

Minutes of School Board Meeting – April 13, 2015

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Gierasch, Dr. Mulieri, Ms. Maddi, Mr. Guercio,
Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Tyler.

Absent: Mr. Bettan, Mr. Mestecky.

Mrs. Schulman called the meeting to order.

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Emily Schulman, Vice President

There were approximately 40 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis welcomed everyone back and hoped they all had a relaxing break. She spoke about the new State Assessment regarding teacher-evaluation laws. She said that on April 1st there was a groundbreaking bill introducing new ways to look at student performance and observations. She said that they will need to address the new APPR Bill, with student learning tied directly to the teacher's rating. She said that at this time there is an interim Commissioner whose main area of interest is geared more towards social services than to the area of education. She said that Ken Wagner is writing a guidance document and this task should be completed by June 30. She said that after that time she will meet with Morty, Judy and Nina, for figure out the best solution to preserving the classroom environment and the commitment to the children's education.

Opt Out Letter

Mrs. Schulman spoke about the guidelines associated with the opt out procedure. She stated that last year the Board adopted a plan that will be used this year as well. Students who are not taking the exams will be able to read or study in a supervised area where they will not disturb the students who are taking the exams.

Dr. Lewis said that they are honoring all requests and acknowledged that the PCT will be providing additional coverage to cover the op out rooms.

Reports & Discussions

Professional Development Across all Areas

Dr. Lewis said that the Leadership Team meets monthly. She said that this year they have been focusing on the Board's goals. She stated that all of the teams have done a great job; however, this team in particular, did an outstanding presentation focused on professional development.

Ms. Ellie Becker gave an overview of CPI training and nonviolent crisis intervention. She stated that all of the schools have a trained team and that each year they have refresher sessions.

Ms. Alison Clark gave an overview on sharing our classrooms. She stated that many teachers at Stratford Road have participated and one takeaway is that they need more time, and they also need to do it again.

Dr. Judith Chen gave an overview of how the Common Core is aligned with the Arts. She stated that when training the teachers to align with the Common Core, many teachers stated "we do this already".

Mr. Jeff Yagaloff gave an overview on the English Language Arts. He stated that as part of staff development they have brought in Victor Jaccarino, who has worked with most of the teachers to align with the Common Core. He also said that the teachers had that same "ahha moment" in regard to "we already do this".

Mr. Christian Bowen gave an overview on Mathematics. He stated that they have done a lot of staff development, and have been aligning lesson plans and assessments to specific standards.

Dr. Lewis said that very often the Board approves professional development consultants; and she feels that it is important that the Board see what our leaders are doing in the buildings and departments concerning the goals set by the Board. She stated how proud she is of their endeavors.

The full report can be seen on the website.

College Trip Report

Ms. Laurie Lynn and Mr. Jason Miller, along with 29,, 10th grade students, 5 chaperones and 1 bus driver, embarked on a two-day college tour adventure. Their goal was to expose the students to the college admissions process, college life and to explore what college has to offer from academic and social perspectives. They visited a variety of campuses including: Drexel University, Muhlenberg College, University of Pennsylvania, Lehigh University, Lafayette College and Princeton University. There were many take aways from the trip. These included the need to have a pre-tour meeting to discuss expectations, have information packets about each school, earlier planning, well planned out activities, spend more time at each campus and to create a #hashtag so that the families can follow the adventure.

Stephanie Casale and Evan Melle spoke of their experiences. Evan enjoyed the trip and realized that he has to pick up his grades and increase his activities. Originally he thought he would stay home but now he really wants to go away to college. Stephanie thought she wanted a small college, but the tour has changed her mind. She is now thinking a medium school might be a better fit.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman asked if they will explore colleges in other areas and extend the trip to two nights. She thinks it was wonderful that they planned this trip.

Ms. Lynn said yes to both; there was too much rushing around.

Mrs. Bernstein thanked Ms. Lynn and Mr. Miller. She noted that they had been talking about doing this for a few years, and she is so happy that they were able to pull it off.

Mr. Greenberg echoed their remarks. He asked about the timing of the trip.

