

Minutes of School Board Meeting – February 27, 2012

Board Room - Administration Building - Mattlin Middle School

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

Absent: Mr. Christopher Guercio

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

There were approximately 25 district residents and staff members present.

Mr. Bettan called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Student Government Up-Date

Andrew Yu, student government representative, updated the Board on events at the High School. This is the start of Battle week which will include a scavenger hunt, battle of the brains, treasure hunt and conclude with battle day on Friday. Also, over 80 members of the orchestra attended an exchange concert.

Board Announcements

Mr. Bettan welcomed everyone back from the holiday recess.

Mrs. Bernstein wanted to thank everyone in our school community following the loss of her father-in-law. The many calls and cards were greatly appreciated.

Board Reports on School Visitations

Mrs. Schulman announced that some of our high school students attended a Brain Bee at CW Post on neuroscience. Mallory Lindell, one of the students, came in ninth place. She spoke about her visit to Mattlin Middle School, along with Mr. Cepeda and Mr. Bettan on January 6th. They met with some of the fifth graders and talked about school climate. They spoke about what it was like transitioning into the 5th grade. They saw a child study team in action. They observed teachers working with students on a SIM vocabulary and spelling program. They all agreed that it was very informative.

On February 9th, Mrs. Rothman visited an educational Puppet Troop club at the high school called, "Kids on the Block". It was a very effective and important program that provided information about safety and bullying.

Mrs. Pierno spoke about a PTA event where the Harlem Wizards played with members of POB Middle School. Mr. McNamera, Ms. Gierasch and Mr. Cepeda participated. She also attended a program at Old Bethpage on bullying prevention and a program at both middle schools on "Mothers Against Drunk Driving". She wanted to thank the PTA for bringing these programs to our schools. These programs are brought to our schools by fund raising efforts.

Mr. Cepeda gave a report on his trip to Washington, D.C., for the New York State School Board's Association Federal Relations Network, on February 5, 6 and 7 2012. He represented our district and the Long Island region. He spoke about NCLB (No

Child Left Behind) and how it is flawed and the fact that it needs to be addressed. Public schools are under attack and we need to form alliances. He met with legislators
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including Congresswoman Gillibrand and legislators Tish, King and Israel. He also spoke on various energy projects.

Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey addressed recent news on the violence that occurred in a public school in Ohio today. A student shot and killed at least one student. One of the things that we have tried to do since the incident at Columbine is to spend some time studying the facts. We look at security issues to see how we can handle them better. He then called for a moment of silence.

Board Recognition

Mr. Dempsey spoke about how our Board members have continued their level of education. Several of our Board members have achieved awards from the New York State School Boards Association. Mr. Cepeda and Mrs. Bernstein both achieved a level one: Board Achievement Award. Level two: Board Excellence Awards, were given to Mrs. Schulman and Mrs. Pierno.

Ms. Gierasch spoke about a new program, "Parent University" to be held on March 28th. This program will give parents of students grades K-12 an opportunity to become informed on topics of interest such as colleges, curriculum, internet safety and the budget tax cap. There are many workshops available and the information is on our website. She would like to thank the different organizations for their support. Child care will also be available.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he met Senator Kemp Hannon, along with Mr. Cepeda, Mrs. Pierno, Mrs. Schulman and Mr. Gergis to discuss prospects for improvement in state aid. The issue of a tax limit was raised and he believed there was some possibility that it would be amended in years to come.

Retirement

Mr. Jonas recognized Mrs. Evelyn Helmers on her retirement from the district. She has been a secretary in this district since 1964. She is the most senior secretary. Mrs. Gray thanked Mrs. Helmers for all her hard work over the years. Mrs. Helmers then shared a few words. She said that she has been in the district for 47 years and 6 months. She thanked Mr. Rosenfeld for his support during a stressful time. Mr. Bettan then presented her with a plaque.

Budget Presentation

Mr. Dempsey began by explaining the budget portion of the meeting. Tonight is the opening of the budget discussions beginning with staffing and the budget for the district's schools. Next week we will be discussing various subject budgets. March 26th
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is a special budget session which will begin at 7:00PM instead of the usual time, which is 7:45PM. With the change in the open meetings law, we will now be posting the materials that will be under discussion at the public meetings on our website.

Mr. Dempsey stated that Mr. Jonas would begin the budget process by discussing staffing. Mr. Jonas stated that staffing is where the bulk of the budget is spent. Individual school budgets and educational staffing make up a large portion of the budget. The mandate from the Board was to maintain program. Mr. Jonas spoke about enrollment numbers in the different schools and grades. We will be adding a district-wide computer technician. We find the need to add this position in order to keep our current programs running. Our staffing overall is just about the same with a slight reduction driven by our declining enrollment. We are trying to do more with what we have.

Mr. Dempsey said that Mr. Ruf will begin by going through the building budgets. At the end of the review he will explain the tax levy limit calculation which is extremely complex. We will ask the Board to accept that calculation which will need to be submitted to the state by March 1st.

Mr. Ruf began with the Kindergarten Center budget. He reviewed some equipment purchases and increases in the textbook code due to the purchase of additional materials for the envisions program.

Discussion

Mrs. Bernstein spoke about the importance of play and imagination at the K Center and wanted to know if there are materials being offered for this. Mrs. Leiboff responded.

Mr. Ruf then reviewed the budgets at the elementary schools highlighting various equipment purchases and textbook purchases.

