

Minutes of Special School Board Meeting – November 25, 2009

Board Room – Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Bernstein, Mrs. Pierno.

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

Absent: Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Rothman, Mr. Cepeda.

Mrs. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Routine Business

Personnel

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the following personnel item:

Non-Teaching Personnel – Termination

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Daniel Pereira	Cleaner POB JFK High School	Nov. 25, 2009

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – November 16, 2009

LGI Room – Mattlin Middle School

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

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

There were approximately 65 district residents and staff members present.

Mrs. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone to this evening's Board of Education meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

High School Report

██████████, our high school representative, updated the Board of Education on events at the high school.

Announcements

Mrs. Rothman stated that she had the pleasure of being a referee at the Harlem Wizards/Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School basketball game. She noted that it was very well attended. Mrs. Rothman stated Ms. Gierasch played so well that the Harlem Wizards offered her a contract. She stated that Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Ruf and Mr. Gergis also played.

Mr. Cepeda thanked PTA for sponsoring such a worthwhile event. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we are attempting to improve our website to make access to the site easier.

Mr. Jonas stated that we are also trying to make it easier to communicate with our community. You will be able to reach the site by going to www.pobschools.org or just pobschools.org.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we received an announcement from County Executive Suozzi's office about an upcoming parental educational series. We held two of these types of seminars previously in Plainview. The first series will take place at the Lecture Hall in the Police Academy in Massapequa Park. They are as follows:

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. – Gang Awareness

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. – Internet Child Exploitation, Sexting and Child Safety on the Internet.

Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. – Heroin and Drug Awareness

Mr. Dempsey urged everyone to attend.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that they are excellent topics. She stated that parents have an obligation to speak to their children about these things. They have tremendous ramifications in their lives. She urged parents to talk to their children.

Reports

Superintendent's Conference Day

Ms. Gierasch stated that this was a very successful event due to the collaborative planning of our district administration. Each session was tailored to the needs of a particular department or level of instruction. Some of our administrators were presenters. Best practices were shared. At the Kindergarten Center there were workshops focused on literacy and behavior. There were workshops in grades 1 and 2 for literacy, math and science. In grades 3 and 4 there were science and social studies workshops. Some principals were presenters.

At the middle school level Ms. Dianne Drew from the Dwight School had an IB workshop. There was a workshop on Great Books for teachers of ELA, Science and Social Studies. Tom Schwartz, Angela DeLessio and Joan Wartell worked with Fred Cohen to prepare for the session on Data Warehouse.

Ms. Gierasch stated at the high school level department goals were addressed in many different areas including data warehousing, writing, smart boards and adaptive physical education goals. Outside conferences were held for art and music. Our aides received strategies for difficult behavioral situations and the custodians were involved in an asbestos awareness workshop.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we tried to tailor the day so everyone could work on their particular goals. She thanked the staff and administrators for their support in making the day so successful.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno asked if we conduct a survey to see what worked and what was successful.

Ms. Gierasch stated we had a survey for feedback and shared e-mails.

Mr. Bettan asked if during the data workshop, we discovered anything that needed to be addressed.

Ms. Gierasch stated there was no “ah ha” moment except that it really isn’t so difficult to navigate. The teacher interface was the most informative.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we follow up at the building level.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we do. As a matter of fact, in some cases, the Superintendent’s Conference Day was a follow up day to other staff development sessions. She has attended some follow up conferences in a few elementary schools.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we did this for literacy.

Ms. Gierasch stated the teachers did have follow up.

Mrs. Lieberman noted there was training at the high school for smart boards. Did we have any training at the elementary and middle school levels.

Ms. Gierasch stated we didn’t have teachers available to share on that day. The teachers do have opportunities to utilize smart boards and attend staff development sessions throughout the year as part of their 18 hour requirement.

Mr. Cepeda asked if the material was available electronically.

Ms. Gierasch stated we did forward material to the elementary principals electronically.

Mrs. Rothman stated we had a workshop on asbestos. Will we have one on mold.

Mr. Ruf will look into it.

Literacy Intervention Programs

Ms. Gierasch discussed our literacy programs. She spoke of Read 180. Six out of seven schools had this program last year in grades 4 – 12. This year it will be used in all seven schools. She spoke of our licenses. She stated that we need additional material. We need to train teachers to analyze reports. Students probably stay in the program for 2 years at the most but this is not set in stone. Ms. Gierasch stated that we need to look at how we are utilizing staff. The feed back we are receiving is that the students and staff love it.

Ms. Gierasch discussed System 44. Six out of seven schools utilized this program last year. All schools are using it this year.

Ms. Gierasch discussed Leveled Literacy Intervention which is for groups of three to five and reading intervention is given daily for 30 minutes. Our first grade XR teachers are trained to use this. One reading teacher from each elementary school utilizes this program as well.

Ms. Gierasch stated that Reading Recovery is no longer formally being used. Our staff is well versed in this methodology. We eliminated Headsprouts because it is redundant to Foundations

She stated that Foundations has been piloted in five classrooms in the Kindergarten Center. We plan to use it in all kindergarten classes next year. First grade teachers will utilize this program in all classrooms beginning in January.

Ms. Gierasch discussed benchmarking and the need to determine a student's reading level at least three times a year.

Ms. Gierasch thanked everyone for their work.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman discussed feedback from the staff. She wants the Board to be kept up to date. She would like the Board of Education to receive reports regarding staff feedback.

Mr. Bettan asked which school was not involved in Read 180 and System 44 last year. Is that school participating this year.

