

Minutes of School Board Meeting – February 25, 2013

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

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

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Gierasch, Mr. Eagen, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,
M. Aloe, Mr. Christopher Guercio, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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

Executive Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Ruf
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Amy Pierno, President

There were approximately 40 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Pierno stated this is the first meeting at which the 2013-2014 budget will be discussed. There will be an overview of the budget by Dr. Lewis and Mr. Ruf will review technology and our buildings' budgets.

Board Announcements

Mr. Cepeda stated that last week he had the opportunity to join with Long Island business and civic leaders to hear the Governor discuss and explain his visions of his budget. Mr. Cepeda believes there are some things the educational community would be in favor of. However, some things are taken from one side and given to the other. Mr. Cepeda stated that you lose certainty of the money you have to work with.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that it is important that we call and write the Governor and every legislator to express our views on how detrimental this is to education. She stated that this is the end of education as we know it. Many school districts have made severe cuts now. We have to write letters and let everyone know how they are destroying education. We need the proper amount of funds for our programs and mandates. She stated we have a noose around our neck that is about to drop. We have to make phone calls and write letters asking the Governor to restore the state aid.

Mrs. Pierno stated that on February 19 she and Dr. Lewis attended the Colored Pencils show by our students at the Tilles Center. It was wonderful and we have many talented students. She expressed her views that this show is an example of why we are fighting for the arts.

Mrs. Pierno stated that on February 13, Mattlin and Plainview Middle Schools PTAs sponsored a program by MADD. It was a great presentation and she thanked the PTAs for bringing this program into our schools.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she, Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. Schulman attended the NSCOSS Financial meeting.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis stated she attended a breakfast with Senator Carl Marcellino and other Superintendents. Dr. Lewis shared with him the contents of our teachers' contract that are the same this year as last year and yet our expenses have gone up because of mandates and TRS. We have a 1.9 million shortfall. We had a decrease in state aid. Senator Marcellino stated that everyone should write letters to the Governor regarding the impact of the reduced state aid.

Dr. Lewis stated that she too was very proud of the work done by our children in the Colored Pencils show. She also congratulated their teachers. Regent Tilles viewed the work and was very impressed.

Ms. Gierasch stated that we will be holding our Second Annual Parent University on April 9th. It will be held at Mattlin Middle School from 6:15 p.m. to 8:55 p.m. There will be two sessions with 15 course offerings each. There are a lot of offerings on how to choose a college and how to pay for a college. We will have baby sitting service available. Mr. Gierasch expressed her hopes that the community will come out. All information on this meeting will be on our website.

Reports

District Reserves

Mr. Ruf discussed the District's fund balance. He spoke of the Assigned Fund Balance of \$346,000 which represents prior year encumbrances. He spoke of the Assigned Fund Balance of \$4,200,000 which represent "giveback" to the taxpayers to offset the 2012/2013 tax levy. He explained that the \$19,500,000 restricted reserves are for unemployment, retirement, employee benefits accrued liability, and capital reserves. He also discussed the \$5,400,000 total unassigned fund balance which is at 4% of the budget and within the amount permitted by law.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno stated that we received a Triple A Bond rating because of our handling of our money.

Budget 2013/2014

Dr. Lewis stated that we have great students, great schools, great teachers, great staff and a great administration. We have a great community, supportive parents and a supportive Board of Education. She spoke of the areas of which we are especially proud. She reviewed how the budget was put together. She spoke of unfunded NYS and federal mandates, contractual obligations, decreasing revenues and the community's ability to pay. Dr. Lewis reviewed our K-12 enrollment and our projected enrollment next year of 4888. She stated that we have lost \$110.00 per child in State Aid. The drivers in our budget are salaries, TRS and ERS which represent a three million dollar increase in the budget. The discretionary portion of the budget is only 6%. This is the area that defines our district. She reviewed mandated costs in health insurance, tax certioraris and APPR. She also reviewed the level I cuts which would save 1.8 million. We still have to cut 1.9 million

Mrs. Pierno expressed her views that our main concern is the education of the children and of our taxpayers. It is going to be a tough job.