Mrs. Rothman asked about the kind of additional training our teachers would be receiving. Ms. Gierasch responded that a consultant from enVisions would be brought in to conduct this training.

Mrs. Lieberman asked about any supplies that would be given to the district. Ms. Gierasch replied that we would only be given teacher editions.

Mrs. Bernstein wanted to make sure that all schools will receive similar instruction and materials. Ms. Gierasch assured her that they would.

Mr. Ruf then reviewed the budgets in both middle schools. He explained that the difference in the amounts is due to the difference in the number of students.

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Mrs. Pierno asked about the Regents review books. Are we ordering them for the high school? Ms. Gierasch responded yes. Are we also providing them for the parochial students? Mr. Ruf said that he would check with Mrs. Parahus.

Mr. Ruf began to review the High School budget. He explained about the purchase of graphing calculators.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we are monitoring when they are returned and are they in appropriate condition when they are returned. Mr. LaBrocca answered that all calculators are accounted for. They do have a life expectancy but the cost has come down.

Mr. Dempsey discussed the fact that we pay for certain workbooks in the middle schools but not in the high school. He said this decision was made several years ago. Ms. Gierasch explained how workbooks are not used universally at the high school. Instead at times they write the answers on a piece of paper. Some teachers use only a limited number of pages in a workbook. Mrs. Rothman would like to know how the teachers feel about the workbooks. Ms. Gierasch stated that she feels we are going to get mixed responses. Mr. Dempsey will review this with the departments. We will entertain this to see if this is warranted.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if this budget accounts for the decrease in the use of copy paper. Mr. Ruf responded that mailing costs may be reduced but hesitates to make any big reductions related to copy paper because the state may be requiring the district to create state exams. She also spoke about the increase in EPI pens. Mr. Ruf stated that there is an increase in the budget for EPI pens.

Tax Levy Limit Calculation

Mr. Ruf began by explaining that the State was really late in giving guidance that goes into calculating this number. SED made the determination that the capital tax levy is based on the amount that is actually expensed from the capital fund in the respective years. We began by looking at all the capital projects which sometimes begin in one school year and goes into the next. The accuracy of this projection is extremely difficult because of numerous factors involved in capital expenditures such as project design timelines, state project approval, bidding timelines, construction planning, securing building materials and completion of necessary paperwork for final payments to contractors.

Mr. Ruf predicts that the Comptroller will go into each of the school districts and perform an audit of the tax levy limit calculation. We have really solid supporting numbers and source documents to support our calculation.

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Mrs. Lieberman asked about some of the projects that we will be doing. Mr. Ruf replied that the first one is the roof at the Jamaica Avenue School.

Mr. Ruf stated that we will have to track the numbers and if there is a difference, we might have to return it to the taxpayers. It is frustrating given the lack of final concise guidance from SED.

Public Participation

Mrs. Andrea Goldman spoke about her concerns with the health curriculum code, 2110 523 43. Ms. Gierasch responded that we would be going over this code in the athletic budget of a future meeting.

Mr. Andrew Haft spoke about serious errors that occurred regarding the recent wrestling competitions and the fact that POB did not file the proper paperwork. He stated that the season is over for these players. He would like to know what procedures will be put in place to make sure this never happens again.

Mr. Dempsey asked that Mr. Haft please accept his apologies for this terrible mistake. We are continuing our investigation as to the reasons of why this occurred. We feel particularly bad for the seniors.

Mr. Schmidt was very disappointed with the responses concerning the wrestling competitions. He thinks these boys are entitled to an explanation.

Mr. Dempsey stated that we are accountable for what should have happened.

Mr. David Kaufman, President of the Booster Club, stated that the season for these students is over but my job is to make sure that this never happens again.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner was pleased to see the past actual expenditures in the development of the budget in the website. He was a little frustrated in his inability to be able to view certain backup material. Mr. Dempsey stated that the intent of the Open Law is to share the items that we intend to discuss at the public meetings. Mr. Wolfner then questioned certain personnel and business items. Mr. Jonas and Mr. Ruf gave details of these items.

Routine Business

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

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1. Student

Student Placements

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

2. Personnel

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Cindy Duboff	Foreign Language Teacher POB Middle School	Step 15MA30L3 *\$112,741	Returning from Leave of Absence

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jennifer Beinlich	Art Teacher POBJFK HS	Child Care	3/2/2012 thru 4/13/2012

*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations and salary to be prorated.

Professional Staff – Part Time Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date/Salary</u>
Amy Rosenbaum	English Teacher (.2) Position Assign: PKHS Replacing D. Futterman/ Reading	9/1/2011 thru 2/24/2012 or earlier at the Discretion of the Board of Ed Step 5MA20 *15,605.60

Professional Staff – Part Time Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective Date/Salary</u>
Brian Levine	English Teacher (.2) Position Assign: PKHS Replacing A. Rosenbaum/ Who is taking a full time Substitute teaching position In district	2/27/2012 thru 6/30/2012 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Ed Step 2MA *\$13,070.60

Non-Teaching Personnel – Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
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Evelyn Helmers	Typist-Clerk PT Old Bethpage ES	Retirement	2/29/2012 Close of Business
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Return from Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Julia Lombardo	ABA Special Ed. Aide 6 hours Stratford Rd ES	Return from Leave	2/13/2012

