

Minutes of School Board Meeting – February 23, 2009

Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Mosenson,
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda.

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,
Ms. Aloe, Mr. Christopher Guercio, Ms. Catanese.

Absent: Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

There were approximately 35 district residents and staff members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Routine Business

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

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Colleen Cotto	Elementary Teacher Parkway Elementary School	March 2, 2009	\$77,753 Step 7MA10 To be prorated

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

Nancy Rogers	Business Ed Teacher POBJFK High School	March 6, 2009 thru June 30, 2009 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)
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Professional Staff – Regular Substitute Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Marjorie Bauer	Business Ed. Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: POBJFK High School (replacing N. Rogers on Leave of Absence)	March 6, 2009 thru June 30, 2009 Or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$63,190 Step 1MA20 To be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

Linda O'Brien	Principal Typist Clerk Curriculum Office	March 5, 2009
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The work of the above employee has been evaluated as satisfactory by her principal/supervisor and it is recommended that she be appointed to a permanent position as indicated.

Appointment – Non-Teaching Personnel – Salary Adjustment

Michael Heindl	Chauffeur	January 19, 2009- June 30, 2009	\$20.20 p.h. Not to exceed 60 hours
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Appointed at BOE meeting on 1/16/2009 at \$19.00 p.h. salary

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	June 1, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	At own hourly rate of pay
Christine Cuervo	Special Ed Teacher	“	“
Lynn Davis	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Angela DeRosa	Elementary Teacher	“	“
France Ferrucci	“	“	“
Lisanne Guerriero	“	“	“
Amy Isaacson	“	“	“
Michele LaLima	“	“	“
Deborah Laykind	“	“	“
Susan Margolis	“	“	“
Nina Melzer	“	“	“
Judith Nelson	Special Ed. Teacher	“	“
Robbin Sigman	“	“	“
Laura Sipperly	Elementary Teacher	“	“
Jessica Walsh	Librarian	“	“

Coaching Recommendations

Mathew Gentile	Asst. Coach, JV Mens Lacrosse	3/09	\$4860
Joseph Jacovina	Asst. Coach, V Mens Lacrosse	3/09	\$4228
Alicia Psillos	Asst. Coach, Varsity Girls Lacrosse	3/09	\$4228
Janine Psillos	Asst. Coach, MS Girls Lacrosse	3/09	\$3333
Les Steinberger	Head Coach, MS Baseball	3/09	\$3605

Note: Rescind appointments of Mathew Gentile at BOE meeting of 6/23/08
 Joseph Jacovina at BOE meeting of 7/24/08
 Alicia Psillos at BOE meeting of 12/1/08
 Janine Psillos at BOE meeting of 7/24/08

Personnel Recommendations – Appointment – Senior Citizens Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Emilia Baer	Art Teacher	January 2009 to June 2009	\$23.00/hr. 2 hour class 16 sessions

NOTE: Please rescind appointment at the BOE meeting of 1/26/09

Eden Bennett	Exercise Teacher	January 2009 to June 2009	\$21.00/hr. 2 hour class 13 sessions
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Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers

Melissa Pecere	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	2/09	\$130.58
Deanna Slade	“	2/09	\$130.58
Leitza Brodsky	Per Diem Substitute/Reappointment	2/09	\$130.58
Karen Feldman	“	2/09	\$130.58

Personnel Recommendation – Guest Speaker

Mr. Beverly C. Tyler	Guest Speaker	3/2/09	\$100.00/day
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3. Finance

a. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POBJFK H.S.

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

Overhead #22 Portascribe – Serial #15710

Overhead#49 Dalite – Serial #18967

b. Contract – ACDS – The Association for Children with Down Syndrome
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Association for Children with Down Syndrome Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

c. Contract – Long Island Infant Developmental Program
Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Long Island Infant Developmental Program Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

d. Contract – CDD – The Center for Developmental Disabilities
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Center for Developmental Disabilities Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

- e. Contract – School for Language and Communication Development
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the School for Language and Communication Development Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow Through contract.

