

Minutes of Special School Board Meeting – April 19, 2010

Board Room – Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

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

Absent: Mrs. Rothman.

The meeting was called to order at 10:47 p.m.

New Business

1. Election of BOCES Board of Education Trustees

- a. Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education vote for Gale Ross-Srulevich to serve as Trustee on the BOCES Board of Education.
- b. Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education vote for Mr. Robert “B.A.” Schoen to serve as Trustee on the BOCES Board of Education.
- c. Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education vote for Mr. Ronald Ellerbe to serve as Trustee on the BOCES Board of Education.

On the Motion:

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

Nays: Mrs. Weinstein, Mrs. Pierno.

Motion Carried.

2. Approval of BOCES Administrative Operations Budget – 2010/2011

Resolved upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the BOCES Administrative Operations Budget for the 2010/2011 School year.

On the Motion:

Ayes: -0-

Nays: Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Cepeda, Mrs. Pierno.

Motion Denied.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President

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

Absent: Mrs. Rothman.

### Executive Session

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

Mrs. Weinstein called the Executive Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

### Personnel

#### Confidential Schedule “A”

Mrs. Weinstein called the public meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. and welcomed everyone to this evening’s Board of Education meeting.

There were approximately 85 district residents and staff members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### High School Report

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

Board Announcements

Mr. Cepeda was pleased to announce that seven students who were on team No. 5, Food Court from Mattlin Middle School won the states in the Odyssey of the Mind competition. They are continuing on to the finals. Mr. Cepeda congratulated the students, their parents, Ms. Winick and Ms. Engel their teachers. He also extended his congratulations to all students who participated in Odyssey of the Mind.

Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey announced that the following five people have submitted petitions to serve as Trustees on the Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education:

Craig F. Levy	Angel Cepeda	Emily Schulman	Gary Bettan
Stefanie Nelkens			

Mr. Dempsey stated that registration for the budget vote is on Tuesday, May 11. The vote is on Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. Dempsey stated the high school play, The Wedding Singer will be performed on April 22, 23, and 24.

Mr. Dempsey spoke of legislation being proposed by Senator Kemp Hannon regarding cyber-bullying. On behalf of the Board of Education he wrote a letter to Senator Hannon thanking him for his work on this legislation. He also asked him for a meeting in which they could talk about the budget and this legislation.

Ms. Gierasch was pleased to inform the Board that [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] received the distinction of an honorable Mention Award in the 2010 DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition. These students are among the top 24 in the country and were chosen from over 11,000 essays submitted. Ms. Gierasch congratulated the students, their parents and their research teacher, Ms. Moustakalis.

Ms. Gierasch announced that [REDACTED] won 3<sup>rd</sup> place and [REDACTED] won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their respective categories in the Sustainable World Project Olympiad. She congratulated the students, their families and Ms. Marylou O'Donnell.

Ms. Gierasch announced that the New York Mathematics League contest was administered to grades 6, 7, and 8. She was pleased to state that sixth grade students in Mattlin Middle School tied for 21<sup>st</sup> place in New York State and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nassau County. Seventh grade students at Plainview Middle School finished 20<sup>th</sup> in New York State and finished second in Nassau County. Mattlin Middle School finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nassau County. [REDACTED], a Plainview Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grader tied for third place in Nassau County. Eighth grade students at Mattlin Middle School tied for 14<sup>th</sup> place in New York State and finished second in Nassau County. [REDACTED], an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mattlin Middle School student tied for second place in Nassau County. She extended congratulations to the Mathematics teachers and students of both middle schools for their outstanding achievements.

Ms. Gierasch read a letter from Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor to the students of Ms. Kirsch's third grade class at Stratford Road. This letter was in response to letters the students wrote to Justice Sotomayor.

## Reports

### 1. K-12 Social Studies Update

Maria Carnesi, Chairperson of the Social Studies Department, discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade assessment. The students did very well. The results were impressive. She discussed evaluating students' scores through BOCES. It was done very efficiently. She discussed curriculum revisions and pacing guides. She discussed the summer curriculum projects and the new resources we are proposing for grades three and four. Ms. Carnesi spoke of active learning and academic and direct vocabulary. She spoke of effective writing instruction as a tool for processing and assessing. She discussed self selection and extending the classroom experience. Ms. Carnesi stated that extra curricula contributions extend learning. We are creating a well rounded American citizen.

### Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Ms. Carnesi for informing the Board of what we are doing to make our students see world wide events. She asked if we use white boards to focus on what is going on in the world.

Ms. Carnesi stated we are using a tremendous amount of technology.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that our kids are getting a much broader education. She thanked Ms. Carnesi for an excellent report.

Mr. Cepeda thanked Ms. Carnesi for her report. He asked if the other districts that she spoke of were in Nassau County.

Ms. Carnesi stated they were.

Mr. Cepeda asked if the BOCES data is available to us.

Ms. Carnesi stated it is.

Mr. Cepeda asked how the new technology is being shared throughout the schools.

Ms. Carnesi stated that it is done on Superintendent's Conference Day, mandated staff development as well as other specified days. She also stated that defining scope and sequences is an on going process.

Mr. Cepeda stated that he looks forward to hearing updates.

Mrs. Pierno discussed the humanities block in the high school combined with social studies and English.