Mr. Miller stated that it's difficult to figure out when it's a good time to plan the trip, with all of the other student activities that take place.

Ms. Gierasch stated that they will look at other schools models. She thanked Ms. Lynn and Mr. Miller for all of their time, energy and excitement. She stated that the cost was roughly \$250.00 per student.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if the opportunity can be offered earlier in the school year to give parents a chance to plan.

Mr. Miller said definitely.

Mrs. Schulman loves the #hashtag idea.

Dr. Lewis said that this is really about "Building Futures Together". She stated that Ms. Lynn and Mr. Miller's enthusiasm is wonderful and the budget already includes a two night trip.

Budget Adoption-Modifications

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

Code	Change	Description
2110-250-32	\$50,000	Mattlin MS music studio & technology lab

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

Code	Change	Description
2110-250-13	\$50,000	POBMS music studio & technology lab

Discussion:

Ms. Gierasch stated that it would be 3 labs including music studios, technology labs and a multifunction STEAM lab. She is hopeful that they will be up and running in September.

Mrs. Pierno asked if there will be any curriculum writing or staff development associated with the new labs.

Ms. Gierasch stated that there will be.

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

Code	Change	Description
1310-260-51	\$21,705	Cost to purchase 3 additional voting machines & 15 privacy booths

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

Code	Change	Description
2855-434-43	\$5,000	Cost to certify and mount AEDs at each baseball field

Upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage Budget:

The addition of funds to cover an additional grade of elementary extra help.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked if Dr. Lewis could make a recommendation on offering it on two grade levels

Dr. Lewis stated that at the meeting with the PTAs, it seems like 3rd and 4th grade students and parents have the most concerns. If they were to only use the funds for one grade she would recommend grade 3.

Ms. Gierasch stated, as she did at the last meeting, that it seems to be the same 5/6 students attending the sessions.

Mrs. Lieberman would like to see it not used as a test prep, but actual topical learning of each lesson.

Mrs. Rothman feels that they should pilot it in 3rd grade and decide from there what the best process would be.

Mrs. Schulman stated that 2nd grade does not seem to be generating much interest, and that they should look at the 3rd grade.

On the motion:

Yays: Mrs. Lieberman, Mr. Greenberg, Mrs. Bernstein

Nays: Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Rothman

Not moved

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the following recommended changes to the 2015/2016 Plainview-Old Bethpage budget:

Code	Change	Description
9950-900	(\$50,000)	Reduce Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund

Public Participation

Mr. Steven Weiss spoke about his concerns with closing the K-Center. He stated that he would like to see a full report prior to the May 26th forum. In the report he would like to see a map laid out of the buildings, classrooms sizes, where service rooms will be located, overall savings and what will be done with the money. He feels that there is a need for overall transparency.

Ms. Jodi Campagna stated that Mr. Weiss addressed many of her concerns. She asked about dedicated spaces and why now it so important to close the K-Center.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner ask for a full discussion on a few agenda items.

Ms. Nancy Powers stated her confusion over opting in or out, and what is best for the children. She also asked the Board to consider switching the high school bus time with the elementary schools. She feels that high school students need more sleep.

Routine Business

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

Students

Student Placements

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

Personnel

Administrative Staff- Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gregory Scesney	Assistant Principal KC/ Stratford	July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016

Administrative Personnel Recommendation – Probationary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Gregory Scesney	Elementary Principal 10 months + 18 days K-Center	July 1, 2015	\$150,000

Replacing K. Heitner who is being assigned to Pasadena for P. Miller
Eligible for Tenure: July 1, 2018

Dr. Lewis happily announced Mr. Scesney's appointment as the principal of the K-Center.