- f. Contract – Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

- g. Contract – All About Kids
Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the All About Kids Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

- h. Contract – Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc.
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc. Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

i. Contract – Madonna Heights Services
Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Madonna Heights Services Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

j. Contract – Summit School
Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Summit School Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

k. Contract – The Summit School, Jamaica Estates
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign The Summit School, Jamaica Estates Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

l. Contract – Harmony Heights
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Harmony Heights Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

j. Contract – Health & Welfare Services – 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Farmingdale U.F.S.D. to provide four students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

k. Contract – Health & Welfare – 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/209 school year with Jericho Public School to provide twenty nine students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

l. Contract – Henry Viscardi
Federal Part B 611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the Henry Viscardi Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Contract.

m. Contract – AHRC Nassau County
Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the AHRC Nassau County Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

n. Contract – UCP – United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the UCP-United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through contract.

o. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following budget reports:

Informational transfers as of February 23, 2009

Revenue Status Report as of January 31, 2009

Budget Status Report as of January 31, 2009

p. Contract – Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Resource Room, ABA Services and Valuations 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008-2009 school year with Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources to provide various students with physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, resource room, ABA services and evaluations as listed in the contract.

q. Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks – District-Wide

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the textbooks outlined in Dr. Bruno's memo of February 17, 2009.

r. Award of Bid #466 for Projects at the Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

That the Board of Education award two out of the four bids for Bid No. 466 to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as follows:

Electrical & Sports Lighting –Cooper Power & Lighting Corp., 39 Central Avenue, Farmingdale, NY to include:

Base Bid No. 4 (electrical work & sports lighting – 30 ft. poles)	\$ 97,000.00
Add Alternate 1 (400amp service in lieu of 200amp service)	\$ 12,000.00
Add Alternate 2 (additional exterior lighting for pathway)	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>
Total Award Amount	\$117,000.00

Site Work –Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation, 422 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY to include:

Base Bid 1	\$ 54,741.38
Add Alternate 1 (arrived at by calculation)	\$ 1,000.00
Add Alternate 2 “	\$ 9,437.50
Add Alternate 3 “	<u>\$ 5,950.00</u>
Total Award Amount	\$ 71,128.88

s. Payment of Bills

February 2009

General Fund A	1,259,804.81
Trust & Agency	1,314,169.12
Federal	2,869.88
School Lunch	117,146.16
Capital	5,705.43
Net Payroll	1,773,579.52

New Business

Approval of Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion b Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education approve the field trips outline in the memo of February 26, 2009

Budget Presentation

Mr. Dempsey stated that Mr. Jonas will present the instruction staffing part of the budget. He stated that we tried to come in with a low increase. He spoke about general concerns and the economic deficit reductions proposed by the Governor. We came in with a 2.7% budget to budget increase.

Two areas that have impacted the budget positively are health care costs. This increase is a little over 1%. The other area is retirement benefits. The two year cycles will be low; however, projection costs show that these costs may increase in the future.

The tax levy increase is projected at 4.2% based on what the Governor's proposal would be and the effects of the stimulus package. We produced a budget to maintain the existing programs. The budget was 4.9% last year. This year is lower than that. We project that the district's overall enrollment will be flat.

POBJFK High School will have 47 more students. Middle school enrollment will drop by 61 students. Elementary has gone up and down. The budget is built based on enrollment. Mr. Jonas discussed the projected enrollment. Overall we are looking at cutting 5.9 positions.

Discussion:

Mr. Cepeda asked how many breakage positions there are.

Mr. Jonas replied 3.00 FTE.

Mrs. Bernstein asked how many breakage positions we had last year.

Mr. Jonas stated 5 and we used 4.1.

Mrs. Weinstein questioned the fact that Mattlin Middle school has less students than POB Middle School but more staff.

Mr. Jonas explained. He will figure out why there are differences. We have been reducing the staff at Mattlin over the last two years. We are still looking at the staffing of ESL at the High School.

Mr. Bettan stated that there are more than 5 intervention teachers per building than the way we are currently staffing. He would like an explanation of the student load per teacher.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we had an improvement in test scores. We don't want to make changes. We still want to make it equal. We need to study it more closely.

Dr. Bruno added that we are servicing more students in the classes and looking at the possibility of changing the reading recovery model. We are servicing more students with the same amount of staff.

Mr. Bettan realizes that we need librarians but he asked if we could reduce the staff due to the new system.

Mr. Jonas will look into this.

Mr. Dempsey stated that Mr. Ruf will begin discussing the school budget this evening and undistributed revenue and tax levy in future meeting.