Ms. Carnesi stated that she discussed this with Mr. Yagaloff. We have to retool the curriculum.

Ms. Pierno also discussed Enrichment For All that is in the Elementary grades now. Perhaps we could add a social studies enrichment block.

Mrs. Weinstein thanked Ms. Carnesi for an excellent report.

## 2. Report Card Update

Ms. Gierasch discussed the recommendations of the Report Card Committee. She spoke of reviewing trimester reporting versus quarterly reports. She spoke of sections that are being considered for inclusion.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked at what point Ms. Gierasch envisions coming to a curriculum committee to see what parents are looking to see.

Ms. Gierasch discussed what she envisions.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if we have received sample of report cards from other districts.

Ms. Gierasch stated we have.

Mrs. Lieberman asked what the biggest difference is.

Ms. Gierasch explained there are more details on a lot of these report cards.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that parents want to know how their children are doing academically. They want to know where their child needs help; where they are excelling.

Mr. Cepeda asked what sort of time frame we are targeting.

Ms. Gierasch explained that we have only had one meeting. We can pull some things from other districts and some things from our district.

Mrs. Pierno noted that parents have asked that we align report cards with Parent/Teacher conferences.

Ms. Gierasch stated we have discussed marking periods and when parents receive report cards.

Mrs. Pierno asked if this will require changes in infinite campus.

Ms. Gierasch stated that it is doable.

3. Project Challenge

Ms. Gierasch stated that the Project Challenge Committee has met several times. They looked at the criteria for acceptance. She spoke of creating a matrix. We will look at whether we have tests every year. She discussed the Renzulli Scale.

Discussion:

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we are looking at the philosophy of the gifted program.

Ms. Gierasch stated we are looking at the philosophy of the program.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we will look at the curriculum.

Ms. Gierasch stated we will be.

Ms. Pierno asked how much it costs to test the entire grade.

Ms. Gierasch stated it costs about \$5,000.

Public Participation

Mrs. Linda Gould, PTA Council President, discussed the mission statement of PTA. PTA speaks on behalf of the child. She spoke of the fact that PTA knew nothing about the elimination of the seven child cap in the collaborative program. She also spoke about PTA not knowing about the changes in the X-R program. She stated that she and members of her Executive Board could not answer any questions that parents raised on these issues. She expressed her views on how important it is that PTA be kept informed. They can then inform the parents that look to them for information. She feels there is a lack of communication from Central Administration to PTA.

Mr. Dempsey stated that co-teaching classes have been discussed over the past number of years. Seven or eight students were always discussed. We will continue to discuss this matter in up coming meetings.

He stated that extended readiness has been discussed since the discussion of RTI. We have had on going PTA meetings. He stated that we will be glad to discuss this at other meetings.

Mrs. Gould stated that RTI has been discussed. She stated that the first time it has been mentioned recently was at a PTA meeting. People are not feeling a partnership. She asked how we can correct this. She would like a meeting with Administration on these topics.



Mr. Dempsey stated we will be glad to meet with Mrs. Gould and other PTA presidents.

Mrs. Debbie Baer, PTA President from Old Bethpage School expressed their views that the collaborative cap should not be lifted.

Ms. Lisa Mintz asked the Board not to lift the cap on the collaborative classes. Children should be put first. She expressed her views on how important this program is.

Mr. Dempsey stated that in the past several years, we occasionally have had eight students in a collaborative class. We would love to support adding more to the programs than we have. However, because of the difficult cost environment we are in, we cannot do so. If there are student needs that require additional staff, we will look at this.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that this Board of Education always puts children first.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that we are not going to the New York State cap of 12 students. That was never our intent. We never said that we would go to the New York State cap of 12. We always put children first. Mrs. Lieberman stated that we have kept programs intact. We are not losing staff. We are not losing teams. Surrounding districts have made these cuts. Our goal is to provide the best education for each and every child.

Ms. Cheryl Dender discussed the collaborative class cap. There has never been a policy regarding the cap. There was a written brochure. She spoke of the commitment of the district.

Ms. Dender also discussed changes to the X-R program that have not been discussed on the public floor. She expressed her views that the X-R program is great. She is concerned about the changes.

Mr. Dempsey discussed the ARRA law and grant money. We have two additional staff in the Kindergarten Center. This funding is temporary. Details will be available at PTA meetings.

Ms. Dender asked if decisions have been made.

Mr. Dempsey stated that some have been made.

Mr. Bettan stated that there has never been a vote to eliminate the cap on the collaborative model. There is no intent to go to 9, 10, 11 or 12 children in a collaborative class. He reiterated that there has never been a vote to change the model.

Mr. Jonas also stated there never was a vote.

Ms. Lisa Erkis asked that the X-R class be left as it is. She recounted her children's personal experience with X-R.

Ms. Cara Holshire, read a letter from Jessica Herman, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Jessica spoke of her experience and asked that the class be left as it is.

Ms. Holshire then spoke of her own experience with the X-R program.

Ms. Pamala Karp spoke in support of the X-R program. She asked the rationale for changing the program.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we would be glad to answer these questions. He suggested a meeting just dealing with this topic.

Ms. Christine Hall asked that the Extended Readiness program remain the same as it is now. She asked if the teachers had been consulted.

Mr. Dempsey stated that there were on going discussions with the teachers for over a year.