Budget Review

Technology

Mr. Ruf stated that code 2630-250-41 is an area of focus. The code identifies the district's technology equipment needs for 2013/2014. Mrs. Rothman asked about PARCC devices. Dr. Eagen discussed the need for these devices and what they are for.

Mrs. Lieberman asked what would happen if the school district can't afford to buy them.

Dr. Eagen stated he did not know.

Mrs. Lieberman stated this is a discussion worth having. We don't know if we really need these devices.

Mr. Bettan felt it was a poor decision for the district to be making. It is a folly we shouldn't follow. Our Wi-Fi wireless is not what it should be. He doesn't feel we should follow this down a dead end street. Our investment should not be led by this. He expressed his views that PARCC has not proved itself.

Mrs. Pierno agrees. We shouldn't be spending the money now. It may be given away next year.

Mr. Cepeda agrees that we should strengthen the backbone of our system. Until a firm plan and time line are established, we should not do this. We should make the expenditure in a wise way.

Mrs. Bernstein agrees with everything that has been said. It is a huge increase in the budget. We need to put more into our infrastructure. We should look at this number again. She spoke of the middle school enhancement program.

Mrs. Schulman asked if there is any way to separate PARCC. She also asked when our schools' wireless work will be completed.

Mr. Lodico stated the high school and middle schools will be completed in 2013/2014.

Mrs. Rothman asked if it would be more efficient to complete the wireless work for the whole district using some of the money that we were going to use for PARCC.

Mrs. Lieberman spoke of wireless devices.

Mrs. Pierno asked what functionality does the plan have for the elementary schools.

Mr. Lodico stated we are at Phase I. He spoke of the district providing devices.

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that you could bring your own devices. You build a network to let children use their own devices.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that that is one way to look at it. Down the road these devices may become like the calculator...where the district has to provide them.

Mrs. Rothman stated that many of our administrators would find it productive to have tablets. Could we consider this for our administrative staff.

Ms. Gierasch stated that some of this is built in the budget.

Mrs. Pierno requested that the PARCC initiative be separated out of the budget.

Kindergarten Center

Mr. Ruf discussed the Kindergarten Center budget. It has an increase of 10.4%. He reviewed what is driving this increase.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein asked why we pay for the Plainview Herald subscription. School districts should be getting this gratis. She stated she realizes this is a small amount. However, she believes it is worth looking into.

Mrs. Pierno noted that we have a paperless initiative. Paper was only reduced a minimal amount. Since we are going paperless, it seems it should be going down more.

Mr. Ruf explained.

Old Bethpage

Mr. Ruf stated that the budget for Old Bethpage decreased by almost 15%. This is due to a decrease in textbooks that were a one time purchase in the current year's budget.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein and Mrs. Schulman discussed the difference in the cost of purchasing safes in the schools.

Mr. Ruf stated he would check.

Parkway

Mr. Ruf stated that Parkway's budget is being reduced 21%. He reviewed the areas in which the greatest reduction occurs.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that the principals deserve a great deal of credit for achieving these cuts. They are doing a great job in difficult times.

Pasadena

Mr. Ruf stated that Pasadena's budget is being reduced by 20%. He reviewed their budget.

Stratford Road

Mr. Ruf reviewed Stratford Road's budget and stated it is being reduced by 10%. He spoke of replacing student desks. He spoke of textbooks.

Mattlin Middle School

Mr. Ruf stated Mattlin's budget is increasing almost 11%. He reviewed the equipment codes and discussed replacing textbooks and consumables.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno discussed the cost of the calculators in the middle schools and the high school.

Mrs. Schulman questioned where the whiteboard is listed in the budget.

Mrs. Bernstein asked how it is decided to put certain equipment in a building's budget and certain equipment in the technology budget.

Mr. Ruf and Mr. Mittleman responded.

Mr. Bettan stated it is important to know that the driving force is for table and chairs.

Plainview Middle School

Mr. Ruf stated that Plainview Middle School's budget is increasing 4.2%. He stated that next summer we will be updating the family consumer room. This was done for Mattlin last summer.

Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School

Mr. Ruf reviewed the high school's budget and stated it is decreasing 2.39%.