Mr. Ruf thanked the building principals. One large change was the elimination of the 482 codes (workbooks). We combined textbooks and workbooks.

The high school budget was decreased by 3.3%. Algebra II and US History textbooks are budgeted in the curriculum codes. He discussed the new EMT code.

Mr. Bettan requested a summary of all textbooks in the curriculum budget next year. He stated we use a lot of copy paper. He would like to challenge each principal to use 10% less paper and save more trees.

Mattlin

Mr. Ruf stated that \$14,000 for Life and Science textbooks and seventh grade math textbooks were moved into curriculum codes.

Mrs. Bernstein asked why we shifted these textbooks from the school code to the curriculum codes.

Mr. Dempsey stated that when a new program is adopted they wanted to centralize that expenditure. It was done because it is a new program and to continue that each year.

Dr. Bruno replied that this is done for consistency for all students for the same components rather than have some buildings buy and some others not.

Mrs. Rothman asked why Mattlin has \$8,000 more than POB Middle School in the textbook code.

Dr. Bruno will check. Each school has unique needs.

Mr. Mosenson noted that there has been a large increase in copy paper.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that if we want to go in the direction of paperless maybe we could develop a five year plan.

Mr. Ruf stated that POB Middle School and Mattlin have a similar budget. The equipment is similar. He explained the increase in equipment with the purchase of technology.

Mrs. Rothman questioned the increase in instructional supplies. There was an \$8,000 increase.

Mr. Ruf will work with Dr. Metzendorf to detail the increase.

Mr. Bettan questioned IB related expenses. Dr. Bruno replied that it is in the current budget.

Stratford Road has a slight increase. \$10,000 has been moved into the curriculum budget for math materials.

In Pasadena \$8,000 for math textbooks was moved into the curriculum code.

In Old Bethpage \$7,200 was put into the curriculum code.

In Parkway, Code 2020 581 is \$0 due to the fact they are using current inventory.

In the K Center, \$10,000 was put into the curriculum code.

Mrs. Bernstein requested a breakdown by school of what is in the curriculum code.

Mr. Bettan requested costs of on-going materials when we are looking at a new program.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Catanese
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman

The meeting was reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – February 9, 2009

Board Room - Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Mosenson,
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Cepeda

Also Present: Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Jonas, Dr. Bruno, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,
Mr. Christopher Guercio, Mrs. Pallotta

Absent: Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

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

There were approximately 180 district residents and staff members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

High School Report

■■■■ ■■■■■, our High School Student Government representative, updated the Board of Education and community members on events at the high school.

■■■■ stated that a scholarship has been established to honor ■■■■ ■■■■■. The scholarship will be funded by ■■■■■ parents and student activities.

Announcements

Mrs. Rothman attended the Drama Cadets production of The Wiz at POB Middle School. Over 130 talented and dedicated students participated. She congratulated the students for a wonderful musical production.

Mrs. Rothman mentioned two interesting, upcoming School Board seminars.

1. Need Help Passing Your School Budget?

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the following Board Members at the NYSSBA Conference "Need Help Passing Your School Budget" on March 17, 2009 at the Islandia Marriott, L.I.:

Ginger Lieberman
Jonathan Mosenson

Lori Weinstein
Evy Rothman

Gary Bettan
Debbie Bernstein

2. K-12 Foundations

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the attendance of Evy Rothman at the K-12 Foundations: “Imagine the Possibilities” on March 5, 2009 at the Islandia Marriott Long Island in Islandia, NY.

Mrs. Weinstein also attended the POB Middle School play. She stated that not only were there 130 students, that the principal, Dr. Metzendorf, was also a member of the production. She was “blown away” and congratulated all.

Mrs. Weinstein was a judge at SING. She stated that it was wonderful and a lot of fun.

Mrs. Bernstein also attended SING and found the entire production to be totally appropriate. It was a great show and very enjoyable.

Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. Weinstein also attended a second grade performance, Children Helping Children, at Old Bethpage School on Friday, February 6. The children made cards, collected toys, wrote and sent letters to Iraq, and conducted a school-wide coat drive. All donations were delivered by Sergeant Charles Burke. They commented on teaching children “to give back.” They thanked Dr. Bennardo and all the second grade teachers and students.

