

Minutes of Special School Board Meeting – March 27, 2014

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Dr. Eagen, Mr. Ruf, Mrs. Tyler.

Absent: Mr. Greenberg

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Ruf
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

There were approximately 8 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Modifications 2014/2015 Budget

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

	Code	Change	Description
1.	5540.463.49	\$13,266	Transportation for a new parochial school placement.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

2.	1480.449.54	\$500	Additional services provided by public relations firm.
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

3.	2110.481.35	\$2587	Adjustment to POBJFKHS textbook based on final projected electives.
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Discussion:

Mrs. Schulman asked for clarification on the courses being offered.

Mr. Ruf responded.

Mrs. Pierno asked if there was any spare money in the 13-14 textbook code that we could use.

Mr. Ruf stated that there was money in the code but it is earmarked for other items.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 4. | 2110.400.35 | (\$5,500) | Adjustment based on projected enrollment for drivers education. |
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 5. | 2110.520.35 | (\$500) | Adjustment to POBJFKHS supplies based on final projected electives. |
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 6. | 2110.520.32 | (\$1,040) | Updating pricing on graphing calculators. |
| 7. | 2110.520.36 | (\$1,560) | Updating pricing on graphing calculators. |
| 8. | 2110.520.52 | (\$2,080) | Updating pricing on graphing calculators. |

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 9. | 2280.494.35 | (\$96,664) | Revised projected enrollment at Barry Tech (16 students to 11 students) |
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 10. | 1620.260.48 | (\$3,000) | Safe for Old Bethpage Elementary School (purchased current year) |
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 11. | 1620.260.48 | (\$16,849) | Cable installation project |
| 12. | 1620.427.48 | (\$485) | Cable annual service (per above) |

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno asked if there was a central location where the staff can get Wi-Fi service.

Mr. Ruf said not in all the buildings.

Mr. Bettan stated that a television is not needed. Most people are walking around with a smart phone. But there could be a computer in the teacher's lounge streaming live coverage of most events.

Motion to Table

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve tabling the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

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| 13. | 1620.519.48 | (\$27,000) | Ceiling project at Mattlin MS |
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Discussion:

Mrs. Rothman asked if it was one area that needed ceiling repairs or many areas around the school.

Mr. Ruf stated that there were different sections in Mattlin MS. He also said that it's really more for ascetics and maybe we should put it as a priority for 15-16.

Mrs. Bernstein said that the ceiling at POBMS was completed and it looks wonderful.

Motion to Table

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve tabling the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

14.	1621.260.48	(\$24,800)	Mower with snow attachment for POBMS
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

	Code	Change	Description
15.	1621.411.48	(\$38,400)	Remove door project (included in transfer to capital code)

Motion to Table

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve tabling the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

16.	1620.425.48	(\$38,400)	Increase to the heating/electric code due to rate increase
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Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

17.	2610.561.40	(\$1,400)	No longer ordering certain journals due to significant price increase
18.	2610.502.40	(\$250)	Code no longer needed due to relocation of the department
19.	2610.560.40	(\$1,250)	To support the purchase of eReader that are compatible with our eBooks vendor (Follett)

Discussion:

Mrs. Rothman asked about the possibilities of Kindles. She said that she realizes the problems with Amazon not accepting P.O's. She also had concerns regarding the life span of the Nooks and the support from Barnes and Noble.

Mr. Bettan suggested that they put the money in the code and have Mr. Ruf look into finding a way to purchase Kindles.

Mr. Ruf stated that they reached out to Amazon and were informed that Amazon will accept a P.O.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

20.	2610.260.40	\$1,250	To support the purchase of eReader that are compatible with our eBooks vendor (Follett)
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Motion to Table

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education approve tabling the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

21.	2010.260.52.52	(\$4,500)	3D printer for MS/HS technology Department
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Discussion:

Mr. Bettan supports the increase. He stated that with the Board's STEAM initiative, he feels it would be great to have one more in each of the Middle Schools and High School.

