Dr. Brooks spoke about the tax levy being lower at 5.9% because of the increase in state aid and additional items that did not get used in 2006/2007. He spoke of the need to support the budget. If our state aid goes up there is less tax money that we need to raise. The budget looks to be in pretty good shape.

Mr. Ruf began the budget presentation by presenting the revenue side of the budget. He discussed the different sources of revenues. We expect to receive \$1.5 million in state aid for 2007/2008 which is based on the Governor's proposal as well as an increase in this year's current aid. Historically, state aid has been flat.

He then spoke about factors that are driving the 2007/2008 budget. One item was the SED's regulation of purchasing calculators for students.

Mrs. Lieberman urged everyone to write to their state representatives to say that this cost is ludicrous and that the state should supply them or it should stay the way it is.

Dr. Brooks stated that in the past parents bought the calculators for their children.

Mrs. Dender asked if we have to buy them for all students.

Dr. Brooks answered yes.

Mrs. Lieberman asked whether we are required to buy them for parochial students.

Dr. Brooks replied, yes.

Mrs. Rothman asked if we would be able to partner with other districts in purchasing the calculators.

Mr. Ruf stated that there is no state aid for this.

Dr. Brooks stated that the SED is taking another look at this. As of now this is a cost that we are required to incur.

Mr. Ruf discussed LIPA. We are looking for ways to save on this code by doing an energy audit. We will have new boilers from excel aid.

There is a 7.54% increase over the current year's budget.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about an increase in postage.

Mr. Ruf stated that the Connect Ed program would offset that.

Dr. Brooks stated that instead of having to write a letter we could get on Connect Ed and send a message as a more efficient way of getting information out.

Mrs. Bernstein thanked Mr. Ruf for a comprehensive report. We will be discussing the budget further at the meeting on March 5th.

Dr. Brooks stated that we need to make a decision on the Mejias grant of \$45,000 for the Old Bethpage Elementary School. The items are being considered are: 2 backstops, a retaining wall and an ADA accessibility ramp and a basketball hoop. The playground equipment would create an inequity among the schools in terms of how much equipment each school would have.

Motion to Accept Grant

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Richter, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education accept the grant of \$45,000.

Motion for Two Backstops

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman for two backstops.

Motion for Retaining Wall and ADA Accessibility

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Dender, seconded by Mrs. Rothman for a retaining wall and ADA accessibility.

Motion for Basketball Hoop

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Shapp, seconded by Mrs. Rothman for a basketball hoop.

Dr. Brooks stated that Mr. Mejias was not in favor of a retaining wall.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that the letters from Judy Jacobs office for grant money will be corrected and new ones will be sent.

Reports

1. Theatre Arts Program

Mr. Murray and Ms. Fox presented a report on the theatre arts program at the High School. The program presently consists of three classes: Theatre Arts 1 with 15 students, Theatre Arts 2 with 8 students and Play Production and Theatre Technology with 3 students. Mr. Canfora and Mr. Weinstock are the teachers.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that last year the Board said that it would review our in-district theater arts courses relative to offering the out-of-district Cultural Arts program each year, and asked based on this year's report, were any changes being recommended for next year.

Dr. Brooks stated that he is recommending that we keep it this way.

Mr. Jonas reviewed the current enrollment. We will know by March 12th who are interested in attending. We have included money in our budget for these students.

2. Summer School

Dr. Brooks asked the Board if they wanted to join the BOCES Summer School consortium.

Mrs. Shapp indicated that she would like to try it for one year. She asked what the savings would be.

Mr. Jonas indicated \$25,000 this year and \$61,000 in the second year.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education join the BOCES Summer School consortium for one year.

Discussion:

The Board discussed transportation to Summer School and suggested that information be given to parents with regard to forming car pools.

Mr. Guercio stated that you can provide information.

The meeting was moved to the Mattlin Middle School auditorium.

Public Participation

Larry Danziger read various comments from his on-line petition and then presented the petition to the Board.

Dr. Brooks spoke about when he began in Plainview five years ago and the low math scores. He stated that when he was meeting with parents the test scores were low and this was with traditional math. We are trying to find the major gaps in the program and correct them.