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence

Marc Muchnik	Special Ed. Aide 6 hours per day Mattlin MS	Leave without Pay (Psychologist Leave Replacement)	2/14-6/30/2012
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Wendy Adelman	Senior Clerk Typist – PPS	3/5/2012
Raymond Flatley	Messenger/Bus Driver-District	3/6/2012
Julio Cammareri	Custodian – K Center	3/8/2012
John Laub	Supervising Groundskeeper Buildings & Grounds	3/6/2012
Lauren Costantino	Teacher Aide – TAG	3/8/2012
Jennifer Gulli	Teacher Aide – TAG	3/8/2012
Regina Inglese	Teacher Aide – TAG	3/8/2012
Matthew Linden	Teacher Aide – TAG	3/8/2012
Carolyn Henn	Teacher Aide – Parkway	3/8/2012
Elizabeth Carollo	Teacher Aide – Stratford Rd	3/8/2012
Anthony D’Angelis	Teacher Aide – Stratford Rd	2/28/2012

Rebecca Olsen

Teacher Aide – K Center

2/28/2012

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Non-Teaching Personnel – Probationary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Samantha O’Leary	Typist Clerk POBMS Library 12 months	2/28/2012	\$37,285* Step 3 Prorated
	Replacing Susanne Lorenz who transferred to POBJFKHS		
Leah Kalfin	ABA Special Ed. Aide 6 hours Stratford Rd ES	2/28/2012 Prorated	\$20,916.36*
	(New Student in ABA)		

Unused Sick Leave & Vacation Entitlement – Non-Teaching

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Total Days as of: 2/29/12</u>	<u>1 for 2 over 100 Days</u>	<u>Vac. Days</u>	<u>Entitlement</u>
Evelyn Helmers	Typist Clk P/T Old Bethpage ES	232.50	66.25	15	\$7,070.86* \$1,600.95*
Isabel Reyes	Cleaner POBJFK High School	253	76.5	38.50	\$22,039.75*

Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Compensation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bethany Campbell	Typist Clerk Substitute	2011-12 school year	\$25.00 per hr up to 20 hrs.

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Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Compensation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Michael Celenza	Custodian POBJFKHS	1/30/2012	\$21.66 additional Per Day*	Out of title work while B. Baylis, Asst. Head Cust. Is out on Workers Compen.
Diane Mirabile	Senior Clerk Transportation Office	1/10/2012 thru 6/30/2012	\$16.32 additional per day*	Out of title work while M. Donovan was out on personal illness
		or sooner at the discretion of the Board of Education		

Personnel Recommendation – Test Anxiety Workshops - POBJFKHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date/*Salary</u>
Lisa Cohen	Test Anxiety Workshops	2 sessions (Period 10) @ own daily rate of pay

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators-School Year 2011-2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Hrs</u>
Nicholas Geluso	Facilitator	Best Teaching Practices for 3 rd /4 th Grade Orchestra	School Yr 2011-12	*\$53.76	2

*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Personnel Recommendation – College Application Essay Writing Student/Parent Workshop – School Year 2011-12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lauren Rollens	Speaker	3/27/12	*Own Daily Rate of Pay for 2.5 hrs.
Donna Scully	Speaker	3/27/12	*Own Daily Rate of Pay for 2.5 hrs.

Coaching Rescission – School Year 2011-2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Steve Arcuri	Asst Coach, MS Mens Lacrosse	Immediately
Joseph Morello	Head Coach, MS Womens Basketball	Immediately

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2011-2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Eff.</u>	<u>Cat/Lev.</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joseph Morello	Head Coach, MS Womens Basketball	2-12	9 2	**\$1889
Jeff Rothman**	Head Coach, MS Womens Basketball	2-12	9 4	**\$2312
Les Steinberger	Head Coach, MS Baseball	3-12	9 2	\$3778
Corey Winkoff	Asst Coach, Mens JV Lacrosse	3-12	8 1	\$3960

*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

**Salary for ½ season

Personnel Recommendations – Tutor for Homebound Students

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Linda Rozof-Guber	Home Tutor	School Year 2011-2012	*\$52.71/ per hour

Non-Teaching Personnel – Student Worker

Taylor Huertas Student Worker 2011-2012 school year \$7.65PH

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Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Carole Green	Chaperone	School Year 2011-2012	*\$90.36/sess
Leah Kalfin	Chaperone	School Year 2011-2012	*\$90.36/sess

Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teachers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brittany-Shay Kupferman	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/27/12	\$137.19
Stacy Chelsoff	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/27/12	\$137.19
Mark Filippi	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/27/12	\$137.19
William Schenck	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/27/12	\$137.19

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitutes

Anthony Cammareri	Cleaner PT Sub	2/27/12	\$12.25PH*
Argyrios Pariaros	“ “	2/27/12	\$12.25PH
Nelson Umana	“ “	2/27/12	\$12.25PH
Maryann Bulla	School Monitor PT Sub	2/27/12	\$8.50PH*
Yesenia Lopez	“ “	2/27/12	\$8.50PH
Terry Patti	“ “	2/27/12	\$8.50PH

*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

3. Finance

a. Contract – Evaluator - 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Patricia Tweedy to provide an evaluator service as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Great Neck UFSD – 2011-2012 Health & Welfare

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Great Neck UFSD to provide 6 students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

c. Contract – Health & Welfare 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign the attached Health & Welfare contracts for students residing in the following school districts and attending HANC for the 2011-2012 school year.