A resident asked the reasons for the changes.

Mr. Dempsey stated we have to look at the total student body.

Sara Hall spoke in support keeping the X-R program as it is now.

Ms. Jamie Metzger spoke in support of the X-R program. If grant money wasn't being taken away, would we keep the program as it is.

Mr. Dempsey stated it is not the money.

Ms. Meredith Radisch spoke in support of the X-R program. She spoke of her child's success in this program. She also spoke of the success her older child had in the Reading Recovery program. She stated she moved to Plainview for the schools and the programs we have here.

Ms. Staci Miller supports the X-R program and asks that it not be changed.

Ms. Teresa Hinney spoke in support of the X-R Program. She is a RTI teacher in another district. She spoke of the importance of early intervention.

Ms. Caryn Smith spoke in support of the X-R Program.

Ms. April Schrier urged the school district to keep the X-R program as it is now.

Ms. Teresa Gorman spoke in support of the X-R program. She expressed her views that she believes the Board of Education has a problem communicating with the residents.

Mr. Bettan thanked all the parents for advocating for their children. We have worked and we will continue to work hard to communicate with the parents and with the teachers.

Ms. Elissa Greenberg supports the X-R program. She would like a meeting soon.

Ms. Linda Jakobs and Ms. Emily Schulman, Co-Presidents of SEPTA discussed the commitment to keep the collaborative class number at seven. They expressed their views that they were never told there was no cap. They stated they need a commitment to keep the number seven cap.

Mr. Dempsey responded that the intent was to keep the number at seven. There were times it went to eight. He stated that the intent is to keep it small and effective for the students.

Mr. Jonas stated that there is no cap other than the State cap of 12.

Mrs. Schulman stated that no one wants to raise the cap to 12. She spoke of the second grade class. There is a stated feeling that the number should be kept small. She asked why not put this into policy. She feels that seven is a high number.

Ms. Marcie Rosenbaum supports the X-R class.

Ms. Greenberg spoke again and read a letter in support of the X-R program.

Ms. Stefanie Nelkens discussed pacing and curriculum. She spoke of her son's experience in math over the past two weeks. She reviewed what he was taught over the last two weeks. She asked why "stand alone topics" were not taught earlier in the year so they can be reviewed. She would have hoped the pacing was better. Her son is lucky because he receives her help as well as the help of a tutor. She asked the Board to look at our math program. It exceeds standards in some areas but it is lacking in other areas.

Ms. Nelkens expressed her views that there is a serious problem in our math program with regard to pacing and curriculum.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we will continue to monitor the pacing charts.

Ms. Nina Meltzer, an elementary teacher and a PCT delegate stated that it is very nice to hear from parents tonight. She thanked them for their support of the X-R teachers and for their comments thanking them for the wonderful job they do. She hopes that we can make changes that are in the best interests of the children. Lines of communication should be kept open.

### Routine Business

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

1. Students

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Administrative Staff – Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Thomas Sena	Associate Principal POBJFK High School	July 1, 2010

Profession Staff – Leave of Absence without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Maria Stamatiou	Social Studies Teacher POBJFK High School	Apr. 19, 2010 thru Jan. 31, 2011 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)

Professional Staff – Extension of Leave of Absence Without Pay

Nicole Gigante	Guidance Counselor H.B. Mattlin Middle School	Sept. 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2010
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Professional Staff – Extension of Leave of Absence Without Pay

Marguerite Langton	.5 Speech Teacher POB Middle School/HANC	Sept. 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011
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Carolyn Tellone	Librarian POB Middle School	Sept. 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011
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Theofani Tsiakos	Health Teacher POB MS/Pasadena ES/ KC/Stratford ES	Sept. 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Josephine McCloskey	School Monitor-Part Time Stratford Road	June 25, 2010 (close of business)	

Non-Teaching Personnel – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Christine Gerrity-Yacuk	Provisional Principal Account Clerk – Business Office	Probationary Principal Account Clerk- Business Office	4/18/2010	\$57,121 Step 9 To be pro- rated\

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendations

Michele Perniciaro	Typist Clerk Stratford Road	April 15, 2010
Mara Schnee	Teacher Aide Kindergarten Center	April 14, 2010
Jeanne Walsh	School Monitor kindergarten Center	April 27, 2010

Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Donna Turello	Bus Attendant 2 hours per day	April 20, 2010 thru June 25, 2010	\$19.84 p.h.

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2009/2010

John DeMartino	Head Coach, MS Baseball	4/10	\$3400.00*
Nicholas Ventimiglia	Head Coach, JV Softball	4/10	\$ 450.59*

\* Salary to be prorated

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Dana Amir	Chaperone	School Year 2009/2010	\$87.94/sess.
Eileen Annino	“	“	\$87.94/sess.
Jonathan Ascher	“	“	\$87.94/sess.
Edward Broad	“	“	\$87.94/sess.
Rachel Bunin	“	“	\$87.94/sess.
Lisa Pearson	“	“	\$87.94/sess.
Karen Triola	“	“	\$87.94/sess.

Appointments – Per Diem Substitute teacher/Nurse

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kristina Maguire	Per Diem Substitute Tchr.	4/19/10	\$133.19
Nicole Gallo	Per Diem Substitute Tchr.	4/19/10	\$133.19

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitutes

Steven Liesau	Cleaner-Part Time Substitute	4/20/2010	\$12.25 p.h.
Carmela Serani	Typist Clerk – Part Time Substitute (Retired Senior Account Clerk)	4/20/2010	\$12.50 p.h.