Discussion:

Mrs. Bernstein noted that we are replacing 100 calculators. She asked what percentage we have to replace every year.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we have budgeted for all the review books related to the curriculum.

Mrs. Pierno thanked the principals for all their work in building this budget.

Mr. Ruf thanked all the budget builders.

Public Participation

Mr. Steve Boder discussed the Fund Balance. He asked if it is separate from the budget. Is the money raised the same way. He asked why the fund balance is not shown in the budget publication.

Dr. Lewis responded that we have to do a better job of explaining the fund balance.

Mrs. Cheryl Dender, PTA Council President, invited the Board Members to a Legislative Breakfast on April 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. This breakfast is being co-sponsored by the PCT, ASA, the Syosset PTA Council and the Syosset Teachers' Association. Mrs. Dender stated that a number of legislators have committed to attending. The public is invited. The topics to be discussed include high school testing, stress on our children due to testing, and loss of State aid among other items.

Mrs. Lieberman stated this is a great grass roots effort. She stated that the coalition that PTA Council built is wonderful.

Mr. Bettan commended everyone involved and thanked them for their efforts.

Mrs. Chris D'Alessandro requested that any handouts that are given at Board meetings be put on the website.

Mrs. Pierno stated they will be.

Mr. Sunny Zheng, a student, stated that the primary purpose of a budget is to provide the means to educate children. He discussed the network and devices. He stated that changing the woodwork course into a computer course is long overdue. He expressed his views teachers should not be cut.

Mrs. Cathy Rea, SEPTA President, discussed possible reductions in special education.

Mr. Jacque Wolfner asked for an explanation of several items on the agenda.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman 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 – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>
Sharon Smith	Special Education Teacher Stratford E.S.	Mar. 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013

Professional Staff – Regular Substitute Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Leah Kalfin	Special Education Teacher – Regular Substitute—Assign: Stratford Elem. (replacing S. Smith on Leave of Absence)	Mar. 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$62,396 Step 1MA To be prorated

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

Suzanne Bishop	Elementary Teacher Stratford Elementary School	Feb. 19, 2013	\$92,452 Step 10MA20 To be prorated
Rachel Diaz	Reading Teacher H.B. Mattlin Middle School	Mar. 11, 2013	\$94,296 Step 8MA60L1 To be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Resignation

Patrick Murphy	Security Aide Part Time POBJFK High School	Feb. 28, 2013	
Theresa Argus	School Monitor Part Time Old Bethpage Elementary School	Feb. 28, 2013	

* Salary pending 2012/2-13 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Eileen Horan- Michelena	Senior Typist Clerk Pupil Personnel	Feb. 27, 2013	

Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

Carolina Izzo	Security Aide POBJFK High School	Mar. 5, 2013	
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Non-Teaching Personnel - Appointment

Stace Domagala	Security Aide PT Old Bethpage School 3.5 hours per day Monday-Friday	Feb. 25, 2013	\$24.27 p.h.
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Robert Cardinal	Security Aide PT – Old Bethpage 3.5 hours per day	Security Aide PT Substitute	Feb. 22, 2013	\$24.27 p.h.

* Salary pending 2012-2013 contract negotiations

Personnel Recommendation – Rosetta Stone Parent Class/Celebration of Diversity

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rochelle Verstaendig	ESL Teacher for Rosetta Stone Parent Class	School Year 2012/2013	8 hrs@\$84.63* per hour
Rochelle Verstaendig	Celebration of Diversity	“	3 hrs@\$84.63* per hour
Susan Laviola	Celebration of Diversity	“	3 hrs@\$76.76* per hour
Marisa Fang	Celebration of Diversity	“	3 hrs@\$83.88* per hour
Richard D’Esposito	Celebration of Diversity	“	3 hrs@\$76.76* per hour
Ruth Lazarus	Celebration of Diversity	“	3 hrs@80.53* per hour
Seema Sumod	Celebration of Diversity	“	2 hrs@\$69.51* per hour

* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

Coaching Recommendation – 2012/2013 School Year

Joseph Weinstein	Head Coach, JV Mens Lacrosse	3/13	\$4711
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Non-Teaching Personnel – 4th R – Spring 2013 Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alanna Donach	Cupcakes	2012/2013 school year	\$25.00 per class
Penny Flakowitz	Dance	“	\$25.00 per class
Alison Genshaft	Cupcakes	“	\$25.00 per class
Amanda Horowitz	Cupcakes/Arts & Crafts	“	\$25.00 per class
Deandra Vaglica	Cheerleading	“	\$25.00 per class
Randi Wertheimer	Cupcakes/Arts & Crafts	“	\$25.00 per class
Grace Zhao	Chinese Enrichment	“	\$25.00 per class

Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

Doug Garfinkel	Per Diem Substitute Teacher Appointment	Mar. 25, 2013	\$137.19*
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* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

3. Financea. Contract – Physical Therapy – 2012/2013

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2012/2013 school year with Metro Therapy, Inc. to provide various students with physical therapy services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Health & Welfare Services

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2012/2013 school year with Great Neck U.F.S.D. to provide seven students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

c. Cooperative Bids – 2013/2014

1. That the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing participation in cooperative bids for the 2013/2014 school year for the following:

A/C & Refrigeration Service	Lock Supply & Hardware
Air Filers HVAC	Lumber & Masonry Supplies
Asphalt, Concrete & Parking Lot Sweeping	PA, Intercom & Master Clock Service
Automatic Temperature Control	Paint & Associated Supplies
Boiler/Burner Service	Painting Services
General Boiler Welding	Plumbing Services
Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment Repair	Plumbing Supplies
Carpet & Floor Tile Installation	Pump & Motor Repairs
Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning	Roofing Repair
Suspended Ceiling Tile & Installation	Running Track, Tennis Court & Playground Resurfacing
Custodial Equipment Repair	Signs & Associated Supplies
Custodial Supplies	Small Equipment
Door Installation & Repair	Split Air Conditioning Units
Drag Mops	Steam Traps & Parts
Electrical Service	Storm Drain Maintenance
Electrical Supplies	Swimming Pool Repairs
Elevator Service	Swimming Pool Supplies
Emergency Generator Service	Theatrical Lighting & Stage Rigging Repl.
Equipment Rentals	Trash Bags
Fence Installation & Repair	Tree Maintenance
Fire Extinguisher Service	Uniforms
Fuel Tank Alarm/Tank/Manhole Repairs	Venetian Blinds & Shades & Stage Curtain Cleaning
Geese Control	Window Glazing Repairs, Parts & Replacement
Green Products	Wood Floor Sanding, Refinishing & Repairs
Grounds Equipment Repair	
Gymnasium Equipment Repair	
IPM – Pest Control	
Irrigation Installation & Service	
Well Installation	
Locksmith Services	

c. Cooperative Bids – 2013/2014 (continued)

2. The following bid will be issued exclusively for the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD:

Rubbish Removal

We are also at the same time pursuing other types of contracts including State contracts and County contracts in conjunction with these bids.

d. Contract – Health & Welfare Services

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2012/2013 school year with Uniondale U.F.S.D. to provide 73 students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

e. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Informational Transfers as of February 25, 2013
- Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2012
- Revenue Status Report as of December 31, 2012
- Quarterly Vendor Report as of December 31, 2012

f. Treasurer Reports

That the Board of Education approve the following:

- Treasurer's Report for December, 2012
- Trial Balance as of December 31, 2012
- Cash Flow Projection as of December 31, 2012

4. Miscellaneous

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of February 11, 2013.

Unfinished Business

Internet Safety and Use Policies – #7314/6460 - TABLE

Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines – Regulation #7314/6460R - TABLE

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve tabling Internet Safety and Use Policies, #7314/6460 and Computer Network and Internet Safety and Use Guidelines – Regulation #7314/6460R as amended.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan expressed his views that we should keep all areas open and not restrict usage. We should open everything up.

Mr. Bettan stated facebook is blocked. Students collaborate and work together through facebook and other social networks. We are blocking a lot of things.