Ms. Gierasch stated that it was Parkway School and they are participating this year.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we are developing a plan to meet the needs that were noted this evening.

Ms. Gierasch stated that the teachers made good suggestions. We do have a plan to have teachers come in and tell what is working. We should share best practices.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if these programs will be done only by reading teachers.

Ms. Gierasch stated that they will also be implemented by special education teachers. They don't need reading certification to deliver these services.

Mrs. Rothman thanked Ms. Gierasch for a terrific report. Reading Recovery is a well known successful program. When this program was instituted, we wanted immediate improvement. She asked if we will follow the progress of the children in these programs.

Ms. Gierasch stated you can track a child's progress.

Mrs. Rothman stated we did not see tracking reports. She would like to see this in the future.

Mr. Cepeda asked since we have information available, can we share this information with the parents.

Ms. Gierasch stated we have AIS report cards. Our teachers stay in contact with parents.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that she has always been a proponent of Reading Recovery which was one to one. The new program now has one to five children in a group. Will we be able to help the child that is still struggling.

Ms. Gierasch stated we can do one to one intervention.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that she does not want any child to get lost in the shuffle.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Ms. Gierasch for her outstanding comprehensive report. She asked at some point can we talk about our philosophy for the children who are at level or above level. How do they move forward.

Ms. Gierasch discussed balanced literacy and the need to look at how this is being delivered district wide.

Regional Summer School Expenses

Mr. Jonas discussed the finances of the summer school program. He spoke of the cost for summer school including Nassau BOCES administration fees. Mr. Jonas stated that the district's expenditures for security, teacher aides, custodial and supplies were \$14,398.43. Our share of the total cost of summer school is \$45,600. This expenditure will be compensated by BOCES aid which we will receive in the next school year. Our total expense will be \$32,000.

Discussion

Mrs. Bernstein thanked everyone for a very successful summer school program. We had initially been uneasy about the program. However, it worked out wonderfully. Our academics were maintained and we saved money. She congratulated everyone involved in the program.

Mr. Jonas informed the Board that because of construction going on at Bethpage High School, the Bethpage School District has requested that we house the summer school program for the 2010 school year.

The Board agreed.

Public Participation

Ms. Lisa Mintz, chairperson of the PTA elementary curriculum committee last year, spoke of the inconsistencies between the four elementary schools. She expressed her views that the core curriculum should be the same at all schools. She stated that Stratford Road is not receiving the same books as the other three schools. She discussed other differences between the schools.

Mr. Dempsey stated we are trying to mirror prior years. We try to make sure the child's experience is the same as in past years. The goal is to have the experience of the children this year the same as it was for children in prior years. We are looking at test materials. Each of our schools uses different books. We are looking at this and what is best for the children.

Ms. Mintz stated that the Parkway and Old Bethpage children are growing at a faster pace.

Mr. Dempsey discussed the performance of the Stratford Road and Pasadena children and testing. He spoke of strategies that can be taught. If there is a common workbook that will work, we will look at this.

Ms. Mintz stated that this is something that should be looked at across the entire district.

Mr. Dempsey stated we want every student at mastery.

Ms. Meredith Radisch thanked the Board for providing the information on reading programs in the District this evening. She stated that her son participated in Reading Recovery and it was a wonderful program. She spoke of the new reading program that we are instituting.

Ms. Radisch discussed the proposed possible cuts to state aid. She stated that financial issues have hit all of us. She supports the Board for sticking to their guns regarding pay raises. She spoke about discrepancies between what the community was told the increase in taxes would be and what they actually were. She asked for an explanation. She stated we should get rid of waste. It is important that we improve our financial picture. She also stated that we should offer extra help at the elementary level.

Ms. Radisch stated she does not want to take away from teachers. Her children are very happy. They have wonderful teachers. She expressed her views that the union leaders may think they are doing what is best for their teachers. She doesn't believe they are.

Mr. Dempsey asked Mr. Ruf to discuss the tax levy and the reasons for the discrepancy.

Mr. Ruf addressed this subject. He reviewed the numbers that were spelled out in NEWSDAY. He told of the questions he was asked for a NEWSDAY survey published on May 1st. He outlined the reasons for the discrepancies.

Mr. Dempsey congratulated Mr. Ruf for the answer he provided. He made a difficult explanation easy to understand.

Mr. Weinstein also thanked Mr. Ruf for his response.

Ms. Emily Schulman, Co-President of SEPTA, asked about the different reading programs. She asked how we know that Reading 180 is helping. What are we using to measure success.

Ms. Gierasch responded.

Ms. Schulman asked about staffing for special education kids in the summer school program.

Mr. Jonas stated we added another special education teacher and aide last year. Our kids did well but they can always do better.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner asked what will happen if the Governor cuts state aid mid year. Will we balance our budget.

Mr. Dempsey stated we have several options. He explained our options. He stated it is our hope that even if there is a mid year reduction, it would be less than stated.

Mr. Wolfner asked for an explanation of item 3f under Finance.

Ms. Mia Schwartz stated she supports the teachers. She compared Plainview to Syosset and Jericho. She stated that a 9 period day would benefit students. She expressed her view that there is very poor communication with the teachers in Plainview. She is a teacher in the Commack School District. She spoke of the requirements regarding communicating with parents and returning phone calls and e-mails in the Commack District.

Ms. Melissa Kessler discussed Foundations. She is a teacher in a surrounding district that uses Foundations. She believes teachers should be paid an adequate salary. She spoke of the things she buys for her class with her own money.

Ms. Gierasch stated that all Kindergarten teachers have teacher kits. It is our intention to move it forward.