Mrs. Pierno asked how many 3D printers the school currently has, and how often are they being used.

Dr. Lewis stated that there was one in each of the Middle Schools and High School. She said that they were being used, but she was not sure to what extent.

Mrs. Schulman asked how they were used.

Dr. Lewis said that some of the technology students created an IPHONE charger.

Mrs. Lieberman asked that at the next Board meeting, there is more information that can be shared in regards to the usage of the 3D printers.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

22. 2110.494.000.52 (\$10,000) Curriculum development program for BOCES

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked for clarification of what is in that code, and why it went up so much.

Mr. Ruf stated that included in that code was the Long Island School for the Arts, and an increase in the Language program. He also added that the cost of translation services has really gone up.

Mrs. Schulman asked what the cost was for the Cultural Arts program.

Mr. Ruf stated that it was \$12,000.00 for a ½ day and that did not include transportation.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

23. 2070.465.52.52 (\$5,000) Consultants related to professional development

Resolved unanimously upon motion Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

24. Various (\$100,000) Reduction in sub-teacher budget due to decrease in professional development

Discussion:

Dr. Lewis stated that less than 1/3 of the absences are for professional development, they are mostly related to staff attendance.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that she was concerned about reducing the code by that much money and made a motion to reduce it instead to \$75,000.00.

Mr. Bettan agreed with Mrs. Bernstein.

Mr. Ruf stated that he was comfortable with the reduction.

Resolved upon motion Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

25.	5510.160.49	(\$54,314)	Recording of administrator's salary
26.	2021.154.00	\$54,314	Recording of administrator's salary

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno asked for an explanation.

Mr. Ruf explained how the salary was to be broken up.

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Schulman,

Nays: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Bernstein

Motion Carried 4-2

Motion to Table

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education approve tabling the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

27. Various \$44,689 .25 FTE Asst. PPS Director

Discussion:

Dr. Lewis asked Mrs. Schulman what information she needed.

Mrs. Schulman responded that she would get that information to Dr. Lewis.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education remove this item from the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

28. 2630.490.41 \$0 1.0 Additional technician support for the IT department

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan agrees with removing this item, given our new lease with BOCES. He said we should wait and see what BOCES offers.

Resolved unanimously upon motion Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

29. 2110.166.00 \$2,013 Security guard coverage for Election Day

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

30. 2850.139.35 \$14,252 150 units of chaperone pay associated with
overnight trips

On the Motion:

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

Nays: Mrs. Pierno

Motion Carried: 5-1

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein stated she is in favor of the overnight trips. She feels that they need to have a future discussion on the trips and how it should be equal within the grades.

Mrs. Lieberman said that they are just beginning and feels that this is foundation money.

Mrs. Pierno asked how many trips will this cover, and also what about the transportation and substitute costs.

Mr. Ruf explained about the trips that were proposed.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that maybe they should hold this change.

Mr. Bettan said that he feels they should go ahead with it so that there is some money in the code and they can move forward.

Dr. Lewis stated the number represents the amount of the three proposed trips. She asked the Board how she should proceed.

Mrs. Rothman feels that these trips should be approved and asked Dr. Lewis to get the Board information on the Middle School's future trips.

Mrs. Lieberman asked for clarification at the next Board meeting on how many more units of chaperones will be needed for future trips.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the following change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

31. Various \$103,630 1.0 FTE: POBJFKHS based on final enrollment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

32. Various \$103,630 1.0 FTE: additional breakage position

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

33. Various \$59,778 .4 FTE: 10 health lessons for MS

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno stated that she wasn't sure why they are doing this now. She stated that, at the Leadership Summit, there was a discussion and a lot of ideas were discussed. She feels that this may not be the best solution.

Dr. Lewis stated that students with IEP's struggle to fulfill the health instruction. She also stated that instruction must be with a certified health teacher. She feels that it would be a beginning.

Mrs. Schulman asked what grades we are talking about.

Dr. Lewis said 6th & 8th.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that at least the money would be there for whatever is decided.