Ms. Hodrinsky spoke about the need for improvement in some areas of the program. She would like to set up meetings in the schools and have a dialogue with the parents to go over their concerns. We are trying to be responsive.

Mr. Arochas spoke against the TERC method of teaching math and said it is not working.

Mr. Morgenthal stated that in the test scores we were beaten by everyone around us.

Mrs. Shapp stated that we put in hours and hours of our time and we have had numerous conversations about the program. We are listening to your concerns. They are not being taken lightly.

Gerald Maher voiced his opposition to the program.

Mr. Cepeda feels that the district is failing to provide proper instruction in fundamental math skills to our children.

He asked about the Superintendent's contract and was told that it would be voted on after public participation.

Mr. and Mrs. Losardo voiced their concerns about the length of time their children had to ride on the bus every day from Old Bethpage to Grace Christian Academy in Merrick.

Mr. Ruf answered their concerns and talked about having the driver keep a log.

Mrs. Fiefer feels that Investigations promotes calculator dependency.

Mrs. Hodrinsky talked about a NYS website that parents could read about the program.

Mrs. Lieberman and Mrs. Rothman spoke about the availability of having supplemental materials available to the students.

Mrs. Matassa spoke about her frustration at not being able to explain to her 4th grader the math because she can not understand it.

Mrs. Suzala who is a graduate from Plainview-Old Bethpage schools wants to hold the principals accountable.

Mr. Campbell said that his son is progressing but he feels he is progressing in spite of the program.

Dr. Brooks stated that our plan is to give a report May. We are also in the process of setting up meetings. They should all be done by the end of April.

Mrs. Abbate, an Old Bethpage PTA parent, voiced her concerns about the Wang property. She is concerned about over-development. She also requested that voting be removed from her school.

Mrs. Gozinsky also spoke about the Wang over-development. She does not see it as a benefit to our children.

Mr. Bettan spoke about his displeasure with the Math program.

Dr. Stanton who is a professor of math at St. John's University spoke against Investigations.

Mr. Kusinetz who has a 7 year old daughter and a 5 1/2 year old son spoke against Investigations.

Mrs. Meschkow, President of Concerned Citizens spoke about the Public Meeting on March 6 regarding the 143 acre development.

Dr. Brooks spoke about the development which would affect K Center, Old Bethpage Elementary School, Mattlin M.S. and POBJFK High School. Ongoing costs will be covered by the amount of tax that is generated. The Board has hired a demographer who has estimated that the initial cost will be approximately \$6.4 million to reallocate space and build onto the schools.

Mr. Guercio stated that we are negotiating language with the developers which will pay the district \$6.4 million to make the district whole, plus the costs related to outside fees.

Mrs. Meschkow said she does not agree and that we have to come down in strong opposition. Taking no position means I don't care.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that we have a fiduciary responsibility.

Mrs. Gao spoke in opposition to the math program.

Mr. Meschkow opposes the \$6.4 million. He feels it is a mistake for the Board to not take a position.

Mr. Riegler came to the meeting to learn about TERC. He has read nothing positive on line. He asked Dr. Brooks if he could gather data on who are using tutors.

Dr. Brooks stated that we can gather some data on who uses tutors but there is no way to gather data on what was before. He wants to listen to your concerns.

Mr. Stein wants to know why we can't consider another method.

Dr. Brooks stated that he feels this is the right way to go. He is not biased at the expense of what is good for our kids.

Mr. Starr is concerned that he might have made a mistake in moving to Plainview. He wanted to know why no one on the Board was responding.

Mrs. Dender said that we are here to listen to what the community has to say.

Dr. Brooks stated that there is no financial commitment.

Mr. Loria wanted to know why such a low percentage of the schools are using this program.

Mrs. Collins would like the voting taken out of the Old Bethpage Elementary School. If not, consider keeping the school closed when voting takes place.

Mrs. Debisceglia opposed the voting at Old Bethpage.

Mrs. Weinstein spoke against Investigations.

Mrs. Bhasin wants to know why can't we look at the districts that have failed and go back to the basics.

Dr. Brooks stated that our scores weren't so good when he began here and that the traditional math wasn't working.