Bethpage (1)	Herricks (3)	Oyster Bay (2)
Commack (2)	Hicksville (2)	Pt. Washington (1)
Deer Park (1)	Huntington (5)	Roslyn (8)
East Meadow (3)	Jericho (3)	S. Huntington (1)
East Williston (4)	Merrick (4)	Syosset (6)
Great Neck (6)	Mineola (5)	Wantagh (1)
Half Hollow Hills (4)	N. Bellmore (5)	Westbury (2)

d. Contract –Health & Welfare Services 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Farmingdale UFSD to provide three students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

e. Cooperative Bids – 2012-13

1) That the Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing participation in cooperative bids for the 2012-13 school year for the following:

A/C & Refrigeration Service	Locksmith Services
Air Filters HVAC	Lumber & Masonry Supplies
Asphalt & Parking Lot Sweeping	PA, Intercom & Master Clock Service
Automatic Temperature Control	Paint & Associated Supplies

Boiler/Burner Service & Repair	Painting Service
General Boiler Welding	Playground Equipment Repair
Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment Repair	Plumbing Service
Carpet & Tile Installation	Plumbing Supplies
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Pneumatic Controls

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Ceiling Tile & Installation	Pump & Motor Repair
Custodial Equipment Repair	Roofing Repair
Custodial Supplies & Trash Bags	Scoreboard Repair, Electrical Partition
Door Hardware Supplies	Doors, Gym Equipment
Door Installation & Repair	Signs & Associated Supplies
Drag Mops	Smoke & Fire Alarm Maint. & Repair
Electrical Service	Split Air Conditioning Units
Electrical Supplies	Steam Traps & Parts
Emergency Generator Service	Storm Drains
Equipment Rental	Swimming Pool Supplies/Repair
Fence Installation & Repair	Theatrical Lighting & Stage Rigging
Field Maintenance & Supplies/Organic Lawn Care	Replacement
Fire Extinguisher Service	Track/Tennis/Playground Resurf. Repair
Fuel Tank Alarm/Tank/Manhole Repairs	Tree Cutting & Pruning
Grounds Equipment Repair	Uniform Purchase
Infield Maintenance Equipment	Universal Waste Recycling
IPM – Integrated Pest Mgmt Svcs.	Venetian Blinds & Shades & Stage
Irrigation Installation & Service/Well Installation	Curtain Cleaning
	Window Glazing Repairs, Parts & Replacement
	Wood Floor Sanding Refinishing & Repairs

- 2) That the Board of Education approve participation in a cooperative RFP for Environmental Services and a POBCSD exclusive bid for Rubbish Removal.

f. Donation

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of a donation of a microwave from Ms. Rebecca Goerke (parent of a 7th grade student) to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

g. Budget Reports

- Approval Transfers as of February 27, 2012
- Informational Transfers as of February 27, 2012
- Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2011
- Revenue Status Report as of December 31, 2011
- Quarterly Vendor Report as of December 31, 2011

h. Treasurers Reports

- Treasurer's Report for December, 2011
- Trial Balance as of December 31, 2011
- Cash Flow Projection as of December 31, 2011

i. Extra Class Treasurer's Reports

- September, 2011
- October, 2011

j. Payment of Bills

February 2012

General Fund A \$1,929,097.62

Trust & Agency \$1,465,175.22

Federal \$47,860.31

Capital	\$101,888.78	
Child Care	\$857.35	
Net Payroll	\$1,908,840.21	
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4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of February 6, 2012.

Unfinished Business

To consider approval of: School Calendar 2012-13

Discussion

Mr. Dempsey stated that the approval of next year's calendar was postponed because we were waiting for the dates of Regents exams and the discussion related to the fact that April 1st and 2nd as the last two days of Passover.

Recommendation

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2012-13 school year.

New Business

1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the field trips on the memo dated February 27, 2012.

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2. Additional Staff Development Course and Facilitator

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following additional Staff Development Course for 2011-12:

Course Name

Best Teaching Practices for 3rd/4th Grade Orchestra

Instructor

Nicholas Geluso

3. Recommendation

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Schulman, that the Board of Education approve the Tax Levy Limit Calculation.

Executive Session

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

The meeting was recessed at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Catanese

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

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Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Schulman.

Absent: Mrs. Bernstein, Mr. Cepeda

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

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There were approximately 75 district residents and staff members present.

Mr. Bettan called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Student Government Up-Date

Andrew Yu, student government representative, updated the Board on events at the High School. The SING performance took place on Friday and Saturday evening from 7PM-11PM for all four grades. The Science Olympiads was held at Kellenberg High School against Pt. Washington. The players appeared on MSG Varsity.

Board Announcements

Mr. Bettan welcomed everyone to the meeting. He began with the announcement that Ellie Becker, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, will be reviewing our updated guidelines for CPS (Child Protective Services) reporting.

Ms. Laurie Lynn, Guidance Director, will give her report on the Progressive Developmental Guidance Program that she has implemented in our High School and both Middle Schools.

Mr. Bettan made an announcement that Mrs. Bernstein is not in attendance due to a death in her family. Our condolences go out to her and her family. Mr. Cepeda is in Washington, D.C. meeting with school board leaders to ask Congress to support public school students as they consider the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) this year.

In compliance with new Open Meeting Law guidelines we have not only provided copies of these reports for you tonight, we have also posted them on our website. Going forward, all of our public meetings will have documents posted on our website after the agenda.