3. Finance

- a. Approval of Property Tax Report Card for the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD

That the Board of Education approve the Property Tax Report Card for the 2010-2011 school year.



b. Wilson Language Training

That the Board of Education approve the service agreement between the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD and Wilson Language for an additional day at a cost of \$1,400.

c. Obsolete Equipment – Music Department

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

Sterling upright piano	Serial #9265
Lester upright piano	Serial #285327

d. Inter-Municipal Cooperative for Transportation Services

That the Board of Education approve the resolution and agreement to participate in an intermunicipal cooperative with BOCES and authorize the President to sign the agreement.

e. Letter of Intent with BOCES for Website Development

That the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Schoolwires Web Hosting Service and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Intent with BOCES at a cost of \$18,169.25 for the period May 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010.

f. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Informational Transfers as of April 19, 2010
- Budget Status Report as of March 31, 2010
- Revenue Status Report as March 31, 2010
- Quarterly Vendor Report as of March 31, 2010

g. Contract – Health and Welfare 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 Syosset C.S.D. to provide health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

h. Contract – Consultant for school staff implementing the SOS (Social Skills in Our School) Program

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2009/2010 school year with Michelle A. Dunn to provide consulting costs for school staff implementing the SOS program as listed in the contract.

i. Contracts – Federal Part B611 and 619 Flow-Through Allocations 2009/2010

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the following contracts:

Brookville Center for Children’s Services (AHRC)  
The Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD)  
First Steps, Inc.  
School for Language and Communication Development (SLCD)  
Harmony Heights School  
Variety Child Learning Center  
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County, Inc. (UCP)  
The Association for Children with Down Syndrome  
New York Therapy Placement Services  
Marion K. Salomon and Associates, Inc.  
Just Kidz Early Childhood Learning Center  
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf  
The Hagedorn Little Village  
Maryhaven Center of Hope  
Metro Therapy, Inc.

j. Contract – Health & Welfare 2009/2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the Health & Welfare contract for a student residing in the Westbury U.F.S.D. and attending HANC for the 2009/2010 school year.

k. Contract – Home Teaching – 16 hours per month, – Team Meeting – 4 hours per month, - School Consultation – 8 hours per month – 2009/2010 -- April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2009/2010 school year with Tri-State Learning Center, Inc. to provide home teaching, team meeting and school consultation for one student as listed in the contract.

I. Treasurer Repots

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Treasurer’s Report as of February 28, 2010
- Trial Balance as of February 28, 2010
- Cash Flow Projection as of February 28, 2010

j. Payment of Bills

April 15, 2010

General Fund A	\$3,182,471.32
Trust & Agency	\$1,402,868.55
Federal	\$ 91,450.79
School Lunch	\$ 81,939.37
Capital	\$ 1,175.96
Child Care	\$ 257.12
Net Payroll	\$2,123,166.13

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of April 6, 2010.

Unfinished Business

Revision/Adoption of Policy No. 7515, Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity and Revision/Adoption of Regulation #7515R, Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity - **TABLE**

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education table the revision/adoption of Policy No. 7515, Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity and revision/adoption of Regulation #7515R, Wellness Policy on Nutrition and Physical Activity.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno asked if we should have a policy that says we should maintain our affiliation with Heartlinks because they are through a grant.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we can move it from policy to regulation.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she would like it to see it as a regulation.

Mrs. Pierno questioned the wording in Regulation No. 7 regarding distribution or sale of items.

Mr. Dempsey responded that we will look into this.

Mrs. Pierno asked, with regard to Regulation No. 14, are we saying no fund raising during the school day.

Mr. Dempsey stated that not everyone is in support of tight restrictions.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that she is still concerned about Regulation No. 13 regarding birthday celebrations.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that she reviewed all comments from community members. This policy was supposed to be about teachable moments. She is looking for something less restrictive and having many healthy choices available during the day. We tend to go to extreme when we start an initiative. She stated that birthday parties are important. Mrs. Bernstein doesn't want our teachers and administrators to become food police.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if perhaps we could say that all birthdays are to be celebrated on the last Monday of the month. If we did this, we could cut down on the number of birthdays.

Mrs. Lieberman discussed allergies.

### New Business

#### 1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the field trips on the memo dated April 19, 2010.

#### Discussion:

Mr. Cepeda asked if the funding for the field trip to Ellis Island has been settled.

Mrs. Bernstein commended everyone that worked on the Ellis Island trip. She stated that this is an example of the types of field trips the Board would like students to experience.

#### 2. School Hours

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education authorize the same school hours as last year for the 2010-2011 school year.

3. Confidential “Schedule A”

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

WHEREAS the Superintendent of Schools has preferred charges against the employee named in Executive Session and listed in Confidential Schedule A pursuant to Section 3020-a of the New York State Law; and

WHEREAS, THE Board of Education has determined, by a vote of a majority of all the members of the Board, that probable cause exists for the charges preferred against said employee by the Superintendent of Schools;

BE IT RESOLVED that said employee is hereby suspended pending a hearing on the charges and the final determination thereof. The suspension shall be with pay for a maximum period of fifteen (15) school months to the extent authorized pursuant to Article XII(a) of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the district and the Plainview-Old Bethpage Congress of Teachers. Thereafter the suspension will be without pay.