Mrs. Rothman wanted to know if we can get this report before May. If this decision has a budgetary impact we need to know. People need to know what improvements and changes need to be made before budget.

Mrs. Brancaleone has a 5th grader. There are wonderful supplementary activities but in the upper grades it stops working.

Mrs. Hodrinsky responded.

Mr. Sala spoke against the math program. She asked about the calculators and stated that the Board needs to be proactive regarding the Wang property.

Mrs. Nelkins spoke about the information on Investigations on POB's website.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Shapp, seconded by Mrs. Richter that the Board of Education approve the following Routine Business items:

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Administrative Personnel Recommendation - Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Margaret Daugherty	Interim Director of Pupil Personnel Services	3/19/07 thru 8/31/07	\$625 per day
	(replacing M. Tatem, resigned)		

Non-Teaching Personnel – Retirement

Nora Atlas	Special Education Aide – POBJFK High School	Feb. 26, 2007	
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

Carol Taaffe	After School Aide Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S.	Feb. 27, 2007	\$18.20/hr.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Linda Maggio	Cafeteria/Rec. Aide Kindergarten Center 2 hrs. per day (replacing Sherri Lowitt who took another District position)	Feb. 27, 2007	\$6,552 To be prorated
Miriam Jolson	Special Ed. Aide 6 hrs. per day 10 months – Plainview Old Bethpage M.S. (As per student’s I.E.P.)	Feb. 27, 2007	\$18,679 To be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Debra Matura	Cafeteria/Rec. Aide 2-3/4 hrs. per day – Mattlin M.S.	Special Ed. Aide 1:1 – 6 hours per day-Plainview- Old Bethpage M.S. (New position-as per student’s I.E.P.)	2/13/07	\$20,145 To be prorated

Professional Staff – Mathematics Review Class – Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S. Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Daniel Rehman	Math Specialist POB M.S.	Jan. 16-Jan. 25, 2007 8 morning sessions	At own hourly rate of pay
		Jan. 16-Jan. 25, 2007 8 afternoon sessions	At in district utilization rate of pay

Professional Staff – Evening ELA Review Classes – Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S. – Appointment

Phyllis Eisenstein	Retired Teacher Grade 6	Two 90 minute sessions January 4, 2007	\$190.95
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Professional Staff – K Center Incoming Parent Only Evening Orientation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dawn Castagne	Elementary Teacher	May 30, 2007 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	At own hourly rate of pay
Christine Cuervo	Special Education Teacher	“	“
Richard D’Esposito	ESL Teacher	“	“
Lynn Davis	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Angela DeRosa	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Frances Ferrucci	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Lisanne Guerriero	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Ingrid Gurzynski	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Michele Harding	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Amy Isaacson	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Maureen Kenney	Speech Teacher	“	“
Michele LaLima	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Nina Melzer	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Judith Nelson	Special Education Teacher	“	“
Laura Sipperley	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Jessica Walsh	School Media Specialist	“	“

Personnel Recommendations – Staff Development – In District Facilitators

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Seema Sumod	Facilitator Making Character Ed. a Part of Your Every Day	School Year 2006-2007 5 hours	\$47.75/hr.
Jack Canfora	Facilitator Arthur Miller & America	School Year 2006/2007 1 hour	\$47.75/hr.
Ellen Levine	Facilitator Making Character Ed. a Part of Your Every Day	School Year 2006/2007 4 hours	\$47.75/hr.
Thomas Mattone	Facilitator The Earth is Flat	School Year 2006/2007 1 hour	\$47.75/hr.
Jerilyn Miller	Facilitator Wellness	School Year 2006/2007 5 hours	

Personnel Recommendations – Appointment

Lisa Swierkowski	Athletic Chaperone	Immediately	\$80.27/sess.
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Personnel Recommendation – Chaperones – Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Shari Rose	Chaperone	School Year 2006/2007	\$80.27/sess.
Jeannine Falzone	Chaperone	“	\$80.27/sess.