Mr. Bettan gave an update on the Superintendent search. Mr. O'Rourke from Hazard Young said that he has already received 20 applicants from New Jersey, Westchester and the tri state area. They will begin screening candidates. Mr. Bettan stated that the Board understands that some stakeholders want to be involved but in order to maintain confidentiality the new superintendent will be chosen by the Board of Education. Choosing a new superintendent is the single most important decision we will have to make. We will be diligent and thorough in picking our new superintendent. With the support of our schools and community, we are confident that he/she will be able to accomplish great things.

Mrs. Shulman stated that because of the large amount of students and families in attendance this evening, she would postpone her visitation report (to Mattlin and Stratford Road) to the next meeting.

Superintendent's Announcements

Mr. Dempsey stated that each year the Nassau Superintendents join with the Nassau PTA and the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents to sponsor a Finance Forum on February 10, 2012. This meeting will address the Governor's budget.

Mr. Dempsey announced that the 40th anniversary for the POB Radio Station (WPOB) is scheduled for this Thursday.

Mr. Bettan stated that tonight we will be recognizing some of our students for their accomplishments in Mathematics, Research and Arts & Literature.

Ms. Gierasch spoke about a fund raising project at Mattlin Middle School. In partnership with Long Island Cares and the Harry Chapin Food Bank, students collected food to be given out to families over the weekend as part of the middle school advisory program. She congratulated the students on their success with their project.

Presentations

Ms. Gierasch introduced Mr. Mittleman and Ms. Torreano from Mattlin Middle School who announced the winners of the PTA Reflections Contest. Mrs. Torreano stated that these students go above and beyond and that this award demonstrates their creativity.

PTA Reflections Contest Winners

Eric Kovel	1 st Place Visual Arts
Rachel Aber	2 nd Place Visual Arts
Star Sassone	3 rd Place Visual Arts
Imaan Hussain	1 st Place Grade 5 Literature
Joshua Seigel	1 st Place Grade 6 Literature
Julia Cohen	1 st Place Grade 7 Literature
Maya Federman	2 nd Place Grade 5 Literature
Ryan Campbell	3 rd Place Grade 5 Literature
Karissa Eisinger	2 nd Place Grade 6 Literature
Rona Moriah	3 rd Place Grade 6 Literature
Daniel Gulotta	2 nd Place Grade 7 Literature
Olivia Taubenfeld	3 rd Place Grade 7 Literature

Mr. Ron LaBrocca announced the American Mathematics Competition Awards for the middle school assisted by Mr. McNamera.

American Mathematics Competition Awards

AMC 8 – School Winners

Michael Chin
Steven Lee
Joshua Wicker

AMC 8 – First Place

Arya Mahabadi
Alec Ash
Aaron Meyers
Matthew Dossie
Rinta Kayaki
Justin Hafling
Talia Blum

AMC 8 – Second Place

Michael Crawbuck
Max Juster
Jenna Bard
Dylan Burd
John Ciulla
Sungbin Lee
Matthew Leo
Jake Lesser
Benjamin Green
Nicholas Illuzzi
Olivia Clancy
John Vishal
Ross Gillman

AMC 8 – Third Place

Zachary Goldstein
Philip Danziger
Alex Fried
Courtney Hedgecock
Evan Lander
Adam Cohen
Jason Napoli

Mrs. Barry presented the following awards:

LI Psychology Fair

Sherilyn Gould	First Place Honors in the Cross-Cultural Category
Talia Schwartz	First Place Honors in the Developmental Psychology Category
Laura Silver	Runner-up in the Health and Epidemiology Category

Intel Student Talent Search Semifinalists

Student

Parsa Erfani

Project

Anti-Inflammatory Potential of IL-27 in Psoriatic and Eczematous Immune Cells

Sherilyn Gould The Impact of Acculturation on the Intergenerational
Congruence Between the Parent and Child in Immigrant
Families

Mariam Makram The Impact of Culture and Gender on HIV Resilience

Samantha Fradkin The Effect of the Implementation of a Wellness Policy on
Various Levels of Self Control in the High School

The four Intel semifinalists spoke briefly about their projects. Mrs. Barry congratulated everyone and thanked the Board for their support.

Mrs. Mary Lou O'Donnell spoke about the independent research program and how it has expanded in the area of math.

Retirement

Mr. Jonas spoke about Mr. Isabel Reyes, a custodian at POBJFKHS, and about how he dedicated 22 years of his life to the district. He was a very hard worker and walked from the train station every day. Mr. Murray said it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Mr. Bettan congratulated Mrs. Cathy Shapp on receiving a National Achievement Award.

Reports

Ms. Gierasch introduced Ms. Ellie Becker, PPS Director, who explained about the procedures that she and some of her teachers and social workers developed for reporting suspicions of child abuse. She was joined by Aviva Sala and Susan Archin, two of the district's social workers. If we suspect child abuse, we must report it. The social workers met on Superintendent's Conference Day to discuss and develop a unified process for reporting abuse throughout the district. Ms. Becker thanked everyone for all of their hard work. This will now become part of the new teachers' orientation. The procedures are posted on the website.

Discussion

Mr. Dempsey stated that each time a report of child abuse is made it is taken seriously. In 2008, the law has changed that states the person that observes the abuse is the person that must call in the report.

Mrs. Lieberman commented that people are afraid to come forward. We have to communicate the message that when a child is being abused it is okay to come forward. She commended Ms. Becker on an excellent report.