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 matters.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President

The meeting was reconvened at 12:05 a.m.

Acting District Clerk

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

3. Finance (continued)

Settlement Agreement and General Release

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mr. Cepeda that the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release for the student named in Executive Session on Confidential Schedule B.

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 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Ruf  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President



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

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

Absent: Ms. Gierasch.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President

There were approximately 50 district residents and staff members present.

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

### Board Announcements

Mrs. Rothman stated that she joined Legislators Judy Jacobs and Kevin Abrahams at a press conference concerning texting and driving. Ms. Jacobs and Mr. Abrahams were advocating for the County as well as New York State. Mrs. Rothman noted that we have done an outstanding job in our district in helping our students understand the dangers of drinking and driving. She expressed her views that we need to review our curriculum and programs to ensure that we are making texting and driving a priority. Early intervention is important.

Mrs. Rothman asked members of the Board and Central Administration to sign a pledge that they will never text while driving.

Mr. Bettan spoke of a public service video dealing with texting and driving that has proved to be a very effective tool.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that last week she and other members of the Board attended the LOTE Society Induction ceremony where many students were recognized for their hard work. Mrs. Bernstein stated that some kindergarten students used their sign language skills at the ceremony. She congratulated all the students, their parents, and our staff for a wonderful evening.

Mr. Bettan stated that Assemblyman Charles Lavine came to meet with the Board of Education and members of Central Administration. It gave us an opportunity to lobby for education. Mr. Bettan expressed his views that Assemblyman Lavine is fighting for our children and for our community. It was a good discussion and he thanked Assemblyman Lavine for all his efforts.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that our district recently hosted a program dealing with cyberbullying. It was presented by John Halligan. She spoke of a program that was on television and will be shown again dealing with cyberbullying. She urged everyone to watch this program. Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that parents must be aware of who their children's friends are. They must speak with their children.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that she will be giving input to legislators who are working on cyberbullying bills. She asked if parents want to present letters and or comments to these legislators, they should be given to her and she will give them to the legislators.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that she attended the semi-final and final rounds of Moot Court. She expressed her views that it was wonderful to see former students come back who were now practicing lawyers. Some of them were judges of the Moot Court. Mrs. Weinstein noted that Ms. Aloe was also a judge. Mrs. Weinstein congratulated the students, their families and administration.

### Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey spoke of the POBOTS competition at Hofstra University that he attended. It was a two day event. He stated that the best part for him was to hear from the advisors and adult volunteers praising the creativity and responsibility of the students. It was impressive to watch students in practice rounds.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we received notification that we would have a delayed state aid payment.

Mr. Ruf discussed our strategies on how to deal with this situation. Mr. Ruf noted that the impact to our district is \$1.2 million dollars. However we will still be able to continue to meet all of our obligations.

Mr. Dempsey stated that names and addresses of our local legislators are on our website. We should begin to lobby them.

Mr. Dempsey stated that New York State was not successful in its attempt to receive "Race to the Top" funds. New York will be able to revise their application. Only two states were successful.

Mr. Dempsey noted the importance of completing the census forms.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that he is uncomfortable with the "Race to the Top" process. He is not comfortable with what the federal government is doing. He stated that if he knew then what he knows now, he would not have supported our Board supporting the "Race to the Top".

Mr. Dempsey stated he is cautious about it.

Mrs. Rothman stated some of the reasons New York wasn't chosen

## Reports

### 1. Mattlin Site Work

Mr. Ruf stated there have been concerns about potential flooding in the gymnasium at Mattlin Middle School. He spoke of where the water runs. He spoke of a flood that actually occurred in July of 2007. He discussed temporary solutions that have been tried. Mr. Ruf stated that we have received a quote to perform the necessary repair work to the blacktop outside the Mattlin Middle School. This work would provide for the removal of the existing blacktop, regarding the soil, installation of a drywell and repaving the surface. This project will alleviate the potential of a future flood. It will also provide the students at Mattlin Middle School with an additional play area which would be utilized during recreation/lunch time.

### Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman asked what the size of the dry well will be.

Mr. Ruf stated it will be ten by ten.

Mrs. Pierno asked if this is the only area that the Mattlin kids use. Maybe we can do other things to provide more functionality.

Mr. Ruf stated that he met with Mr. Mittleman and Mr. McDermott. This is the solution that would work.

### 2. 2010-11 Budget Overview

Mr. Dempsey stated we are proposing a program forward budget—keeping the same program that we have now. It maintains and supports the programs we have in place.

Mr. Dempsey stated we are projected to lose state aid funds. We believe it is a reasonable approach.

Mr. Ruf discussed the modifications to the budget on March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Dempsey stated that everything that we have done is without any restoration of state funds by the legislature.

Mrs. Rothman asked if \$8,500 for consumable athletic supplies is sufficient for what we need.

Mr. Ruf stated it is.

Mrs. Rothman discussed the TAG program. If we deliver the program ourselves, we save approximately \$45,000.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we are looking to take over the TAG program. This would return the program to the control of the district. There would be more control over the services that are provided. He noted that we have not made the final decision at this time.