Personnel Recommendations – Tutors for Homebound Students

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dennis Truebig	Home Tutor	School Year 2006/2007	\$46.82/hour
Adrienne Horowitz	Home Tutor	“	\$46.82/hour

Appointments – Per Diem Substitutes

Alison Mack	Per Diem Substitute	2/07	\$128.58
Martin Minkoff	“	“	\$128.58
Sandra Schwartz	“	“	\$128.58

Appointments – Non Teaching Substitutes & Student Workers

Darlene Sisti	School Monitor P/T Sub.	2/27/07	\$8.00 ph
Elliot Lowitt	Student Worker	1/29/07	\$7.15 ph

Coaching Recommendations 2006/2007 – Rescission

Denis Noonan	MS Mens Lacrosse Coach	immediately
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Rescind the appointment approved Feb. 5, 2007

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2006/2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Denis Noonan	Middle School Lacrosse Asst. Coach	3/07	\$3517.00

Amendment to Superintendent’s Contract

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Dender, seconded by Mrs. Shapp that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the Superintendent’s contract effective July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Dender, Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Shapp.

Nays: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman.

Motion Carried.

3. Finance

a. Disposal of Obsolete Cassette Recorder - Elementary School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes a Hamilton Cassette Recorder #XGJH0003205 located in the Parkway Elementary School.

b. Disposal of Obsolete TV – POBJFK High School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following equipment located at the Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School:

Sharp TV – Model Number 25KT15
Serial Number 622399

c. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the budget reports for January 2007.

d. Contract – Residential Placement/ICF Facility – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the following a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with Maryhaven Center of Hope to provide one student with residential placement/ICF facility as listed in the contract.

e. Contract – Non-Resident Tuition – 2005/2006

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2005-2006 school year with Oceanside UFSD to provide one student with non-resident tuition as listed in the contract.

f. Contract – Health and Welfare Services – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with Syosset CSD to provide seven students health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

g. Contract Health & Welfare Services – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with Great Neck UFSD to provide six students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

h. Contract – Health & Welfare Services – 2005/2006

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2005/2006 school year with Farmingdale UFSD to provide seven students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

i. Contract – Health and Welfare Services – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with Syosset CSD to provide three students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

j. Contract – Health & Welfare Services

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2005/2006 school year with Westbury UFSD to provide one student with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

k. Contract – ABA In-Home Services – 2005/2006

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2005-2006 school year with the Eden II Programs to provide one student with ABA In-Home services as listed in the contract.

l. Contract – Private School Tuition – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006-2007 school year with Variety Child Learning Center to provide one student with private school tuition as listed in the contract.

m. Contract - Private School Tuition and Aide – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with The Center for Developmental Disabilities to provide one student with private school tuition and aide as listed in the contract.

n. Contract – Private School Tuition – 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2006/2007 school year with Maryhaven Center of Hope to provide two students with private school tuition as listed in the contract.

- o. Tuition for Gifted and Talented Program for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 school years

That the Board of Education approve the contract with the Farmingdale Union Free School District and authorize the President to sign the contracts for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 school years.

- p. Treasurer’s Monthly Report

That the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the period December 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

- q. Payment of Bills

February 20, 2007

General Fund A	3,340,765.61
Federal Projects	3,229.69
Trust & Agency	2,635,828.68
School Lunch	3,341.29
Capital	41,948.10
Child Care	5,054.57
Payroll	3,168,060.81

Unfinished Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Richter, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve Policy 7211, Pass/Fail Grading System and Lowest Failing Grade – High School.

New Business

1. Student Trip to Italy – **Tabled**

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Dender, seconded by Mrs. Richter that the Board of Education table the student trip to Italy in February 2008.

2. New Position – Bus Attendant

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the new position of a “floating” bus attendant.

3. Suspension

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Resolution

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby suspends the employee listed in the confidential schedule for a period of thirty (30) days without pay pending a hearing pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law. This suspension shall commence on February 27, 2007.

Hearing Officer

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Richter that the Board of Education approve the following resolution appointing a Hearing Officer:

Resolution – Hearing Officer

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby appoints Stephen Bluth to serve as the Hearing Officer in connection with a hearing pursuant to Section 75 of the New York State Civil Service Law against the employee listed in the confidential schedule.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Shapp, seconded by Mrs. Richter that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and real estate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Catanese
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Debbie Bernstein, Vice President

The meeting was reconvened at 12:40 a.m.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Shapp that the Board of Education approve Ms. Eileen Hodrinsky Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hodrinsky
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Debbie Bernstein, Vice President

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Also Present: Dr. Brooks, Ms. Hodrinsky, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Jonas,
Mr. Chris Guercio, Mrs. Catanese.