Reports

Ms. Gierasch introduced Ms. Laurie Lynn, Director of Guidance, who presented the Development Guidance Plan. This was a comprehensive report on all the programs that the middle school and high school counselors are involved in such as Pride Week, Spirit Week, and Natural Helpers where students are nominated by their peers. She spoke about the mentoring program and explained how it works. She thanked the PTA who supplied the shirts that the students wear to identify the mentors. She also spoke about the quarterly newsletters and all the information that can be found on the website.

The counselors attend workshops to keep them updated and the High School counselors visit college campuses in order to make the most informed decisions for their students. Representatives from the colleges are invited to come to the school to meet with the students.

Discussion

Mr. Bettan spoke about visiting the schools and how the children were included. He thanked Mrs. Lynn for her thorough report.

Mrs. Schulman asked about transition planning for special needs students. Ms. Lynn said that the counselors work with the Pupil Personnel Department as a team. The addition of another counselor has allowed us more flexibility.

Mrs. Rothman asked what kind of training is involved and would it be optimum to have a coordinator from BOCES to provide services.

Ms. Lynn explained that the counselors meet with different kinds of students and are versed with their needs.

Mrs. Pierno noted that there is a more proactive approach and she applauds Ms. Lynn and the guidance counselors for that.

Mrs. Schulman wanted to know what happens if a student is interested in something like Art or Animation.

Ms. Lynn answered that if a student is interested in something out of the ordinary, it is fun to research. We offer information sessions for students who think they might be interested in something like Barry Tech.

Mr. Bettan stated that he recently had his junior conference and was impressed to see how automated everything was.

Mrs. Rothman suggested that the Board take a trip to Barry Tech.

Public Participation

Mrs. Cathy Shapp was extremely disappointed with the PTA's lack of involvement in the search for a superintendent. She feels that the PTA should take part in interviewing the candidates. She feels that the communication and discussion has left a lot to be desired.

Mr. Robert Sheps spoke about his support of the Board in choosing a superintendent.

Mrs. Susan Stewart spoke about her concerns with the aquatic program. She feels that the people that wrote this program are disregarding the students' safety. Mr. Dempsey said that he would meet with her to discuss this.

Mr. Morty Rosenfeld echoed Mrs. Shapp's concerns with the search for a new superintendent. He spoke about the issue of confidentiality and that the Board has been given bad advice.

Mrs. Jane Pace announced that Mr. Jerry Kantor, who co-chaired Relay for Life, passed away. She stated that she was one of the judges at SING and spoke about how well run and organized it was. She also spoke about all the salt and additives contained in the snacks that were offered during intermission.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner spoke about the BOCES budget. He stated that administrative fees were down by 2.2%. There is a flat or negative budget compared to past years. He spoke on the tax cap.

Mr. Dempsey stated that the Board just received the budget and it is too early in the process to discuss.

Mr. Wolfner congratulated the Board for putting the documents on the website. He questioned some of the finance items.

Mrs. Stefanie Nelkins spoke about the district's website. She feels that the portal is still hidden and that the website is confusing.

Mr. Bettan explained that the portal is shut down when the schools are entering grades. Mr. Jonas said that there are messages when this happens. Mr. Bettan stated that it will take time to do some of the work. It is an ongoing process.

Routine Business

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

1. StudentStudent Placements

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

2. PersonnelNon-Teaching Personnel – Termination

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Michael Vott	Teacher Aide TAG Program	11/28/11	Abandonment of position

Non-Teaching Personnel - Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Roseann Smith	School Monitor P/T (Cafeteria) 2 hours Per day-Parkway (Replacing Florence Noto who retired)	2/7/12	\$6,807.60* prorated
JoAnne Filonuk	School Monitor P/T (Cafeteria) 2 hours per day-Parkway (Replacing Irene Mango who retired)	2/7/12	\$6,807.60* prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Return from Leave of Absence

Theresa Argus	School Monitor P/T 2 hours	2/6/12	\$7,358.40* prorated
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*salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Leave of Absence

Patricia Giustino	Bus Attendant 2 hours per day	1/3/2012-6/30/2012
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendations

Tashika McCalla	ABA Special Ed. Teacher Aide	2/28/2012
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Marc Muchnik	ABA Special Ed. Teacher Aide	2/6/2012
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Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators-School Year 2011-12

Jordan Pekor	Facilitator 2 hours	School Year 2011-12	*\$53.76
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Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2011-12

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Eff</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Rachel Cornwell	Asst Coach, JV Womens Lacrosse	3-12	\$3,960
Michael Heller	Head Coach, Varsity Mens Golf	3-12	\$5,556
Jennifer LaMaida	Asst Coach, MS Womens Lacrosse	3-12	\$2,732
Christopher Olsen	Head Coach, MS Track	3-12	\$3,494
Nicholas Tomasulo	Asst Coach, JV Baseball	3-12	\$3,960

Summer 2012 Special Education – Summer Program - Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Neil Lasher	Lead Teacher	Summer 2012	\$7,893
	Special Ed Summer Program	Preparatory Work	30 hours *\$53.76/hour

Non-Teaching Personnel – Child Care Resignation

Carolyn Henn	Child Care Assistant	1/30/2012
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*Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Child Care

Allison Spund	Child Care Worker	11-12 school year	\$14.75PH
Tara Flood	Child Care Assistant	11-12 school year	\$12.75PH
Christina Certonio	HS Worker	11-12 school year	\$7.75PH
Madalyn Fernbach	HS Worker	11-12 school year	\$7.75PH