Ms. Kessler asked why first grade students are not graded academically in the first quarter.

Mr. Dempsey stated we are looking at this.

Ms. Stefanie Nelkens stated it was great that she received her son's report card prior to the parent-teacher conference. She asked if any thought has been given to providing an academic grade prior to the 2nd quarter. Report cards could provide a benchmark to all parents.

Mr. Dempsey stated we don't have a time line to resolve the report card issue. The benchmark would be an issue that we want to look at.

Ms. Nelkens asked how we are communicating this information to the parents. She wants to know her child's reading level every time he is tested. She is sure other parents feel the same way.

Mr. Dempsey stated when we have a recommendation it will be made to the Board.

Ms. Nelkens asked how parents get benchmark levels.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that you can ask the teacher.

Ms. Nelkens asked if parents are aware of the reading programs that are being used in our schools. She asked if parents can ask the teacher their child's reading level.

Mr. Dempsey stated we are working on a process to make it available districtwide.

Ms. Nelkens stated that she asked these questions a year ago.

Mr. David Radisch discussed the long term financial drain in our school district due to the pensions we provide to the teachers. He expressed his views that we now have a good opportunity to stop the pension fund. The Board should consider this.

M. Dempsey stated that the teacher retirement system is a statewide issue. The State tries to deal with this through the "tier" system.

Mr. Guercio stated that the issue of school districts' contribution to pensions is an issue that is not addressed locally. It is a state issue. This is outside the control of the district.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following routine business items, including the pink sheets with the exception of 3 b, under Finance:

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff - Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lisa Abel	Math Teacher POB Middle School	Nov. 16, 2009 thru March 25, 2009 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	
Lauren Harple	English Teacher POBJFK High School	Dec. 3, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	

Professional Staff - Leave of Absence Without Pay

Alice Rallis	Health Teacher POBMS/PKWY/OB/KC	Dec. 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	
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Professional Staff – Extension of Leave of Absence Without Pay

Theofani Tsiakos	Health Teacher POBMS/OB/STRAT/KC	Jan. 25, 2010 thru June 30, 2009	
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Professional Staff – Regular Substitute Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joseph Ruggiero	Math Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: POB M.S. (replacing L. Abel, on Leave of Absence)	Nov. 16, 2009 thru Mar. 25, 2010 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$65,170 * Step 3MA
Paige Bade- Ankudovych	English Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: PKHS (replacing L. Harple on Leave of Absence)	Dec. 3, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$62,357 * Step 1MA
Carla Carmerata	Health Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: POBMS/PKWY/ OB/KC (replacing A. Rallis, on Leave of Absence)	Dec. 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$74,451* Step 5MA 20
Julia A. Watson	Health Teacher Regular Substitute Assign: PMS/OB/STRAT/ KC (replacing T. Tsiakos on Leave of Absence)	Jan. 25, 2010 thru June 30, 2010 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$62,357* Step 2MA

* salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations and to be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mark Donovan	Transportation Specialist	11/18/2009	

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence

Rachel Schwab	ABA Special Ed. Aide 6 hours Stratford Road	11/9/2009- 12/4/2009	
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Return from Leave of Absence

Jennifer Fox	1:1 Special Ed. Aide 6 hours Mattlin Middle School	Nov. 30, 2009	
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Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2009/2010

Steve Arcuri	Ass't Coach, MS Wrestling	1-10	\$2704 *
Jonathan Ascher	Ass't Coach, JV Basketball, Women	11/09	\$3778*

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2009/2010 – POBJFK High School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nancy Rogers	Moot Court Assistant Advisor	School Year 2009/2010	\$1754*

NOTE: Rescind Board of Education appointment of 6/8/09 for Nancy Rogers

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2009/2010 – H.. Mattlin Middle School and Plainview Middle School

Michael Buonospina	Piano Accompanist Grade 7/8 Winter	School Year 2009/2010	6 rehearsals@\$50 per rehearsal 4 Concerts @\$50 per concert
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Personnel Recommendation – Review Class – Algebra II/Trigonometry

Louise Cataldo	Math Review Class	School Year 2009/2010	AIS Rate of Pay 6 sessions*
Jacqueline Kraker	“	“	“
Cathy Carman	“	“	AIS Rate of Pay combined 6 sessions*
Annemarie LeBlanc	“	“	“ “

NOTE: 1 session = 1 hour and sessions subject to student enrollment/participation

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
David Hirsch	Chaperone	School Year 2009/2010	* \$86.22/sess.
Arlene Maupin	“	“	* \$86.22/sess.
Virginia Schatzberg	“	“	* \$86.22/sess.
Cathleen Witowski	“	“	* \$86.22/sess.

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Student Worker

Jaclyn Marvel	Student Worker	School Year 2009/2010	\$7.65 p.h.
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Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers

Bryan Gabriel	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	11/16/09	\$130.58
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute

Diana Regino	School Monitor PT Sub	School Year 2009/2010	\$8.50 p.h.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Karen Gliebe	Senior Typist Clerk Pupil Personnel	Dec. 4, 2009 (Close of Business)	

Personnel Recommendations – Tutors for Homebound Students

Melissa Pecere	Home Tutor	School Year 2009/2010	\$50.29/hr.*
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Appointment of Permanent 2009/2010 Membership to the CSE/CPSE – Additions

That the Board of Education approve the following additions to the 2008/2009 parent recommendations for membership to the CSE/CPSE:

Parent Members: JoAnne Ambrosio – CSE
 Stacy Brickel – CSE
 Michel Paul – CPSE/CSE
 Jessica Corbett – CPSE/CSE

3. Finance

a. Cooperative Bids

That the Board of Education award the following bid:

Bid No. 569

PA Intercom and Master Clock Service
 Maintenance and Parts

Advance Sound
 Simples Grinnell
 Protective Management

b. Donation – Art Department

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education accept a donation of instructional videos that include Adobe, Digital Photography, Adobe Premiere, etc., to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District:

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein,
Mr. Cepeda, Mrs. Pierno.