Absent: Mr. Guercio, Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Shapp that the Board of Education appoint Ms. Hodrinsky Acting District Clerk.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hodrinsky
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Jonathan Mosenson, President

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

There were approximately 25 district residents and staff members present.

Announcements

Mrs. Dender attended a presentation of Rachel's Challenge. She said that was a wonderful program for sophomores and juniors. It was all about Columbine. The message was to be kinder to people.

Mr. Mosenson agreed and said the program was intense.

Ms. Rothman spoke about attending the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association and Superintendent's Association seminar on January 24. The focus was on working together for Long Island schools. It addressed ways that school districts can participate in consortiums. .

Mr. Ruf and Dr. Brooks will be looking into these areas.

Mrs. Richter attended a meeting for disease control given by the Nassau County Health Department. If there were an epidemic, a vaccine would not be available for five-six months. A concern arose as to who would receive the vaccine first.

Mrs. Bernstein attended SING and was a judge. She congratulated all of the students and staff. There was a tremendous amount of work and effort that went into this program.

Mrs. Bernstein congratulated Guy Lodico on being appointed to the Board of Directors of the New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education. He will be the Long Island representative.

Mrs. Dender along with other Board of Education members attended a presentation on cyberbullying. They did not find it very useful. Mrs. Dender feels that they would rather speak with other districts. They feel there should be a time set aside to ask about practices in other districts.

Student Government Up Date

The student government representative thanked the Board of Education for attending Sing and showing their support. He spoke of up coming events at the high school.

Budget Status

Mr. Ruf stated that he has received final revisions. Everyone has been asked to par down requests a bit.

Mr. Mosenson wanted to know if he was finding many differences in the way the budget is being put together this year.

Mr. Ruf stated that there is a lot of communication taking place. He is reviewing quite a few codes that are either under used or not used at all.

Mr. Ruf will be meeting with the PTA budget committee prior to the winter break.

Mrs. Lieberman spoke about Governor Spitzer's proposal for state aid.

Mr. Ruf stated that it appears that POB will be receiving approximately \$900,000 more in state aid.

Mrs. Lieberman wants to make sure we are checking our numbers for state aid and not making any mistakes. She would like to see them checked and rechecked.

Mr. Ruf replied that the Business office has reviewed numbers with the Pupil Personnel Department.

Dr. Brooks pointed out that due to universal Pre-K, we would not be receiving \$28,000 of the \$900,000. Our aid is based on information that we give to them. We are fairly confident that previous errors will not be repeated.

Mr. Ruf stated that of the \$900,000, \$300,000 is due to transportation and building aid.

Mrs. Rothman stated that at the meeting last week the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) was addressed.

Mr. Ruf stated that this has the potential of taking money away from suburban schools.

Dr. Brooks stated that the Governor's proposed budget for 2007/2008 is going to raise the foundation formula for every school district each year for the next three years.

Reports

Moot Court trip to Washington, D. C.

Ms. Lasher and Ms. Rogers along with two Moot Court students presented a report on their trip to Washington, D.C in January. Last year Judge Joseph Covello arranged to have a private meeting with Supreme Court Judge Scalia. This year the group met with Supreme Court Judge Alito. The students thanked the Board for approving the trip.

Update on Impact of Change to January Regent for AP English Students

Ms. Fox and Mr. Murray presented a report on the impact of administering the English Regents in January instead of June to students in English 11 AP. The PTA's Curriculum Committee supported the change. Both Mrs. Gonzolaz and Mrs. Setton, POBJFKHS English teachers, agree that once the examination is taken in January they could then concentrate on the AP exam in June. This is not recommended for 11R and 11H students.

Summer School Program

Mr. Jonas has been looking into joining a consortium of schools for Summer School.

He responded that the classes have an average of 13.4 students. Our classes are between 8-10 students. Our results on Regents examinations are somewhat better. For those students that walk into the examinations, our results were slightly higher.