Mr. Cepeda discussed the projected health insurance increase this year. He asked if it is possible to reduce our number a little bit more.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we know what the health insurance costs would be for the first half of the year. We don't know what they will be for the next half of the year.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that if we guess wrong about the amount it may not be a prudent decision.

Mrs. Lieberman discussed combining courses. She spoke about course offerings. She wants to be guaranteed the kids get an equal opportunity. We have to look at these kids to see that every child gets an opportunity to take the courses they really want to take and are not just necessarily taking the course because it is a graduation requirement.

Mr. Dempsey spoke about the breakage positions. He spoke about enrollment. We are not locked into the elimination of three positions. We think the programs can be provided even with the staff decrease.

Mr. Jonas reviewed projected possible enrollment. He reviewed electives. We don't plan on eliminating courses. Classes may be larger. He discussed the building of a master schedule. He spoke of going from ten sections to nine sections. We have been able to do this in the past.

Mrs. Lieberman asked Mr. Dempsey if he is comfortable with the breakage number.

Mr. Dempsey stated he is comfortable.

Mr. Bettan noted that unlike elementary and middle schools, in the high school you can break into tenths. He stated that with Infinite Campus you have a tool to "fiddle" the schedule with to see what you have.

Mrs. Weinstein discussed the size of collaborative classes. She asked how are we going to deal with the possibility of larger collaborative class size.

Mr. Dempsey stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade section at Old Bethpage is a problem. We have the resources to add a co-teacher at that level. In the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Plainview Middle School there is also a problem. We don't have additional staff budgeted for that spot. We might have to use a breakage position. We don't have the numbers now.

Mrs. Weinstein asked about the children that are mainstreamed from the self contained class at Stratford Road School.

Mr. Dempsey responded there was sufficient room for these children.

Mrs. Rothman asked how we are going to provide the services that the library aides provide now.

Mr. Dempsey stated the services would be provided on alternate days in the elementary schools.

Mrs. Pierno expressed her concerns about the size of the collaborative classes. She stated we should consider increasing the breakage positions.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we think we have proposed things that are workable. We are still going through the annual reviews.

Mrs. Pierno asked about the need for copy aides in the middle schools.

Mr. Dempsey stated we have proposed the reduction of the hours of the aides. We have not made a decision on that.

Mrs. Pierno discussed parents purchasing textbooks. She wants to make sure we purchase books for students when these books are part of the curriculum.

Mr. Dempsey stated that if a book is part of the course work, the district is responsible for purchasing these books.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that class size is not set in stone. She wants to make sure that if we use all our breakage positions, the Superintendent would come to the Board and asked to move money. She asked where this money would come from.

Mr. Dempsey stated that if that occurred early in the year, money could come from the retirement of personnel. Retirees usually earn more than those who replace them. There are other options when this occurs later in the year.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if the legislature revised the summer special education reimbursement rate, could we use that money.

Mr. Ruf stated the Board could authorize this.

Mrs. Bernstein requested that the Board be updated on staffing issues.

Mrs. Bernstein agrees with Mrs. Pierno about the collaborative classes. She is not just concerned with the two collaborative classes the Superintendent spoke about; she is concerned about all the classes.

### 3. Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Ruf discussed the establishment of a capital reserve fund.

Mrs. Weinstein has concerns about explaining this capital reserve fund to the public. She wants the public to understand this fund.

Mrs. Bernstein discussed the question and answer piece for inclusion in the website. She asked if this piece can be added to. When we go to PTA meetings and questions come up, can these questions and their answers be added to our website.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about the fees that BOCES charges us for the visually impaired student. She reiterated her views that these costs are completely out of control.

Mr. Jonas told spoke of where we advertised. He stated that Ms. Becker was in touch with schools trying to get a certified teacher.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that BOCES charges over \$150,000 for this child to receive services. She expressed her views that there must be some place that we can advertise for someone who has a degree that can work for us.

Mr. Dempsey stated that this is a highly specialized position.

Mr. Ruf reviewed the budget adjustments. He discussed the adjustment in the textbook code that was due to a typographical error.

### Public Participation

Mrs. Linda Jakobs, Co-President of SEPTA, thanked the Board for keeping the collaborative class under discussion. She stated that SEPTA is disturbed that the seven pupil cap in the collaborative classes has been lifted. She expressed her views that the less we give our kids now, the more we will pay later. She spoke of a district brochure that stated that seven children in a collaborative class is the cap. There was a commitment to keep the cap.

Mrs. Emily Schulman, Co-President of SEPTA gave copies of the collaborative Education brochure. She stated seven children in a collaborative class should be the limit. She reviewed numbers in the collaborative classes now. She spoke of children being moved into a collaborative class of seven. Now it is eight. There needs to be wiggle room. We should stick to our commitment.



Ms. Joanne Levy, Library Coordinator, again urged the Board to reconsider cutting two clerical positions in the elementary schools.

Mr. David Kralstein urged the Board not to reduce the health care insurance numbers. He asked the Board to consider increasing this number. The cost is getting larger.

Ms. Holly Ash, representing Project Challenge, asked the Board not to forget about Project Challenge children. The breakage position might have to be used here. She stated that two HANC students have come into Project Challenge

Mr. David Radisch questioned the \$200,000 increase in the salaries of the custodial staff.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Mr. Radisch also discussed the increase in the teachers' salary. He spoke of districts such as Roslyn that took a pay freeze. He spoke of another district where administrators took a three year pay freeze. He commended these districts.