Abstentions: Mr. Bettan.

Motion Carried.

c. Tilles Center License Agreement for POBJFK High School Graduation

That the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign a License Agreement with Long Island University for the Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School graduation ceremony.

d. Cooperative Bids – 2009/2010

That the Board of Education approve participation in a cooperative bid for the 2009/2010 school year for:

Custodial Equipment & Repair

e. Bid No. 505 – Change Order #1 – Fire Alarm Replacement Project at Jamaica Avenue School

That the Board of Education approve Change Order #1, dated October 30, 2009, to the Fire Alarm Replacement Project at the Jamaica Avenue School to Eldor Contracting Corporation for an increase of \$3,279.50 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Change Order Certification Form.

f. Contract – Special Education Non-Resident Estimated Tuition – Revised by Bethpage U.F.S.D. – September 2009/June 2020

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign a revised Bethpage Special Education contract.

Discussion:

Mr. Ruf answered Mr. Wolfner's questions.

g. Budge Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Informational transfers as of November 16, 2009
- Budget Status Report as of October 30, 2009
- Revenue Status Report as of October 30, 2009

h. Treasurer' Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2009
- Trial Balance as of September 30, 2009
- Cash Flow Projection as of September 30, 2009

i. Donation – SNAP

That the Board of Education accept a donation of games listed on the memo from Ms. Ellie Becker dated November 12, 2009 from SNAP to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

j. Payment of Bills

November 2009

General Fund A	395,528.01
Trust & Agency	1,310,993.74
Federal	56,800.01
School Lunch	689.65
Capital	28,022.74
Child Care	1,269.58
Debt Service	153,307.50
Net Payroll	1,778,628.25

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of November 2, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Re-circulation – Policy #7611 – Children with Disabilities

Re-circulation – Policy #7630 – Appointment and Training of CSE and CPSE Members

Re-circulate

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education re-circulate Policy #7611, “Children with Disabilities” and Policy #7630, “Appointment and Training of CSE and CPSE Members”.

Discussion:

Mr. Jonas explained the reasons for the re-circulation of these policies.

New Business

1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the field trips presented to the Board of Education on November 16, 2009.

2. BOCES Budget Review Committee Representation – 2010/2011

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Jacque Wolfner as the Plainview-Old Bethpage representative to the BOCES Budget Review Committee for the 2010/2011 school Year.

Discussion:

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Mr. Wolfner for representing our District again this year. We appreciate his service to the community.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of education adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – November 2, 2009

LGI - Mattlin Middle School

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

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

There were approximately 125 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The National Anthem was sung by one of our choral groups.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked the singers for a beautiful rendition.

High School Report

██████████, our high school representative, updated the Board of Education on events at the high school

Student Presentations

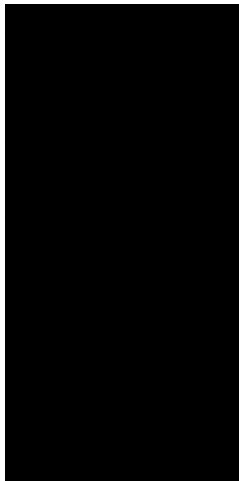
Ms. Gierasch introduced Mr. McDermott who along with the coaches honored the following athletic teams:

4-Sport Athlete Awards

Mr. McDermott, Ms. Kathy Salerno and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following middle school students for participating in 4 sports. Ms. Salerno spoke of what an outstanding accomplishment this is. She also commended their parents for all their efforts in making this possible.

Plainview-Old Bethpage M.S.

Mattlin M.S.



Mr. McDermott spoke of the qualifications to achieve the Scholar-Athlete Award.

Scholar-Athlete Women's Spring Track Team 2008/2009

Coach Justin Carey and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the Women's Track Spring 2008/2009 Team:

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Scholar-Athlete Women's Spring Softball Team 2008/2009

Coach Neil Lasher and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the Womens' 2008/2009 Spring Softball team:

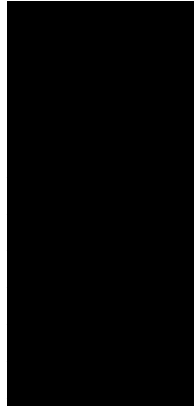
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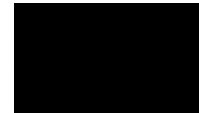
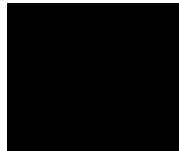
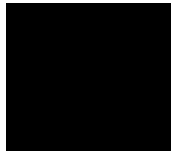
Scholar-Athlete Men's Spring Track Team – 2008/2009

Coach Jordan Pekar and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the 2008/2009 Men's Spring Track Team:



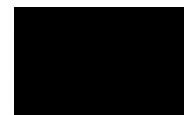
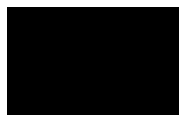
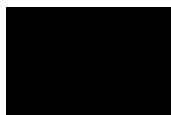
Scholar-Athlete Women's Spring Lacrosse Team – 2008/2009