Mrs. Lieberman disagreed. Social networks should not be allowed. Teachers should not be friending students. You open up a pandora's box with this.

Mrs. Schulman stated it is allowable at another site.

Mr. Bettan stated it restricts chat rooms.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that we can always revise and amend if we approve it tonight.

Mrs. Pierno discussed wording that parent/guardian can opt out of their children using the internet.

Mrs. Bernstein asked how we can control it.

New Business

1. Tax Levy Limit Calculation – 2013/2014

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Tax Levy Limit Calculation for 2013/2014 in the amount of \$119,767,472 or a 3.09% increase.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan stated if we got a last minute reprieve , the 3.09 number would come down.

2. Additional Staff Development Courses – 2012/2013

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following staff development courses for the 2012/2013 school year:

Effective Questioning (Parts 2 and 3) Old Bethpage

Using Helison's Levels of Responsibility in the Gymnasium (Pasadena)

Common Core in Physical Education

Elementary Health (Elementary)

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Forum

3. Settlement of Agreement – General Release

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement General Release and Confession of Judgment for the employee named in Executive Session.

4. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the Field Trips noted on the memo dated February 25, 2013.

5. Circulation of: Policy #3210, “Visitors to the School”
Policy #7130, “Attendance Areas”
Policy #7212, “Private, Remedial or Developmental Services”
Policy #7521, “Concussion Management - NEW POLICY
Policy #8451, “Tutoring”
Policy #8480, “Class Size”

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the following polices for review and comments:

Policy #3210, “Visitors to the School”
Policy #7130, “Attendance Areas”
Policy #7212, “Private, Remedial or Developmental Services”
Policy #7521, “Concussion Management - NEW POLICY
Policy #8451, “Tutoring”
Policy #8480, “Class Size”

6. Revision of District’s Cell Phone Regulation - #6830.2R

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following revisions to the Cellular Telephone Regulation #6830.2R:

Tablet Data Plan
Superintendent of Schools (1)
Security Guards (4)
Assistant Superintendents (3)
Director of Facilities & Operations
Director of Health, Safety and Transportation (1)

No. Restrictions plus data plan
Director of Technology (1)
Director of Facilities & Operations (1)

6. Revision of District's Cell Phone Regulation - #6830.2R (Continued)

No Restrictions

Superintendent (1)

Building Principals (8)

Directors (3)

Maintenance Supervisor (1)

Security (1)

Athletic Trainers (1)

Chairperson of Science (1)

Athletic Coordinators (2)

Literacy Coordinator (1)

Coordinators of TAG Program (2)

Head Custodians (7)

Supervising Groundskeeper (1)

Messenger/Bus Driver (1)

Bus Driver (1)

Restricted Outgoing

Nurse Coordinator (1)

Assistant Head Custodian (3)

Maintainers (8)

Groundskeepers (5)

Custodian in Charge (1)

Custodian (2)

Asst. Supervisor of Transportation (1)

Senior Stores Clerk (1)

Middle School Assistant Principals (4)

Middle School Nurse (2)

Elementary Schools Night Custodian In Charge (4)

Direct Connect Only

Assistant Superintendent (1)

Director of health, Safety and Transportation (1)

District cellular telephones are provided for business purposes. Employees will be required to acknowledge in writing that they understand this and that they will be held responsible for any misuse of a district cell phone.

7. Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education approve the Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract.

8. Settlement Agreement

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education hereby approves the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to approve a settlement agreement with the Buildings and Grounds Unit under AAA Case No. 13 300 01041 12, and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same.

9. Letter to Governor

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mrs. Lieberman that the Board of Education write a letter to Governor Cuomo indicating the areas in his budget that need to be amended to benefit education.

Executive Session:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education recess the meeting for purposes of personnel and negotiations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Amy Pierno, President

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

Acting District Clerk

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

Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lorna Lewis
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Amy Pierno, President

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Amy Pierno, President

There were approximately 30 district residents and staff members present.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Pierno stated that we will hear a report this evening on State Aid.

Mrs. Pierno, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked our Buildings and Grounds staff for the tremendous job they did in clearing the snow around our school buildings. She also thanked our staff who live out east and left their homes early and managed to get into school.