Dr. Brooks stated that we need to make a decision. We have to make sure that we have money in the proposed budget for next year.

Ms. Bernstein questioned the additional burden of custodial help.

Dr. Brooks responded that it did not have an actual financial impact.

Mrs. Rothman asked whether we would be obligated to continue in the consortium after this year.

Mr. Jonas responded no.

The Board is expected to take action at the February 26th Board Meeting.

Discussion on changing April Board Meetings

Dr. Brooks reviewed the dates of the April Board of Education meetings and the reasons to change these dates.

The Board agreed on the following:

Wednesday, April 18	Regular Board Meeting
Monday April 23	No Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 24	Board Meeting at 8:00 a.m. for BOCES vote

Public Participation

Jacques Wolfner attended the budget advisory committee meeting of BOCES and was instrumental in saving \$16,000 on a piece of equipment.

The next Audit Committee Meeting will be on February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Mr. Wolfner stated that he would like an explanation regarding obsolete equipment at the High School and an explanation of the Internet Service agreement.

Larry Danziger spoke about the Math Investigations Program. He has 250 names on a petition so far and feels that the program needs to be eliminated.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Dender 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>
Kelly Ann Alcantara	Guidance Counselor	July 1, 2007	

Professional Staff – Temporary Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Albert Cimaglia	Mathematics/AIS Teacher Assign: Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S	Jan. 31, 2007 thru Mar. 9, 2007	\$456.90 per day

Professional Staff – Evening Mathematics Review Classes – Plainview-Old
Bethpage M.S. Appointments

Yardena Goldstein	Elementary Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 5	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 12, 2007 & Feb. 27, 2007	1.333 of own hourly rate of pay
Ramona Schoen	Special Ed. Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 5	“	“
Frank Monteforte	Mathematics Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 6	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 12, 2007 & Feb. 26, 2007	“
Dan Rehman	Math Specialist POB M.S. - Grade 6	“	“
Lisa Markowicz	Mathematics Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 7	Two 90 Minute sessions Feb. 12, 2007 & Feb. 27, 2007	“
Linda Markowicz	Mathematics Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 7	“	“
Lisa Markowics	Mathematics Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 8	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 15, 2007 & Feb. 28, 2007	“
Linda Markowics	Mathematics Tchr. POB M.S. – Grade 8	“	“

Professional Staff – Evening Mathematics Review Classes H.B. Mattlin M.S. – Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Christine Krowles	Elementary Tchr. - Mattlin M.S. – Grade 5	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 26, 2007 & March 1, 2007	1.333 of own hourly rate of pay
Cori Zacharius	Elementary Tchr. - Mattlin M.S. – Grade 5	“	“
Christine Krowles	Elementary Tchr. - Mattlin M.S. – Grade 6	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 28, 2007 & March 5, 2007	“
Cori Zacharius	Elementary Tchr. - Mattlin M.S. – Grade 6	“	“
Louise Cataldo	Math Specialist Mattlin M.S. – Grade 7	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 12, 2007 & Mar. 5, 2007	“
Matthew Ringh	Mathematics Tchr. Mattlin M.S. – Grade 7	“	“
Elvira Milone	Mathematics Tchr. Mattlin M.S. – Grade 8	Two 90 minute sessions Feb. 15, 2007 & Mar. 1, 2007	“
Matthew Ringh	Mathematics Tchr. Mattlin M.S. – Grade 8	“	“

Non-Teaching Personnel - Permanent Employee Recommendation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Bethany Campbell	Typist Clerk Floater – Plainview-Kennedy HS Transportation, Kindergarten Center, Pupil Personnel Services	March 7, 2007
Miranda Dunat	Senior Account Clerk – ½ Time Adult Ed./Parochial School Textbooks	Feb. 28, 2007
Susanne Lorenz	Typist Clerk – 11 months Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S.	Feb. 28, 2007
Jill Bernstein	Special Ed. Aide Pasadena Elementary School	March 1, 2007
Noel Donovan	Special Ed. Aide Stratford Road School	March 1, 2007
Diane Olszewski	Special Ed. Aide Kindergarten Center	March 1, 2007
Mary Faccio	Special Ed. Aide Old Bethpage School	March 8, 2007

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

Non-Teaching Staff – Resignation

Raimee Rogler	Special Ed. Aide POB Middle School	Jan. 30, 2007 (close of day)
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Rescind the resignation of the above approved in the minutes of the Jan. 22, 2007 Board of Education Meeting.