Coach Jeffery Salzberg and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the 2008/2009 Women's Spring Lacrosse Team:



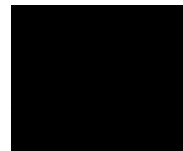
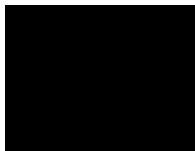
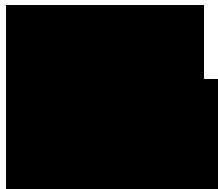
Men's Spring Tennis Team 2008/2009

Coach Fred Sperber and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the 2008/2009 Men's Tennis Team:



Scholar-Athlete 2008/2009 Varsity Men's Spring Volleyball Team

Mr. McDermott and Mrs. Weinstein were pleased to honor the following members of the 2008/2009 Spring Varsity Men's Volleyball team:



Coach Russi Villalta

Art Awards

Ms. Judith Chen was pleased to honor the following art students on their outstanding achievements:

Scholar Artist Award



“Embracing our Differences” Art Exhibition Award



Music Awards

Mr. Josh Golbert, Director of Music, was pleased to honor the following music students on their achievements:

NYSSMA All State Alternate L.I. Arts Alliance Scholar-Artist Winner



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NYSSMA All State Ensemble



[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

NYSSMA All State Alternate

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Semi-Finalist 2010 National Achievement Scholarship: Program for African-American Students

Mr. Murray was pleased to honor [REDACTED] on being a Semi-Finalist in the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship Program for African-American Students

Stand Up For a Cause – DECA Club

Mr. Murray was pleased to honor the following students for their participation in DECA's "Stand Up For a Cause" Comedy Night. They raised over \$8,000:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

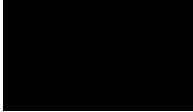
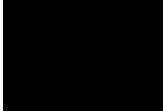
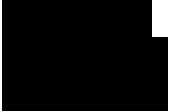
Semi-Finalists – National Merit Scholarship Competition

Mr. Murray was proud to honor [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for being named Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

National Merit Scholarship Competition – Commended Students

Mr. Murray was pleased to honor the following students on being named "Commended Students" in the National Scholarship Competition:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



Mrs. Weinstein, on behalf of the Board of Education, congratulated all the above students and their amazing achievements. She also congratulated their parents and their teachers.

Announcements

Ms. Debbie Bernstein stated that last week she and other Board Members had the honor to attend the DECA Installation at the high school. Mrs. Bernstein noted that we installed over 200 students. This was the largest group ever. Mrs. Bernstein congratulated the DECA Board on their installation as officers and their professionalism shown during the installation. She particularly wanted to congratulate and recognize their President, Josh Sieden, who spoke beautifully and led the installation in a wonderful manner. She congratulated all these students, their families and their advisors. She wished them a successful year.

Negotiation Update

Mr. Guercio stated that the Board has asked him to update the community on contract negotiations. Negotiations is not something that happens in public for many reasons. You have to put things into context.

Mr. Guercio stated we are unable to close the financial gap. The Board has put a two year package on the table. Within the context of a two year package, the Board has requested no give backs. No other items are on the table.

The PCT and the Board are relatively far apart in year two. We are unable to close the gap. The negotiators talk frequently but up until now we have not been able to close the gap. He noted that they spoke this evening.

Mr. Guercio stated that as developments continue, we will do our best to keep the community apprised.

Superintendent Up Dates

Negotiations

Mr. Dempsey stated that educational and instructional practices continue as in previous years. The principals and teachers have continued to focus on student work being displayed in the classrooms and hallways of all the schools. Parent participation, classroom visitations, curriculum programs and other school and classroom programs have begun in each school.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he anticipates that these activities and displays will continue this year as they have in past years. He has been told that instruction is being maintained as it has in past years.

H1N1

Mr. Dempsey spoke of the impending flu season. Andrea Spector is in touch with the County. Mr. Dempsey noted that we have had a few isolated cases of the flu. We will continue to monitor the potential impact.

Student Awards

Mr. Dempsey spoke about the way in which the student awards were presented this evening. We anticipate doing student recognition three more times during the school year in the same manner.

Name, Addresses, E-Mail Addresses, Phone Numbers of Legislators

Mr. Dempsey stated he will place lists with the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of our legislators and the governor on the table this evening for anyone who wishes to get in touch with them regarding possible budget reductions. This is an effective way in which to let our representative know how we feel. This list will also be placed on our website.

Reports

NYSSBA Convention – October 15-18, 2009 – New York City

Mrs. Weinstein discussed the New York State School Board's Association Annual Convention which was held in New York City, October 15 -18, 2009. Board Members will report on seminars and sessions they attended.

Mrs. Rothman stated that she attended a seminar at the law conference that dealt with student suicides. She noted that suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 24. The speakers discussed who is at risk; are there warning signs, legal issues and what districts can do before and after. She spoke of policies that Boards should adopt before a problem arises. These policies should cover student discipline codes. They should also provide appropriate efforts to provide intervention from peer violence and bullying and sexting. The seminar also provided some ideas for programs, such as Lifelines. Mrs. Rothman stated that we need to address this critical issue as a community, not just a school district.

Mrs. Weinstein spoke of the seminar she attended on the Columbine Tragedy. She noted that it has been 10 years since the events at Columbine occurred. Members of the panel spoke about board initiatives, community efforts, support systems and safety measures that are helping the school community. Mrs. Weinstein stated that she was struck by the question that was asked, "If everything was in place, would anything have been different." They answered, "Probably not."