Mr. Sully Goldberg discussed the difference that we are receiving in state aid this year as compared to next year. He asked why we couldn't have a zero increase.

Mr. Dempsey attempted to explain what happens if the State gives less money.

Mr. Craig Levy discussed emergency abatement costs. He discussed seven items in the budget that have increases over \$1,000,000.

Ms. Chris D'Alessando appreciates the Board keeping the collaborative class numbers under discussion. She asked if the Board ever discussed this with the teachers in the classrooms.

Mr. Dempsey stated we care very much about these students. Everything we are looking at right now is based on projections.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that we are committed to provide the best education for every child. We are committed to giving all our children what they need.

Ms. Schulman asked where the reduction in special education teachers is taking place.

Mr. Jonas stated the following:

- ½ position at Old Bethpage Elementary School
- 1 ½ positions at Pasadena Elementary School
- ½ position at Stratford Road School
- + 1 position at Mattlin Middle School
- + ½ position at John F. Kennedy High School
- .4 at HANC

Ms. Schulman discussed consultants in TAG. She spoke of their level of expertise.

Mrs. Stefanie Nelkens asked what the tax increase would be on a \$500,000 home.

Mr. Ruf stated that using last year's base proportion the approximate increase would be between \$240.00 and \$250.00 per home.

Mrs. Nelkens asked what every additional \$10,000 in the budget would cost the home owner. She asked how much the two library aide positions that are being cut would cost the home owner.

Mrs. Nelkens expressed her disappointment that the science book she was holding was not used by all schools. She discussed the inequities between what is budgeted from building to building. She stated that you have to compare apples to apples.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the spending per pupil is very close from school to school.

Mrs. Weinstein noted that each school was given the opportunity to purchase the science books. The schools chose their own priorities.

Mr. Guercio stated the law does not require every school use the same materials. There is a per pupil allowance that is decided by the principals.

Mrs. Nelkens discussed the equitable distribution of materials.

Mr. Guercio stated that the person that is entitled to make that decision is the building administrator.

Mr. Wolfner stated that the Board has tough decisions to make. Some of these decisions can create hardships for the citizens. He discussed the financing of the capital reserve fund. He expressed his views that the budget has always been higher than what the District actually used.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein 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 – Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Kate Linden	Special Ed Teacher POB Middle School	June 30, 2010

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Sharon Smith	Special Education Teacher Stratford Elementary School	April 15, 2010 thru June 30, 2010 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence Without Pay

Joseph Diemicke	Maintainer Building & Grounds	April 26, 2010 thru July 20, 2010 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)
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Coaching Recommendations 2009/2010 – RESCISSIONS

Nick Ventimiglia	Head Coach, JV Softball	3/17/10
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Rescind the appointment approved in the Board Of Education minutes of June 22, 2009.

Les Steinberger	Head Coach, MS Baseball	Immediately
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Rescind the appointment approved in the Board Of Education minutes of September 21, 2009.

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2009/2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brandon Steinberger	Head Coach, MS Baseball	4/10	\$3400
Nicholas Ventimiglia	Ass't Coach, M/W Varsity	3/10	\$4585
Matthew Zajac	Head Coach, MS Baseball	4/10	\$3400

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year – 2009/2010 – Plainview Middle School

Kaitlin Schneekloth	Piano Accompanist	School Year 2009/2010	3 Rehearsals@ \$50/per rehearsal
			2 Concerts@ \$50/per concert

Senior Citizen Program – Appointment

Rachel Staiano	Senior Citizen Coordinator	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010	\$18,191
		July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011	\$18,691

Personnel Recommendation – Advanced Placement Proctors for 2009/2010 School year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jerome Abel	AP Proctor	School Year 2009/2010	\$151.76
Rosemarie Anzalone	“	“	\$151.76
Laurie Asperas-Valayer	“	“	\$133.19
Margaret Brent	“	“	\$151.76
Denise Cavadias	“	“	\$133.19
Sheila Cohen	“	“	\$151.76
Jonathan Engel	“	“	\$139.27
Elissa Gold	“	“	\$151.76
Arlene Gould	“	“	\$151.76
Virginia Himmelstein	“	“	\$139.27
Anthony Katkowski	“	“	\$151.76
Julie Klein	“	“	\$133.19
Diana Kurthy	“	“	\$151.76
Susan Lee	“	“	\$139.27
Ronald Metzler	“	“	\$151.76
Susan Minichello	“	“	\$151.76
Linda Rozof-Guber	“	“	\$151.76
Eleanor Scarr	“	“	\$151.76
Elise Seligman	“	“	\$133.19
Marsha Struhl	“	“	\$151.76
Laura Vargo	“	“	\$151.76
Cathleen Witowski	“	“	\$151.76

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Joseph Beck	Chaperone	School Year 2009/2010	\$87.94/sess.
Steven Duboff	Chaperone	“	\$87.94/sess.

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitutes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Daniel Lorenz	Cleaner Part Time Substitute	4/7/2010	\$12.25 p.h.
Pedro Portugal	Cleaner Part Time Substitute	4/7/2010	\$12.25 p.h.