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

Matthew Levine	Chaperone	11-12 school year	*\$90.36/sess
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Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Francesca Sparacio	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/6/12	\$137.19
Nicholas Tomasulo	Per Diem Sub Teacher	2/6/12	\$137.19

* Salary pending 2011-2012 contract negotiations and salary to be prorated

Appointments – Adult Education Outside Consultants

<u>Christine Barra</u> (4 classes)	Strength Training, \$53/per session; <u>Two</u> 9 week sessions; 9- 45 minute sessions Tuesday AM <u>and</u> Friday AM Body Sculpting, \$53/session; 8 – 45min sessions Body Sculpting – Core Focus, \$53/session; 8- 45 min sessions
<u>Ira Bergman</u>	Estate and Asset Conservation- One session, No Fee (2 Seminars) Financial Intensive Care – One session, No Fee
<u>Anna Burke</u>	Pilates - \$60/session, 8 one hour sessions *Pilates –Section 2- \$60/session, 8 one hour sessions

<u>Ellen Cervone</u>	Scrapbooking– <u>Six</u> -1.5hr sessions \$24/hr*1.5=\$36+\$15.50 prep and cleanup fee=\$51.50/session
<u>Ellen Cohen</u>	Theta Healing \$18 per person per session, one session
<u>Pat Dimatos</u>	Floral Design - 8 - Two hour sessions \$24/hr*2=\$48+\$9.50 prep fee=\$57.50 (maybe seven sessions depending on enrollment)
<u>Dina Elardo</u>	Notary Public Preparation Class; 3hrs- \$25/hour *Notary Signing Agent Course; 2 hrs - \$25/hour
<u>Richard Fiore</u>	Social Dancing - \$63.00 per session – 8 sessions (2 classes) Rhythm Dancing-\$63.00 per session- 8 sessions Both \$42* <u>1.5hr</u> =\$63 including prep and breakdown fee
<u>Barry Fox</u>	How Long Islander can Beat the High Cost of College \$100/session fee; One Two hour Session
<u>Amy Giliberto</u>	English as a Second Language – 8 - 2hr sessions \$24*2=\$48+\$9.50prep fee=\$57.50/session (2 classes) Word 2007 for Beginners– 6 (SIX) – 2 hr sessions \$24/hr*2=\$48+\$9.50prep fee=\$57.50/session
<u>Sidney Gubell</u>	Bridge for Advanced Beginners - 8 two hr sessions \$24/hr*2=\$48+\$8.50 prep fee=\$56.50/session (two classes & one *Bridge for Intermediates 2 – 8 two hour sessions seminar) \$24/hr*2=\$48+\$8.50prep fee=\$56.50/session How to Sell your Home in NY; one 2-hour session \$24/hr x 2=\$48/session
<u>Olena Kropp</u>	Tot Saver CPR & First aid for Children \$24/hour for 3 ½ hours-One Session \$24*3.5=\$84

<u>Sharon Kovacs-Gruer</u>	Planning for your Child with Special Needs- one 2 hr session- no fee
<u>*Sueey Gutierrez</u>	Spanish- Introduction to the Language 8 - 1 ½ hour sessions \$24/hr *1.5 +\$18 prep fee =\$54/session
<u>George Manolakes</u>	Computer Excel-\$24/hour plus \$19 prep fee=\$67/session 2 hour session; total Six sessions (2 classes) Computer-Excel- \$24/hour plus \$19 prep fee=\$67/session 2 hour session; total Six sessions
<u>Ellen Makofsky</u>	Elder Law – No Fee- one 2 hr session (2 seminars) How to Leave Money to Heirs – No Fee- one 2 hr session
<u>Samuel Miller</u>	Long Term Care Planning – No Fee; one 1 hour session
<u>Brian Oxer</u>	Volleyball Rec. - 10 -1 ½ hr sessions \$ 36.00 per session
<u>Ann Peltier</u> <u>(Oyster Bay Power</u> <u>Squadron Educational</u> <u>Officer)</u>	America’s Boating Course 3 rd Edition 7 two hour sessions Fee Paid directly to Oyster Bay Power Squadron from student.
<u>Carol Rodriguez</u>	Zumba Session A– 8 one hr sessions \$75 per session (3 classes) Zumba Session B - 8 one hour sessions \$75 per session Zumba Earlybird Session C – <u>9(NINE)</u> -45 minute sessions \$70 per session

<u>Carol Ann Roth</u>	** Water Aerobics - \$55.00 per session – 8 – 1 hr sessions
<u>Pam Serla</u>	Volleyball Beginner - \$36.00/session -10 - 1 ½ hr sessions (2 classes) Volleyball Advanced - \$45.50/session (included \$9.50 for prep) 10 – 1 ½ hr sessions
<u>Vincent Serio</u>	Getting Acquainted with Social Security -\$60.00 /session \$24*2.5=\$60 (One- 2 ½ hour Class)
<u>Pauletter Silber</u>	Meditation for Deep Relaxation-Level 1- \$55/session eight one hour sessions 5 classes) Tai Chi and Qigong – Level 1 - \$55/session eight one hour sessions Meditation for Deep Relaxation- Level 2 - \$55/session eight one hour sessions Tai Chi and Qigong – Level 2 - \$55/session eight one hour sessions Qigong and Accupressure - \$55/session eight one hour sessions
<u>Joanne Stockinger</u>	Sewing for Beginners -Eight 1 ½ hr sessions \$24*1.5=\$36+\$16 prep/cleanup fee=\$52/session (2 classes) Sewing for Advanced Beginners –Eight 1 ½ hr sessions \$24*1.5=\$36+\$16 prep/cleanup fee=\$52/session
<u>Eleanor Terrarosa</u>	Painting & Sketching – 8 – 2 ½ hour sessions \$24/hr*2.5hrs=\$60/session
* <u>Lorraine Vallancourt</u>	Yoga Group 1 and Group 2 1 ½ hour sessions each; \$75/session
<u>Janet Walter</u> DBA	** Maj Jongg -- 8-Two hour sessions \$24/hr*2=\$48+\$14=\$62/session