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Mrs. Lieberman spoke of the meeting she attended where the New Chancellor, Meryl Tisch and the new Commissioner of Education, David Steiner, spoke. The Commissioner said there is going to be an open door policy. He discussed art and technology. Commissioner Steiner stated that with regard to the swine flu, one size does not fit all. He spoke about testing.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that we should be very happy with the changes in Albany.

Mr. Bettan spoke of the technology session he attended. He noted we are not in the forefront of technology but we are not behind. He spoke of the smart board seminar that he attended that dealt with writing and then the editing of this writing. He spoke of a vocabulary testing program. Mr. Bettan noted that technology can be used as a tool for teachers.

Mr. Bettan went to a seminar on Infinite Campus. He spoke of project based learning. He was excited because of what we are doing in the 7th grade with regard to interdisciplinary projects.

Mr. Cepeda discussed the business meeting he attended. It was attended by over 250 delegates because of all the issues surrounding education. Fiscal issues were discussed at length. They encouraged board members that this too will pass. Things will get better. NYSSBA will continue to support public education.

Mr. Cepeda read the ten resolutions that were approved.

Mrs. Bernstein spoke of the session she attended on small learning communities given by the Poughkeepsie City School District. The participants were the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, the middle school principal, the Board President, and two teacher coaches. One was the President of the Teacher's Union. They discussed their small learning community with regard to learning units within a larger school setting, school within a school concept-academies, teams of students, teams of teachers, common meeting times for teachers, Administrator/Counselor Support, professional development and appropriate staffing, materials, supplies and equipment.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that there were differences between their community and ours. She outlined the many similarities between their small learning community and IB, the program we are currently looking into. She said they looked at test scores. They spoke of analyzing the data and how they use this data. They also stated that you can never lose sight that the data represents a child. Mrs. Bernstein stated it was an inspiring and impressive seminar.

Public Participation

Mr. Mike Deringe expressed his views that we must be prepared for a lengthy dispute. He feels this may go on until December 2010. He supports the Board. He relies on the excellence of the teachers and he hopes that they will speak to their colleagues. He stated that the Union needs to get a new plan. The Board has worked hard to minimize the affect on our children. He asked what the Board wants parents to do.

Mr. Dempsey stated that parents should maintain as much normal behavior as possible.

Meredith Radisch thanked the Board for giving informative information this evening. She stated that information to the community is a must. She stated that we are saddened that our children have been dragged into adult negotiations. She expressed her concerns that the changes that have occurred will continued. She hopes the atmosphere in the school improves.

Ms. Radisch asked about give backs. She spoke about extra help for children. If she, as a taxpayer, has to pay more, she wants more.

Mr. Guercio stated that negotiations on Long Island take various forms. In some school districts, the Board of Education put additional money on the table and a longer contract in exchange for givebacks. Other school districts, and Plainview-Old Bethpage is one, feel there will be a very serious impact because of the State's budget. There will be no more Federal stimulus money. The State of New York is in dire financial straits. Plainview-Old Bethpage is more conservative in its approach. Something has to give.

Mr. John Gershy comes from three generations of union workers. He spoke of unemployment and the under employment rate. People are losing their homes. He sees nothing wrong with a freeze on salaries. He spoke of what other school districts offer their students. He spoke about the "Contract Now" buttons.

Mr. Guercio stated there is case law with regard to buttons and tee shirts. Those are free speech rights.

Ms. Nina Trembly stated that her children who attend Mattlin and Old Bethpage Elementary Schools have not been impacted by the negotiations. They are having an excellent year.

A resident whose children go to Mattlin Middle School has seen no impact because of negotiations. She appreciates what the teachers do every single day.

Ms. Kathy Rea, President of POB Middle School PTA thanked the Board and the administrators for their participation in their fund raiser when the Harlem Wizards will be facing the POBMS Middle Magic on November 4th.

A resident spoke of the elimination of aides several years ago. She expressed her views that we should compromise. We need to hire the best teachers and they cost money. She suggested that the teachers receive an increase and we should demand more instructional time for our kids.

Mr. David Radisch stated that in a perfect world, teachers would get more money. However, we don't have the money to give. He noted there was a 51% increase in the number of children who get free lunches. He discussed the pension debt. We are not Jericho. If teachers are so unhappy here, they should teach elsewhere.

A resident spoke of a car dealership that was closed down and how this affects the employees of this dealership. We need a reality check.

Mr. Ed Letterer expressed confidence that the Board will do the sensible thing. He stated that the information that Mr. Guercio provided was great. We have to put more fact based information out to the community. He asked when the last face to face communication between the negotiators occurred. When are they scheduled again.

Mr. Guercio stated that there is on going continuous information.

Mr. Letterer asked about the process. He asked who makes the decision on who lets the parents into the classrooms.

Mr. Dempsey stated that things that occurred last year are happening this year.

Mr. Letterer stated that the policy is not the same in all buildings. He stated that policies should be consistent and there should be parity throughout the schools.

Mr. Letterer expressed his views that the singers that sang the National Anthem this evening were wonderful.

Mr. Norman Coyle asked if teachers are graded. He suggested that good teachers should get raises. He compared the costs of private schools to the costs of our school district. He noted that ours cost much more.

Mr. Dempsey stated that public schools have many more responsibilities that add to the cost. The cost to educate a child in our district are in the mid range.

Ms. Stefanie Nelkens discussed the money for the books in the current budget. She stated that she has requested and has not received a side by side comparison for materials used in the different schools. She wants to see the ELA materials. Ms. Nelkens discussed copyright infringements. She asked if there was a resolution of the materials she brought to administration to show what was copied.