Mrs. Bernstein spoke of a February 3 article about our gymnastics team. It is the first time that Plainview-Old Bethpage has not been linked with the Bethpage gymnastics team. Our team won against Hicksville. This was quite an accomplishment as both Hicksville and Plainview-Old Bethpage were undefeated. The team will now go to the County Championship and she wished them well.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that Governor Patterson announced possible cuts to the Youth Corps Program. She spoke of the importance of their work in counseling, pregnancy and other illnesses. As the economy gets worse children turn to drugs and alcohol. We have the best Youth Corp program in the State and urged everyone to write a letter to Nassau County.

Mr. Dempsey reminded everyone that tomorrow is the Nassau BOCES Referendum vote to purchase a building in Westbury. He also spoke about the taxpayer rally on Saturday, February 28, 2009.

Mr. Dempsey stated that on Monday, February 23 we will present the District budget. There are also many budget meetings scheduled throughout March and April.

Presentations

Mr. Golbert presented awards to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and congratulated them on being selected to perform at the Music Educators National Conference in the All-Eastern Band in March. He thanked the parents and families for all the support they provide at home. He also congratulated their teacher Jerry Loeb and thanked the Board of Education for all their support.

Mr. Lucchio, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Syrett, Mr. Pekor and Ms. Israel presented awards to the Fall 2008-2009 Scholar Athletes on the Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis, Men's Cross Country, Women's Swimming, and Women's Cross Country teams.

Dr. Chen and Dr. Metzendorf then presented awards to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest winners. First place went to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], an 8th grader and second place went to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a sixth grader. Certificates were then presented to Honorable Mention winners.

Mr. Dempsey and Mrs. Lieberman thanked Dr. Chen and Dr. Metzendorf.

Discussion and Reports

State Budget Concerns

Mr. Dempsey spoke of the taxpayer rally on February 28. It is an opportunity for the whole community to show up in large numbers and voice the concerns that we have about the impact of a deficit reduction as well as pre-school costs.

Mr. Ruf stated that the State aid reduction may amount to more than 66 million dollars in aid to Long Island.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that home owners will get hit locally. She suggested that the PTA

could possibly do a mailing to alert parents and homeowners.

Proposed School District Calendar – 2009-2010

Discussion

Mr. Dempsey stated that school begins late this year. The first day of school for students is Wednesday, September 9 and the last day of school is Friday, June 25, 2010.

An issue was raised to the Board of Education about “snow days.” Could one of the days, if not used as a “snow day,” be used for the budget vote on May 18? Administration recommends not doing this. If schools are closed it could negatively affect voter turnout.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we could move the voting booths to another area in the buildings.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we are looking into this and there are some preliminary plans to move the booths into the auditorium.

Mr. Bettan suggested that in May and June, when there is an excessively hot day, we consider saving a snow day for use.

Mr. Dempsey said he will look into the possibility. He expects to vote on the School Calendar at the March 9 meeting.

Public Participation

Mr. Jacque Wolfner asked to have a full discussion of items 3D under Finance and Under New Business, Recovery of Overpayment.

Mr. Dempsey asked the Board of Education to withdraw the Recovery of Overpayment .

Ms. Amy Pierno, on behalf of the POB JFK High School PTA, spoke of the 8th to 9th grade transition meeting on January 29. The changes made were on target. Jim Murray and the Guidance Department covered all issues suggested by PTA. She also thanked the Board of Education.

Mr. Wolfner also suggested that the Board of Education agendas be double sided when

they are Xeroxed as was done last year.

Mr. Ruf responded to Mr. Wolfner that 3 capital projects were completed with no impact to the environment.

Routine Business

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

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff – Regular Substitute Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lori Maurer	Special Education Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: POB Middle School (replacing M. Geller, on Leave of Absence)	Jan. 21, 2009 thru June 30, 2009 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$74,451 Step 5 MA+20 To be prorated

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Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
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Wendy Adelman	Typist Clerk Transportation, H.S. Guidance, K-Center, Pupil Personnel	Feb. 10, 2009
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The work of the above employee has been evaluated as satisfactory by her principal/supervisor and it is recommended that she be appointed to a permanent position as indicated.