Professional Staff- Extension of Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lanya D'Ambrosio	Special Education Teacher Stratford Road	4/23/15 thru 5/31/15

(up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FLMA)

Sophia Goodrich	English/Reading Teacher POBJFKHS/MMS	4/15/15 thru 6/30/15
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Note: Please rescind 3/30/15 BOE Extension for Leave of Absence Without Pay
(4/15/15-6/12/15) for S. Goodrich

Non-Teaching Personnel- Extended of Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Leeann Pallotta	Special Ed. Teacher Aide 6 hrs. Stratford Road	4/28/15-6/30/15 (Leave may end sooner)

Non-Teaching Personnel- Return Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Robert Dunne	Custodian-POBMS	4/6/15	\$54,211+\$750 Night Differential

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Recommendations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tim Andreiuolo	Cleaner-POBMS	4/20/15

Non-Teaching Personnel – Provisional Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lauren Stifelman	Provisional Senior Typist Clerk* POBJFKHS-12 months position	4/20/15	\$43,913 Step 3 (to be prorated)

(Replacing L. Colella who is provisional in another position)

*Position pending establishment of Civil Service list

NOTE: L. Stifelman is taking a leave of absence from her Typist Clerk position while serving in the provisional appointment.

Personnel Recommendation-In-District Facilitators- 2014-2015 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hours</u>
David Formisano	Facilitator	2014-15 school year	\$55.94/hr.	1

Personnel Recommendation-AP review Classes- 2014-2015 School Year

AP Math

Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Calc AB.....Claude Szajna (3 hours)
Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Calc BC.....Jill Tretola (3 hours)
Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Stats.....Yvonne Fortmeyer (3 hours)
9 hours total

AP World Language

Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Spanish.....Dorothy Kleinman (3 hours)
Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP French.....Susan Salzman (3 hours)
6 hours total

AP English

Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Eng. Lang.....Donna Scully & Lina Seaton
(1.5 hrs. each)
Two, 1.5 hour sessions – AP Eng. Lit.....Tracey Gonzalez & Kim Muller
(1.5 hrs. each)
6 hours total

AP Science

Four, 1 hour sessions, AP Biology.....Maria Mertz & Rhea Karr (2 hrs. each)
Four, 1 hour sessions, AP Environmental Science.....Peter Desimone (4 hours)
Four, 1 hour sessions AP Physics 1.....Stephen McDade (4 hours)
Four, 1 hour sessions AP Physics C.....Tom Mattone (4 hours)
Four, 1 hour sessions AP Chemistry.....Spencer Adelberg (4 hours)
20 hours total

AP Social Studies

Three, 2 hour sessions, World History.....Kevin Dugan (6 hours)
Four, 2 hour sessions, Government.....Dave Herrmann (8 hours)
Four, 2 hour sessions, Macro Economics.....Owen Dugan (8 hours)
Four, 2 hour sessions, US History.....Martin Buchman (8 hours)
Three, 2 hour sessions, Psychology.....Raymond Tesar (6 hours)
36 hours total

Personnel Recommendation-ACT Proctor- 2014-2015 School Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Gen Spelman	AP Proctor	2014-15 school year	\$152.54

Summer 2015 Special Education-Summer Program-Appointment-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Neil Lasher	Lead Teacher	Summer 2105	*\$8,212

*Salary pending negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel- Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lisa Bettan	School Monitor PT Substitute	4/14/15	\$8.75/ph

Finance

8.1 ACDS Lease Agreement

That the Board of Education enter into a lease agreement for Fern Place School with the Association for Children with Downs Syndrome for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2019.

8.2 Contract-Health and Wellness Services 2014-2015

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2014-2015 school year with Great Neck USFD to provide nine student with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

8.3 Contract – Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow Through Allocations 2014/2015

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the attached contract.

- Henry Viscardi School

8.4 Contract – Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow Through Allocations 2014/2015

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the attached contract.

- Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development

8.5 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment-K Center

That the Board of Education declares obsolete for disposal purposes the printer listed in the memo from Ms. Heitner, dated March 26, 2015.

8.6 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment-Stratford Road

That the Board of Education declares obsolete for disposal purposes the printer listed in the memo from Ms. Clark, dated March 27, 2015.

8.7 Payment of Bills

April 8, 2015

General Fund A	\$ 1,618,047.26
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,358,432.03
Federal	\$ 6,536.02
School Lunch	\$ 75,643.14
Capital	\$ 4,549.00
Net Payroll	\$ 1,832,829.90

8.8 Rejection of Bid #884-Mattlin MS Skylight Replacement

That the Board of Education reject Bid No. 884 for the Mattlin MS skylight replacement project and go out for re-bid.