Mr. Dempsey responded that materials that can be copied will be copied.

Ms. Nelkens stated that she has heard that an entire English book was copied for every student in a particular class at the high school.

Ms. Nelkens requested that her son receive a copy of the ELA book he would have received if he were a student at Parkway, Pasadena or Old Bethpage Elementary Schools.

A resident stated that she received an informational letter from the Union. She asked how the Union had her name and address to send her this letter.

Mr. Ken Sintelli urged the Board to keep fighting for the community.

A resident expressed her concern about the lack of work being displayed. She was told that teachers were being told not to work up to their full potential. She spoke of the environment that is being created by the teachers this year. She stated that teachers are professional and deserve compensation. She spoke of the Union's goal. She spoke of people losing their jobs and taking salary cuts.

Ms. Terry Ratner discussed test scores. Her children have received positive experiences. Parents have always worked with teachers to see that their children do well. She noted that she has spent hundreds of dollars on tutors.

Routine Business

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

1. Students

Student Placement

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>
Christine McCarthy	Science Teacher H.B. Mattlin M.S.	Nov. 2, 2009	\$86,907* Step 7MA60

Personnel Recommendation – Consultant

Dianne Drew	Consultant – Dwight School – International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle School Years Program	Tues, Nov. 3, 2009 (Superintendent's Conference Day)	\$590/day
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* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Theresa Argus	School Monitor PT 2 hours-Old Bethpage School – Replacing Mara	Nov. 3, 2009	\$6,480* To be prorated

Schnee who is appointed
to another position in the
district

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendations

Susan Fishelberg	Bus Attendant Transportation	Nov. 17, 2009
Rachel Schwab	Teacher Aide Stratford Road	Nov. 14, 2009

Personnel Recommendation – In District Facilitator – Staff Development

Joseph Ward	In District Facilitator- Smart Boards/Middle Schools	School Year 2009/2010	\$51.29/hr* 2 hours
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Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2009/2010 – H. B. Mattlin Middle School

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Gloriso- Flacomio	Health-Girls Talk Club Co-Advisor	School Year 2009/2010	\$438.50*

David Golderg	Health – Boys Talk Club Co-Advisor	“	\$438.50*
Toby Epstein	Art Club Advisor	“	\$877.00*

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2009/2010

Steve Arcuri	Head Coach, JV Wrestling	11/09	\$4764*
Steve Arcuri	Asst. Coach, MS Lacrosse	4/10	\$2704*
Heather Koines	Head Coach, JV Womens Basketball	11/09	\$4495*

NOTE: Rescind Board of Education appointment of 6/22/09 for Vincent Capuano
(Head Coach Wrestling)

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Personnel Recommendation – Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Thomas Bonica	Chaperone	School Year 2009/2010	\$86.22/sess.*
Stacey Dubrow	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*

Heather Koines	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*
Ronnie Pearce	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*
Christine Sardinia	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*
Joseph Schinz	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*
Adam Weinstock	“	“	\$86.22/sess.*

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Child Care

Randi Wertheimer	Child Care Worker	Nov. 3, 2009	\$14.75 p.h.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – 4th R Program Fall 2009

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Penny Flakowitz	Dance	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
Fran Schopen	Arts & Crafts	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class

	Old Bethpage School Bake & Taste Old Bethpage School	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
Barbara Bonanni	Computers Old Bethpage, Pasadena, Parkway, Stratford Road	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
Allyson Genshaft	Arts & Crafts Parkway, K-Center, Stratford Road	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
Lauren Rubin	Bake & Taste K-Center, Stratford Road	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
Brenda Iosefson	Arts & Crafts Pasadena	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class
	Bake & Taste Parkway	11/3/09	\$25.00 per class

Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teachers

Mark Palios	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	11/2/09	\$130.58
Amy Feldman	“	“	\$130.58
Kaitlyn Weeks	“	“	\$130.58
Stephanie Bragman	“	“	\$130.58
Stephanie Kaltsas	“	“	\$130.58
Lauren Merzbacher	“	“	\$130.58
Carolyn Naldi	“	“	\$130.58

Adult Education Outside Consultant

That the Board of Education approve the following Adult Education Outside Consultant:

On-Balance Ltd	Yoga Group 1	\$75 per session; 8 sessions each 1.5 hrs. each
	Yoga Group 2	\$75 per session; 8 sessions each 1.5 hrs. each

NOTE: Rescind change to Sari Davidson approved on 9/21/09 and keep payable to On-Balance Ltd.

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Valerie Zaffers	Guidance Counselor POB Middle School	Oct. 27, 2009 thru Feb. 11, 2010 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	
Amy Feldman	Guidance Counselor Regular Substitute Assign: POB M.S. (replacing V. Zaffers on Leave of Absence)	Oct. 27, 2009 thru Feb. 11, 2010 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	* \$62,357+428 Step 2MA+ GUID To be prorated

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

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Personnel Recommendation – Superintendent’s Conference Day – In-District Facilitators – School Year 2009/2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>* Salary</u>
Frank Carbone	<u>In District Facilitator</u> Positive Behavior Supports, Promoting Independence in the Mainstream	11/3/09	3	\$51.29