Non-Teaching Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Robert Holden	Maintainer Plainview-Kennedy High School	2/9/07 to 6/30/07	
Laura Losapio	Special Ed. Aide Stratford Road School	3/5/07 to 6/30/07	
Rene Schaal	Cafeteria/Rec. Aide Stratford Road School 2 hrs. per day	2/5/07 to 3/30/07	

Non-Teaching Personnel – Temporary Appointment

Josephine McCloskey	Temporary Hall Aide 3-1/2 hrs. per day Stratford Road	Feb. 5, 2007 to June 22, 2007	\$11,530
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(This is in addition
to her regular Hall
Aide position)

(replacing Debra Burke
on Leave of Absence)

Non-Teaching Personnel Appointment

Angela Anzalone	After School Aide Plainview-Kennedy H.S. 1-1/4 hours per day	Feb. 6, 2007	\$18.20/hr.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rose Marchione	After School Aide H. B. Mattlin M.S. 1 hr. per week	Feb. 6, 2007	\$18.20/hr.
Geraldine Napoli	After School Aide H.B. Mattlin M.S. 1 hr. per week	“	“
Laurie Shelansky	After School Aide H.B. Mattlin M.S. 1 hr. per school	“	“
Rose Linda Pingitore	After School Aide H.B. Mattlin M.S. 1 hr. per school	“	“
Leslie Corbett	After School Aide H.B. Mattlin M.S. 1 hr. per week	“	“

Personnel Recommendation – Consultant

Melanie Krieger	Consultant	Spring 2007	12 hours @ \$150 per hour
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Summer 2007 Special Education – Primary Program – Appointments

Sandra Steinberg	Lead Teacher Primary Program	Summer 2007 Preparatory Work	\$7,271 15 hours \$49.52/hour
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Summer 2006 Special Education – Elementary/Secondary Program – Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lauren Bromberg	Lead Teacher Elementary/Secondary Program	Summer 2007 Preparatory Work	\$7,271 15 hours \$49.51/hour

Coaching Recommendations 2006/2007 – RESCISSION

Julia Scorsese	MS Mens Lacrosse Asst. Coach	Immediately	
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Rescind the appointment approved June 19, 2006

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2006/2007

Michael Heller	Middle School Wrestling Coach	1/07	\$3605.00
Kevin Jansen	Middle School Wrestling Asst. Coach	1/07	\$2427.00
Philip Lucchio	Middle School Wrestling Asst. Coach	1/07	\$2767.00
Jonathan Murphy	Middle School Mens Volleyball Coach	1/07	\$3104.00
Alyssa Viglietta	Middle School Mens Volleyball Coach	1/07	\$3104.00
Kris Baffi	Middle School Mens Lacrosse Coach	3/07	\$2517.00
Edward Broad	Middle School Womens Lacrosse Asst. Coach	3/07	\$2517.00
Diana Kurthy	Middle School Womens Tennis Coach	3/07	\$3104.00
Denis Noonan	Middle School Mens Lacrosse Coach	3/07	\$3104.00
Janine Psillo	JV Womens Lacrosse Coach	3/07	\$3936.00

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2006-2007

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve the following coaching recommendation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Julia Scorsese	JV Womens Lacrosse Asst. Coach	3/07	\$3517.00

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mr. Mosenson, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Shapp,
Mrs. Dender, Mrs. Richter.

Abstentions: Mrs. Bernstein.

Motion Carried.

Personnel Recommendations – Appointments

Angela Ansalone	Athletic Chaperone	Immediately	\$80.27/sess.
Miranda Dunat	Athletic Chaperone	Immediately	\$80.27/sess.

Personnel Recommendations – Appointments

Mary Dezervos	Chaperone	Immediately	\$80.27/sess.
Linda Rosato	Chaperone	Immediately	\$80.27/sess.