8.9 Award of Bid #882-POBMS Track Resurfacing

That the Board of Education award Bid No. 882 for the POBMS track resurfacing project to Fasco Asphalt Paving, Inc., 133 Old Northport Road, PO Box 992, Kings Park, NY 11754 in the amount of \$690,000.

Miscellaneous

9.1 Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of March 30, 2015.

New Business

11.1 Earth Science and Algebra Review Sessions

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following Earth Science and Algebra review sessions for the 2014-15 school year:

Mattlin Middle School

Earth Science—4 review sessions at 1.5 hours per session for a total of 6 hours
Algebra—4 review sessions at 1.5 hours per session for a total of 6 hours

Plainview Old Bethpage Middle School

Earth Science—4 review sessions at 1.5 hours per session for a total of 6 hours
Algebra—4 review sessions at 1.5 hours per session for a total of 6 hours

11.2 Additional Proposed Staff Development Courses – 2014-15 School Year

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Greenberg that the Board of Education approve the following additional proposed staff development courses for the 2014-15 school year:

- Current Topics and Trends in Educating Students with autism Collegial Circle (ABA)
- Autism and Special Education Law Collegial Circle (ABA)
- Using Technology to Enhance Science Lessons Across Subject Areas Collegial Circle (JFKHS)
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11.3 Resolution to Establish a New Capital Reserve Fund

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the resolution Existing Capital Reserve Fund. Not to Exceed five (5) million dollars.

Dr. Lewis and Ms. Maddi gave an overview on the establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund. Dr. Lewis stressed that it will have no impact on the taxpayers.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2015, and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Shall the Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law to be known as the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District 2015 Capital Reserve Fund for a probable term of seven (7) years in an ultimate amount of Five Million (\$5,000,000.00) Dollars, whose purpose shall be to fund in whole or in part, capital improvements to the facilities of the District, including but not limited to, construction, reconstruction and renovation of parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, paving, and drywells, at all elementary school buildings, exterior lighting at all elementary and secondary school buildings, District-wide renovation and replacement of boilers, burners, piping, hot water systems and heating and cooling systems, District-wide installation of air conditioning and related upgrades to electrical power plant, electrical power supply, electrical cabling, sub-panels, construction, reconstruction and/or refurbishment of science/research facilities at the Plainview Old Bethpage-John F. Kennedy High School, interior door replacements at all elementary and secondary school buildings and ancillary or related work required in connection with such capital improvements, with such funds to be obtained from end of year budget surplus funds and and/or other funds that may be legally appropriated; and the interest accrued on such funds over the term of the capital reserve fund.

80-20-224474

11.4 Resolution for Use of Existing Capital Reserve Fund

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the resolution for use of Existing Capital Reserve Fund.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central District hereby authorizes the following proposition to be placed on the ballot at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 19, 2015, and for said proposition to be included in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

PROPOSITION:

Shall the Board of Education of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District be authorized to expend funds already deposited in the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District Capital Reserve Fund which was established on May 20, 2014 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law for the following capital improvement projects: window replacements (excluding 2001 addition), with roof edge adjustments as required to facilitate new window installations and painting of existing window lintels, roof reconstruction including replacing skylights, lowering 6 roof drains, re-pitching SPF roofing and recoating entire roof for warranty at the Plainview-Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School (“JFK High School”), reconstruction of parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, paving, and drywells at the JFK High School, H.B. Mattlin Middle School, and Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School, and ancillary or related work required in connection with such projects and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) plus accumulated interest.

11.5 Property Tax Report Card – 2015/2016

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2015/2016 school year.

Ms. Maddi gave an overview on the Property Tax Report Card, which is required by law.

Mrs. Bernstein thanked Ms. Maddi for all of her hard work. She feels that it is a great budget financially and educationally.

11.6 Resolution to Adopt 2015-16 School District Budget

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

RESOLUTION:

The Board of Education adopts the 2015-2016 school budget in the amount of \$146,035,602 or 0.97% with a corresponding tax levy of \$121,910,510 or 0.22%.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Tyler
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Emily Schulman, Vice President