Non-Teaching Personnel – Retirement

Audrey Jeannine Salter	Account Clerk Business Office	March 27, 2009 (close of day)
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Non-Teaching Staff – Leave of Absence

Betsy Shein	Bus Attendant Aide 4 Hours	2/07/09- 6/26/09
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Returning from Leave of Absence

Anthony La Mattina	Cleaner POB JFK H.S.	Feb. 2, 2009
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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>
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Karen Psillos	Special Ed. Aide 6.75 hours/day Longevity \$300 Assign: Stratford Road	Special Ed. Aide 7 hours/day Longevity \$300 Assign: Stratford Road	2/10/09	\$25,386.60 To be prorated
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Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2008

Edward Regan	Drama Cadets Set Director	School Year 2008/2009	\$1755
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Coaching Recommendation School Year 2008-2009

Steve Arcuri	Asst. Coach, MS Mens Lacrosse	3/09	\$2704
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Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Colleen Schmidt	Chaperone	School Year 2008/2009	\$86.22/sess.
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Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers & Nurses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
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Elissa Turlletsky	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	2/09	\$130.58
Steven Steiner	“	2/09	\$130.58
Lonny Rosenblum	“	2/09	\$130.58
Mark Speciner	“	2/09	\$130.58
Joseph Ruggiero	“	2/09	\$130.58
Pamela Mulderrig	“	2/09	\$130.58
Patricia Carbone	Per Diem Substitute/ Reappointment	2/09	\$130.58

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute Appointment

Helene Spielberger	Part Time Substitute School Monitor	Aug. 27, 2008	\$8.50 p.h.
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Professional Staff – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Colleen Schmidt	Business Ed. Teacher (.2) Assign: POB JFK High School	Business Ed. Teacher (.4) Assign: POB JFK High School	2/1/09	\$23,814 1 MA (represents .4 of \$59,535) To be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Termination

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Kathleen Useloff	School Monitor	Feb. 8, 2009

Kindergarten Center

3. Finance

a. Contract – Health & Welfare Services (St. Edward the Confessor School) - 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Syosset Central School District to provide eight of our residents who attend St. Edward the Confessor School in Syosset with health & welfare services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Health & Welfare Services (Our Lady of Mercy) 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Syosset Central School District to provide nine of our residents who attend Our Lady of Mercy in Syosset with health & welfare services as listed in the contract.

c. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POB JFK High School

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

HP Deskjet 870CXL Printer

d. New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) –Capital Projects

That the Board of Education adopt the following resolution declaring that they are the lead agency and that the following project is a Type II action under the SEQRA law which represents routine activities of educational institutions that do not have a significant adverse impact on the environment:

Parkway Elementary School	Masonry Reconstruction
Pasadena Elementary School	Masonry Reconstruction
Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School	Masonry Reconstruction

“RESOLVED” that the Board of Education, as a lead agency, classifies the Masonry Reconstruction Project at Parkway Elementary School A Type II action under the SEQRA law, which represents routine activities of educational institutions that do not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

e. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – November 2008

That the Board of Education approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for the period November 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008.

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f. Payment of Bills

February 2009

General Fund A	2,101,111.50
Trust & Agency	1,578,862.63

Federal	398.92
School Lunch	98.00
Child Care	189.39
Net Payroll	2,904,942.84

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 26, 2009.

Unfinished Business

New Course Offerings – High School

Ms. Betsy Salemsen reviewed the Comparative European Languages course she is recommending for inclusion in the 2009-2010 Course Offerings Guide. This would be a 5th level World Languages course offered for one credit. She believes it would be a very popular course with a lot of technology and no additional staffing necessary.

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Discussion:

Mr. Mosenson asked if the one section course, open only to seniors, would also appeal to 11th graders that wanted to continue their language study.

Ms. Salemsen stated that she does not disagree with Mr. Mosenson and that other 4th level honors and Regents courses could appeal to juniors.

Mr. Mosenson asked if seniors would get first shot at registering for the course.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if it could be open to seniors who did not take the 4th year.

Ms. Salemson said yes.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we asked the students if they are interested.

Ms. Salemson stated that other school districts such as Jericho offer this course.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if this course will take students out of level 5.

Ms. Salemson stated that one class will take just for 5th credit. She is expecting to offer one section of level 5 instead of 5 College. Comparative European Languages is a less rigorous course than 5 College. It is an opportunity to speak – a conversational course.

Mr. Mosenson asked if we will start the course with seniors.