High School Update

Laura Isaacson updated the Board on events at Plainview-Old Bethpage JFK High School.

Board Announcements

Mr. Bettan stated that he spent the last two weeks following our wrestling team. The following eight wrestlers were named to the ALL-CONFERENCE team following the Nassau County Division I Qualifying Wrestling Tournament this past weekend:

Peter Pappas	P.J. Fusco	Justin Tehrani	Nicky Laiosa
Dylan Schmidt	Max Bettan	Andrew Weiser	

Mr. Bettan stated the wrestling team has a new coach and we have a very successful program. He congratulated the wrestlers, their parents and their coach on their outstanding achievement.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that she along with other Board members had the opportunity of attending the Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School show, "Big". It was a wonderful show. We have very talented students. She thanked and congratulated the students both on the stage and behind the stage, their advisors, their teachers and their families on such a successful show.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that she and other Board Members attended a Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association Conference, "Long Island Schools in the Eye of the Storm". It was a very depressing meeting. Schools are cutting programs and teachers. It is only the beginning. Long Island and Westchester give 67% to the State and we only receive 12%. She urged us to go to Albany and fight for what Long Island deserves. She expressed her views that "our legs are being cut off". We have to put our collective heads together. They only listen at election time.

Mrs. Bernstein stated that PTA and the PCT are organizing a legislative breakfast. We should invite our Governor to this breakfast and let him hear from us directly.

Mr. Cepeda stated it is very sobering that insolvency is being spoken of. He expressed his views that this is the challenge of our time and our way of life. He spoke of Relay for Life. They are kicking off their 10th year in Plainview. They are hoping to bring the total raised in Plainview to one million dollars.

Mr. Cepeda stated that our varsity cheerleaders returned from Florida. He extended congratulations to them. They came in 18 out of 42 in their group. This is quite an accomplishment.

Mrs. Pierno stated that Plainview Middle School PTA hosted a basketball game with the Harlem Wizards on January 30th. It was a great game and everyone enjoyed themselves. She thanked PTA for hosting this event.

Superintendent's Announcements

Snap Recognition

Ms. Ellie Becker and Mr. James Murray recognized Paige Bravin and Barbi Schwartzberg. She spoke of their work in TAG and SNAP. Over the years they have donated much to the District. Mr. Murray spoke of the Life Skills Room at the High School. This room was funded by Ms. Bravin and Ms. Schwartzberg and other members of SNAP.

Mrs. Pierno echoed the sentiments of Ms. Becker and Mr. Murray. She thanked them for all their hard work.

Mrs. Schulman spoke of what dedicated parents can do. She is very proud and very grateful.

Relay for Life

Dr. Lewis stated she was very privileged to meet with the people spear heading Relay for Life. Mr. Eagen stated that it will be held June 8th this year. He introduced Ms. Lynn Blumenthal. She stated that this is the 10th year the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District has sponsored this event. They are hoping to bring the total raised in Plainview to \$1,000,000. She presented the Board with a banner, a plaque, a tray of cookies and other "goodies". She expressed her views that this amount of money could never have been raised without the support of the school district.

Ms. Blumenthal commended our Buildings and Grounds staff for all their work in making this event so successful over the years.

Mrs. Bernstein stated this says something wonderful about the generosity of our community.

Dr. Lewis also commended the Plainview-Old Bethpage community for all their efforts in this wonderful endeavor.

Dr. Lewis stated that she too attended the Plainview Middle School Play, “Big.” It was wonderful. She noted that due to the inclement weather, they had a 2:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Dr. Lewis stated that this is Plainview Middle School Spirit Week. It is great to know that spirit is alive in Plainview.

Dr. Lewis also had the opportunity to see Parkway PTA’s presentation of the Wizard of Oz. She was very impressed with PTA’s presentation and the number of hours PTA put into making this show so successful. She noted that they rescheduled the missed performance of the Wizard of Oz to February 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Lewis spoke of Regent Tilles’ visit to Plainview. He visited Old Bethpage school and read poetry to a fourth grade class. He was very impressed with our Hero’s Museum and he will donate to this museum. He was also very impressed with our Holocaust Center. Regent Tilles visited Pasadena School and saw teachers working on Common Core. He also viewed work done by the children. Regent Tilles went to the K-Center to speak with the teachers on the impact of testing on the students. He also spoke with the children.