Child Care Program – Appointment – 2006/2007

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lauren Genshaft	Child Care Assistant	School Year 2006/2007	\$12.25/hr.

Appointments – Per Diem Substitutes

Paige Bade-Ankudovych	Per Diem Substitute	2/07	\$128.58
Bernadette Cahalane	“	2/07	\$128.58
Raimee Rogler	“	1/07	\$128.58
Lois Schlossberger	“	2/07	\$128.58
Evan Wollis	“	2/07	\$128.58

Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

Donna Turello	ISSC Aide 10 Month Position 3 ¼ hours per day Assign: POBJFK High School New Position	Feb. 7, 2007	\$10,706.00 To be prorated
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Change of Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Adrienne Goldstein	Library Aide 4 hours/day Assign: POBJFK High School	Library Aide/ ISSC Aide 7 hours/day Assign: POBJFK H.S.	Feb. 7, 2007	\$23,059.00 To be prorated

Appointment of Permanent 2006/2007 Membership to the CSE/CPSE-Additions

That the Board of Education approve the following recommendations for membership to the CSE/CPSE for the 2006/2007 school year:

District Committee Chairperson	-	Paulette Miller
SubComittee Chairperson	-	Paulette Miller
Parent Member	-	Rachel Kateratis

Additional Adult Education Instructor – Fall 2006

That the Board of Education approve the following additional adult education instructor for Fall 2006:

Brian Oxer	Volleyball Recreational
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Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

That the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education, Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Administrators', Directors' and Supervisors' Association, expiring June 30, 2006, shall remain in full force and effect.

3. Finance

a. Contract – Counseling, Resource Room and/or Speech Services – September 2006 – June 2007

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign contracts for the 2006-2007 school year for Counseling, Resource Room and/or Speech Services given to students who reside in the following school districts:

Commack U.F.S.D.
Great Neck U.F.S.D.
Half Hollow Hills C.S.D.

b. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POBJFK High School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following equipment located at the Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High school:

HP Scanjet IICX Scanner	Serial #342A60865
HP Laserjet III Printer	Serial #3207A06228

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

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of the following donation to the district for use by the Parkway Elementary School:

General Mills Box Tops for Education	\$138.18
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d. Contract – Revised Health & Welfare 2006/2007

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a revised Health and Welfare contract for the 2005/2006 school year with Bethpage U.F.S.D. The contract was changed by Bethpage.

e. Internet Service Agreement

That the Board of Education approve an agreement with BOCES for additional bandwidth and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

Discussion:

Mr. Ruf stated that POB needed to make improvements on their bandwidth for items such as IEP's, etc. This agreement should be in effect 60 days after it is approved at the next BOCES Board of Education meeting.

f. Payment of Bills

January 2007

General Fund A	954,227.09
Federal Projects	58,773.98
Trust & Agency	1,305,002.58
School Lunch	89,808.11
Capital	10,499.19
Child Care	1,258.13
Payroll	1,688,864.37

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 Board of Education meeting.

Unfinished Business

Adoption of Pass/Fail for Open Retail Lab Course

Ms. Hodrinsky stated that because of concerns raised at previous Board of Education meetings in regard to changing the grading of this course from a numeric grade to a pass/fail grade, this course will continue to be assigned a numeric grade. In order to assign a numeric grade to a student, a teacher must be able to observe and assess the students' performance, the students will attend a class every other day over the course of a year and work in the school store an additional 3 periods per week for which they would earn 1 credit.

Ms. Hodrinsky stated that we would need to hire a school aide in the store the periods that the store is open.

New Business

1. Public Officer's Law Section 89(4)(a) and District Policy No. 3310

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Shapp, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoints and designates the Superintendent of Schools to hear and determine appeals made pursuant to Public Officer's Law Section 89(4)(a) and District Policy No. 3310.

2. Waiver to Grant 8460 on the Independent Research Program

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve a waiver to grant 8460 on the Independent Research Program to only have one person on the bus for trips.

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 negotiations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Catanese
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Jonathan Mosenson, President

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

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Dender that the Board of Education approve Ms. Eileen Hodrinsky Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Hodrinsky
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Jonathan Mosenson, President