Mrs. Schulman spoke about the concerns she has for children also missing art and music, those of which are important to them. She feels that having the money in the code is a good idea although she does have some concerns.

Mr. Bettan thought that this was a creative approach to chip away at the problem.

Mrs. Rothman stated that when students are getting to High School they are at a disadvantage, because there are so many important issues in regards to health. She feels that this is something we need to support.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that this is a beginning.

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

34.	Various	\$33,707	Elementary extra help
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On the Motion:

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

Nays:

Abstained: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman

Motion Carried: 4-0-2

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan feels that it is an ambitious project, and that maybe we should start with one grade.

Dr. Lewis said that she will reach out to the Administrators and come up with a plan.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she supports the Elementary Extra help, but she feels like they are rushing in. She spoke about the students not being comfortable with a teacher that's not their own, and in speaking with the Administrator's she feels that it will be tough getting the staff to commit. She stated that she would like it done the right way.

Mr. Rosenfeld stated that Mrs. Pierno doesn't offer a fair overview. He said that the topic has been heavily discussed for over a year.

Mrs. Pierno feels that it is not something the Board has had discussions about.

Mrs. Rothman supports this program. She feels that with all the challenges in regard to the Common Core, she feels that the students will come because of the challenges they are facing. She stated that perhaps down the line it may reduce AIS and remedial costs.

Mrs. Schulman expressed her concerns about the students coming, especially that it is going to be offered before school.

Mrs. Bernstein agrees and feels that they should start with a pilot program.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that if the money is there, then a plan can be put in place for September.

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended change to the 2014/2015 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

35.	9950.900.00	\$150,000	Addition to transfer capital code to support site work
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Discussion:

Mr. Bettan asked about the costs related to the security booth and tennis courts. He also asked if they can add more money to the code.

Mr. Ruf stated that it would be a six figure cost for each, the tennis courts and the guard booth.

Mrs. Lieberman spoke of a bond possibility and that the work that's done in this code must be done quickly.

Mr. Bettan stated that the Board should pick a number they are comfortable with and not name the projects, and that it can always be tweaked later.

Potential Revenue Modifications 2014/2015 Budget

Various	TBD	Increase in State Aid based on Legislative Proposal (projected- NOT FINAL)
Various	TBD	Based on the decision from the Court of Appeals related to Tax Certiorari

Proposition 1: Budget

Mr. Ruf gave an overview on the budget draft.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we will know what our State Aid is.

Dr. Lewis stated that we should know tomorrow and they are projecting \$200,000.

Proposition 2: Authorization to Expend from 2010-2011 Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Ruf spoke about the Capital Reserve Fund. The Capital Reserve Fund was authorized by voters in the May 2010 not to exceed \$5,000,000. Mr. Ruf spoke of using the remaining \$442,312 left in the reserve to support the Mattlin MS skylight and related roof work replacement project.

Proposition 3: Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Ruf spoke about the Capital Reserve Fund and how the fund is an account proposed by the Board set up for the financing of future building renovations, improvements and infrastructure needs. Mr. Ruf spoke of how the Capital Reserve Fund gets established, terms purpose and funding sources. He went on to mention the benefits associated with establishing the Capital Reserve Fund.

Public Session

Ms. Cheryl Dender thanked the Board for addressing a lot of the PTA's questions. She was happy to hear progress being made in regard to starting a pilot program for Elementary extra help. She spoke of the importance of the overnight trips. She questioned line 27 in the budget modifications and asked why they are reducing the Asst. PPS director position, she added how important health was and stated how happy she is to see it addressed.

Dr. Lewis explained line 27 and stated that line was being held.

Ms. Andrea Goldman asked about the 1.0 FTE in the high school.

Dr. Lewis stated that it addresses the issue with the Dean position.

Ms. Paula Barskey spoke of the leadership summit and the Middle school extra day of remedial. She also spoke of the Special Education students having to miss health and other programs that they really enjoy.

Dr. Lewis stated that no set plans have been made and that it was still being discussed

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the matter of personnel items.

The meeting was recessed at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