Gold Fire Diamon

*Maj Jongg _Section 2- 8 two hour sessions
\$24/hr *2=\$48+\$14=\$62/session

- * new instructor and/or class
- ** new pay rate
- + change in amount of sessions
- ++ change in name

3. Finance

k. Contract – School Tuition 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Devereux Foundation to provide one student with school tuition as listed in the contract.

l. Contract – Health & Welfare 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Uniondale UFSD to provide 65 students with health & welfare services as listed in the contract.

m. Donation – Extra Class Robotics Club

That the Board of Education accept the following donations:

Check for \$2,500 from Robert Zeisel, B&Z Steel Equipment Company, Inc.
Check for \$353 from Brett Lazaroff, US Marine Core
A pair of diamond earrings from Nilletti Creations, LTD

n. Donation

That the Board of Education accept a donation of an additional amount of \$216 in honor of Mrs. Sandee Goldstein to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

o. Disposal of obsolete equipment

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes art items (projector reels, developing supplies, developing tanks, coloring chemicals, etc.), located in Room 165 at POBJFKHS.

p. Donation

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of a donation of various books from Barnes & Noble Book Store in Huntington, NY, to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

q. Disposal of obsolete vehicle

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

Vehicle 2A 1989 Chevrolet Van VIN#1GCCM15Z8KB226731

r. Disposal of obsolete equipment - POBMS

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

Softech Master Control Yogurt Machine
Model #Y338-27

s. Disposal of obsolete equipment – Old Bethpage ES

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

Cassette Tape Recorder
Sharp Television
Binding Machine
Two-Door Milk Refrigerator

t. Donation

That the Board of Education accept a donation of a “Sterilaser” from the POB Athletic Booster Club.

u. Contract – Health & Welfare Services – 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Jericho Public Schools to provide 21 students with health & welfare services as listed in the contract.

v. Contract – School Tuition – 2011-2012

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2011-2012 school year with Bellmore UFSD to provide one student with school tuition services as listed in the contract.

w. Donation

That the Board of Education authorize acceptance of various books from Mrs. Francine Poppo Rich, Kindergarten Center PTA.

x. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – POBJFKHS

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

- (1) Apollo Overhead Projector
- (1) 3M Overhead Projector
- (1) Elmo Overhead Projector
- (1) Book/Projector Card
- (1) Panasonic TV VCR/DVD Combo

y. Budget Reports

- Approval Transfers as of February 6, 2012
- Informational Transfers as of February 6, 2012
- Budget Status Report as of November 30, 2011
- Revenue Status Report as of November 30, 2011

z. Contract – Skyline Cruise

That the Board of Education approve a contract with Skyline Cruises and authorize the Board President to sign the contract for Parkway’s fourth grade boat trip.

aa. Treasurers Reports

- Treasurer’s Report for November, 2011
- Trial Balance as of November 30, 2011
- Cash Flow Projection as of November 30, 2011

bb. Payment of Bills

February 2012

General Fund A	\$1,757,855.43
Trust & Agency	\$2,843,061.47
Federal	\$33,168.65
School Lunch	\$223,236.78
Capital	\$61,200.00
Child Care	\$693.76
Debt Service	\$13,406.25
Net Payroll	\$4,001,596.34

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 23, 2012.

Unfinished Business

Adoption of Regulation \$5660R – School Lunch Program - **TABLED**

Discussion

Mr. Ruf explained the deficit that this program has incurred for a second year in a row. This program should be self-sustaining. Do we continue in the way that we have already been going or do we increase the price of a meal to offset some of the deficit.

Mrs. Lieberman says that she has a real hard time of it. Sometimes, this is only food that some of these children are getting for the day. She can not support this policy. She objects to offering a cheese sandwich or peanut butter and jelly and not a regular meal.

Mrs. Schulman has the same issue.

Mrs. Rothman questioned, “How do we know if some parents are being irresponsible or if they have a real need”?

Mr. Dempsey stated that we will try to come up with another alternative to present to the Board.

Mr. Bettan asked that we go back to the drawing board.

Amendment – Policy #6231 – Travel: By Employees

Recommendation

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman, that the Board of Education approve the amendment to Policy #6231 – Travel: By Employees.

Amendment – Policy #7231 – Advanced Placement Tests

Recommendation

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman, that the Board of Education approve the amendment to Policy #7231 – Advanced Placement Tests.

New Business

1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the field trips on the memo dated February 6, 2012.

2. Additional Staff Development Course and Facilitator

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following additional Staff Development Course for 2011-12:

Course Name

Demonstrations in the Physics Classroom

Instructor

Jordan Pekor

Executive Session

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Catanese

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Jonas
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Gary Bettan, President