Dawn DeMatteo	Word Walls	“	2	“
Paula Engel	Socratic Seminar	“	1	“
Sharon Lasher	SmartBoard Activities, Instituting Writing in the Curriculum	“	1	“
Joanne Levy	i-SAFE	“	3	“
Jerilyn Miller	Bullying Prevention and Harassment, Camfel Production, Heroin Epidemic	“	3.5	“
MaryLou O'Donnell	How to Successfully Complete the Intel STS Application	“	1	“
Nicolette Pupillo	Senior Learning Experience	“	1	“
Andrea Spector	Diabetes Training, District-wide Health Care Forms	“	2	“
Joanne Spindler	Fountas & Pinnel Kits	“	1	“
Rochelle Verstanedig	Parent Outreach Activities	“	1	“
Sherri Winick	Socratic Seminar	“	1	“

* Salary pending 2009/2010 contract negotiations

3. Finance

a. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the items listed on Ms. Fran Leiboff,s memo of October 15, 2009.

b. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

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

- Tricoders used to perform inventory in Mandarin, the former library automation system
- Two Desks

c. Donation

That the Board of Education accept a donation to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District from Campanelli Landscaping.

d. Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the textbooks listed on Ms. Ronelle Hershkowitz's memo of October 14, 2009.

e. Access Agreement with Cablevision

That the Board of Education approve the Access Agreement with Cablevision Lightpath, Inc., and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

f. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Parkway Elementary School

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purpose the following computer equipment:

Hewlett Packard Printer – Model Deskjet 870
Dell Dimension PU I- Model XPS B800
Dell Dimension CPU – Model 4100
Compaq DeskPro Cup – Model D7

g. Contract – Special Education Non-Resident Estimated Tuition – September 2009-June 2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign contracts with the following school districts whose students will attend our 2009/2010 Special Education program:

2 Amityville	\$ 73,436	3 Jericho	\$113,268
2 Bethpage	\$ 74,474	1 Massapequa	\$ 37,756
2 East Meadow	\$ 75,512	1 Seaford	\$ 37,756
3 Hicksville	\$111,192	2 Syosset	\$ 37,756

Total Non-Resident Special Education Estimated Tuition **\$561,150.00**

h. Membership – National School Boards Association

That the Board of Education authorize continued membership in the National School Boards Association for the calendar year 2010 in the amount of \$4,425.

i. Contract – Speech Therapy Services – 2009/2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2009/2010 school year with Malka Allweiss to provide two students with speech therapy services as listed in the contract.

j. Contract – Behavior Intervention Services, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy – 2009/2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2009/2010 school year with Bilinguals, Inc. to provide various students with behavioral intervention services, speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy as listed in the contract.

k. Membership – New York State School Boards Association

That the Board of Education authorize continued membership in the New York State School Boards Association for the calendar year 2010 in the amount of \$10,885.

l. Donation – “Reading First” Program

That the Board of Education accept a donation from Mr. Lieberman, a resident of Old Bethpage, to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

m. Transportation Contracts for: Summer 2009 -- 2009/2010 School Year

That the Board of Education approve the following transportation contracts and authorize the Board President and the Superintendent to sign the contracts.

BOCES Transportation:

Rosemary Kennedy – Wantagh – four students
C.C.A. – NET – Wantagh – one student
C.C.A. @ Rosemary Kennedy – Wantagh – one student
Hearing & Vision – Westbury – one student
Children’s Readiness Center – North Bellmore – four students
Carman Road – Massapequa – two students
Eagle @ Seaman Neck Road – Seaford – one student

Nassau BOCES Bus Transportation:

Career Prep H.S. – five students
Carman Road – 2 students, one nurse
C.C.A. @ Rosemary Kennedy – Wantagh – one student
C.C.A – NET – Wantagh – one student
Children’s Readiness Center – North Bellmore – three students
Eagle Ave. – West Hempstead – two students
A.L.P – Hicksville – five students
Rosemary Kennedy – Wantagh – three students – 1 bus monitor
Seamen Neck @Plainedge – two students – one bus attendant
W. Tespar Clarke – Westbury – one student
Sparke – Westbury – one student
Barry Tech – Westbury – fourteen students
L.I. School of Arts – Syosset – two students

n. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Approval Transfer as of November 2, 2009

o. Treasurer's Monthly Report

That the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Monthly reports for the July and August 2009.

p. Payment of Bills

October 27, 2009

General Fund	\$4,371,133.43
Trust & Agency	\$1,308,320.75
Federal	\$ 105,483.31
School Lunch	\$ 89,378.45
Net Payroll	\$1,744,718.18

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education's meeting of October 19, 2009

New Business

1. Field Trips

Discussion:

Mr. Dempsey spoke about the three field trips that were held at the last Board meeting. The \$15.00 lunch cap will be held.

Recommendation:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education approve the field trips submitted to the November 2, 2009 Board of Education meeting subject to the budget limits (transportation and educational cost) for each school and to a cap for food charges to the students of \$15.00 per meal.

2. Attendance at Conferences

Nassau BOCES – Social and Emotional Learning: Competencies for 21st Century Leaders

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

Board Members at the Social and Emotional Learning: Competencies for 21st Century Leaders sponsored by Nassau BOCES on December 3, 2009 at Molloy College:

Mrs. Amy Pierno
Mrs. Evy Rothman

2. NYSSBA – Negotiation Issues and Superintendent Evaluations

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the following Board Members at the NYSSBA – Negotiation Issues and Superintendent Evaluations on January 21, 2010 at the Islandia Marriott:

Mrs. Debbie Bernstein
Mr. Gary Bettan

3. Settlement Agreement and Release

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement and release between the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District and the student named in Executive Session.

4. Approval to Canvas

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to canvas for a Moot Court Assistant Advisor.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President

The meeting was reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Lori Weinstein, President