Appointments – Per Diem Substitute Teacher/Nurse

Bryan Plouffe	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	4/6/10	\$133.19
Jennifer Zeplin	Per Diem Substitute Nurse	4/6/10	\$135.00

3. Financea. Contract – Health and Welfare 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 Westbury U.F.S.D. to provide two students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Health and Welfare 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 South Huntington U.F.S.D. to provide fifty-nine students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

c. Contract – Health and Welfare 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 Jericho Public School to provide 26 students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

d. Contract – Health & Welfare - 2009/2010

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the Health & Welfare contract for a student residing in the South Huntington U.F.S.D. and attending HANC for the 2009/2010 school year.

e. Contract – District of Location - 2008/2009

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2008/2009 school year with Roslyn U.F.S.D. to provide one student with district of location services as listed in the contract.

f. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

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

Brother Intelli Fax Machine	Serial #M4J168518
HP Scanjet 4370	Serial #CN6APA254T
Wood Shop Grinder	Barcode #6616-003350
Quick Take 100 Digital Camera for Macintosh	Serial #TL40832C25Q



g. Cooperative Bids – 2010-2011

That the Board of Education approve participation in an additional cooperative bid for the 2010-2010 school year for the following;

General Boiler Welding Repair

h. Appointment of Actuarial Firm

That the Board of Education reappoint Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc., as an actuarial firm for the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District pursuant to the terms of the letter of engagement and authorize the Board President to sign the letter of engagement.

i. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Approval Transfer as of April 6, 2010

j. Treasurer's Report

That the Board of Education approve the Extra Class Treasurer's Report for December 2009, January 2010 and February 2010.

a. Payment of Bills

General Fund A	\$ 19,636.29
Trust & Agency	\$1,340,793.42
Federal	0
School Lunch	\$ 2,426.51
Capital	0
Child Care	0
Net Payroll	\$1,831,232.59

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings of March 8, March 22 and March 23, 2010.

New Business

1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the field trips on the memo of April 6, 2010.

Mr. Bettan was not present for this vote.

2. New Policy #5565, “Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Policy - Circulation  
New Regulation #5565R- “Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Regulation” -  
Circulation

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the circulation of new Policy #5565, “Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Regulation” and circulation of new regulation #5655R – “Confidential Medicaid Disclosure Regulation.”

Mr. Bettan was not present for this vote.

Mr. Bettan returned to the Board room.

Adoption of 2010 – 2011 Budget

Revenue Increase + \$25,000

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve Child Care Fund Transfer from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Various Codes –\$70,636

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to adjust the number of hours in the Regular Aides Code by -\$70,636.

Foster Student Tuition – 2110.474.53 –\$58,000

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to reduce code 2110.474.53, Foster Student Tuition, by \$58,000.

Cultural Arts – 2110.494.00.52 –\$14,140

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to reduce code 2110.494.00.52, Cultural Arts, by \$14,140.

Discussion

Mrs. Weinstein questioned if there are any more children interested in this program.

Mr. Jonas stated no.

Textbooks – 2110.481.19 +\$743.00

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to increase code 2110.481.19 by \$743.00, textbooks.

Code 2110.167.00 (various other codes) -\$39,732

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein, for discussion purposes, that the Board of Education authorize reducing the hours for copy aides' by nine hours in Plainview Middle School and Mattlin Middle School.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan stated that rather than reduce these hours, can we request administration to be very careful with the work these aides do.

Mrs. Weinstein asked if we don't have the copy aides, do the teachers have to make the copies.

Mr. Cepeda would like to see this "fleshed" out a little more.

Mrs. Bernstein asked how copying is accomplished in schools that don't have copy aides.

Mr. Jonas stated in the high school, there is a person who does copying.

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Pierno.

Nays: Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Rothman,  
Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Cepeda.

Motion Denied.

Code 2110.160.00 - Increase Number of Breakage Positions by one +\$100,212

Resolved upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education increase the number of breakage positions to four.

Discussion:

Mrs. Rothman stated there may be retirements.

Mr. Cepeda stated he would not like to increase our budget. We can transfer money if it is needed.

Mrs. Bernstein agrees with Mr. Cepeda. She expressed her views that she is uncomfortable with three breakage positions but Mr. Dempsey assures us that we could transfer money based on student enrollment.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that we can find breakage money if necessary.

Mrs. Pierno stated that in years past, we have had five or six breakage positions. She is not comfortable with having a special education teacher only one half the day. We may use these positions very quickly.

Mrs. Weinstein stated there are areas in the budget where we can find the money.

Mrs. Pierno again reiterated her concern that there is not enough breakage positions.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that the majority of the Board is giving direction to Administration that we have to find the money for additional breakage positions if the three breakage positions that we have now are used.

Mrs. Lieberman agrees with Mrs. Pierno. She too is very concerned about the second grade class and the high school. If we allot the money and we don't spend it, it is still there. We can use it next year.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that even so, it is still taxpayer monies.

Mrs. Weinstein stated that we are all concerned about the high school and the co-teaching classes.

On the Motion:

Ayes: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Pierno.

Nays: Mrs. Weinstein, Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Cepeda.

Motion Denied.

Adoption of 2010-2011 School Budget

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education adopt the 2010/2011 school budget in the sum of \$130,888.845.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Weinstein, President