Ms. Salemson stated yes.

Mr. Dempsey stated it is staffing neutral. Offering to juniors could cost new staff.

Mr. Mosenson stated that, if successful, maybe next year we could offer the course to juniors.

Mr. Bettan agreed to keep staffing neutral. Be careful of adding.

Mr. Mosenson asked to change the pre-requisite of the course.

Mr. Dempsey said the change could only be made on-line as the Guide has been printed.

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Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Mosenson, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the Comparative European Languages course.

New Business

1. Approval of Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein, that the Board of Education approves the field trips noted on the memo of February 9, 2009.

2. Adoption of Resolutions Regarding the Refinancing of District's Bond Payment

Discussion:

Mr. Ruf stated currently we have four outstanding bonds and that two bonds can be refinanced. The bonds are twenty year bonds from 2001 to 2021. The current rate of the bonds is 4 ½% - 4.875%. He expects that if we refinance it would be possible that rates could be as low as 2.9%. If this is the case the projected savings would be \$675,000. The cost to the District would be \$73,000 to refund.

Mr. Michael LoGuercio from Munistat explained the process.

Discussion:

Mr. Cepeda asked if we do not get the rate we want, what costs are incurred.

Mr. LoGuercio stated there are no costs incurred if we do not go through with the refinancing.

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Mr. Ruf stated we would have to pay the Rating Agency for a new rating.

Mr. LoGuercio stated we would only go for the rating if we go ahead with the refinancing. Therefore, no costs would occur.

Mr. Cepeda stated that, if successful, would the \$73,000 be paid up front.

Mr. Ruf stated yes. He prefers to pay up front.

Mr. Mosenson asked what the net rate of 2.9% means.

Mr. LoGuercio stated that is the overall rate.

Mr. Mosenson asked at what point it is worthwhile to pursue the refinancing.

Mr. LoGuercio stated that Mr. Ruf and he would discuss i. When we know what the savings would be we could inform the Board of Education by email.

Mr. Dempsey asked if we needed another meeting and another resolution.

Mr. LoGuercio stated we could set a level and that rates change on a daily basis.

Mr. Dempsey asked if we could set a higher limit or communicate when we know what the numbers will be.

Mrs. Weinstein suggested we get the process started, but set a range that will be acceptable.

Mr. Ruf stated that only if savings were substantial would he recommend the refinancing.

Mr. Mosenson asked will this be a level rate.

Mr. LoGuercio stated that rates will change over the life of the bond. In the early years rates are lower.

Mr. Ruf stated that this is not a variable rate. It is a locked-in fixed rate.

Mrs. Lieberman read the resolution, Sections 1-4, aloud.

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Resolution

1. Board Member Mr. Bettan offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“The resolution announcing the Board of Education’s intention to accept proposals for the purchase of the refunding bonds;”

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Mrs. Rothman and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Unanimous.

The resolution was declared adopted.

2. Mr. Cepeda offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

“The refunding bond resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$26,000,000 refunding bonds and providing the publication of a summary form of such resolution in the District’s official newspapers.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Mr. Bettan and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Ayes: Unanimous.

The resolution was declared adopted.

3. ACDS Lease

Discussion

Mr. Ruf recommended that we extend the Fern Place lease with the Association for Children with Downs Syndrome for the period September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2014.

Mrs. Lieberman read aloud the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board Of Education has determined that the Buildings and Grounds known as the Fern Place School is not currently needed for School District purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board Of Education has determined that the leasing of the Fern Place School to the Association for Children with Downs Syndrome, Inc. (ACDS) is in the best interests of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District and the rental payments represent the fair market value;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby approves the agreement to lease the Fern Place School to ACDS for the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2014 subject to the approval of the New York State Department of Education, if required.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein, that the Board of Education approve the Fern Place Lease agreement.

4. Circulation of Policy #5315 – Allegations of Fraud Policy

Mr. Jonas stated that counsel has reviewed and recommended minor changes to Policy #5315, Allegations of Fraud.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Weinstein that the Board of Education approve the circulation of Policy #5315 Allegations of Fraud Policy.

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5. Resolution – Recovery of Overpayment – HELD

The resolution for the Recovery of Overpayment was held.

Executive Session

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Pallotta
Deputy District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President

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The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Ginger Lieberman, President