Dr. Lewis stated that on February 19th there will be a Paper and Pencil Show at the Tilles Center.

On February 1st, she welcomed Senator Kenneth LaValle. He discussed how the legislature worked and responded to questions from fifth graders.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she and other members of the Board attended the ribbon cutting of the Artifacts Museum at POBJFK High School. She urged everyone to go and see this museum.

State Aid

Mr. Ruf discussed the Governor's proposed 2013-2014 state aid package. Overall in the general operating aid category, there is a 2% increase statewide. On Long Island, there is an actual decrease in general operating aid of nearly seven million and in Nassau County the decrease is almost 2%. He stated that given the reduction in the Governor's proposal in High Tax Aid, Plainview-Old Bethpage is projected to lose \$1.1 million in this aid category. This reduction will be partially offset by the increase in the expense driven state aid category but the overall decrease based on the Governor's proposal for Plainview-Old Bethpage is 4%.

Mr. Ruf stated we will continue to monitor negotiations at the State level.

Public Participation

Ms. Debbie Baer, Mattlin Middle School's PTA President, thanked the Board of Education for giving parents access to the parent portal.

Ms. Susan Stewart, High School College Awards Vice President stated that on February 26 the high school PTA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Chill Cook-Off. The funds raised by this event will benefit the Dollars for Scholars scholarship campaign. The hospital will be represented as they were last year. She stated it is a fun event and urged everyone to attend.

Ms. Stefanie Nelkens asked if there was any consideration given to adding extra help time particularly in the 8th grade. She would like to know how much it would cost. She also asked if there could be more peer tutoring.

Mr. Jacques Wolfner discussed the BOCES budget. He asked for an explanation of several items on the agenda.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman 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 Personnel Recommendation – Interim Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Paul A. Kopp	Interim Elementary Principal-Old Bethpage Elementary – Replacing S. Gray – Child Care	April 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2013 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$600 per diem

Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

Jeannine Gulli- Kachuba	Special Education Teacher-H.B. Mattlin Middle School	Feb. 15, 2013 thru May 3, 2013
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Professional Staff – Leave of Absence Without Pay

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Siegel	Guidance Counselor POBJFK High School	Feb. 26, 2013 thru April 5, 2013 (up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	

Professional Staff – Returning from Leave of Absence

Stacey Dubrow	Special Education Teacher – H. B. Mattlin Middle School	Feb. 19, 2013	\$94,229* Step 9MA45 to be Prorated
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* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiation

Non-Teaching Personnel – Resignation

Maria Velapoldi	Bus Attendant Part time	Jan. 28, 2013
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Non-Teaching Personnel - Termination

Joanne Parzuchowski	Chauffeur PT (Senior Citizens)	Jan. 25, 2013
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary *</u>
Andrew Dilillo	Probationary Evening Cleaner – Mattlin M.S. (Replacing Richard Tesoriero who was promoted to custodian)	Feb. 12, 2012	\$36,678+\$750 Step 3+N. Diff. To be prorated

Non-Teaching Personnel – Appointment

Carlos Ares	Security Aide PT K-Center 17.5 hours per week	Jan. 11, 2013	\$24.27 p.h.
Stephanie Engasser	Bus Attendant PT – 4 hours per day	Feb. 12, 2013	\$18.91 p.h.
Pauline Stein	Bus Attendant PT 3 hours per day	Feb. 12, 2013	\$20.44 p.h. prorated

* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

Non-Teaching personnel – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Amber Vaccaro	Lifeguard Trainee PT	Lifeguard I PT (instructor)	Feb. 12, 2013	\$12.50 ph

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators – School Year 2012/2013

<u>Name</u> <u>Facilitators</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Margaret Fessel	Reading/Writing/Listening/ Speaking in the Mathematics Classroom	School Year 2012/2013	1	\$53.76
Jason Oblog	The Relationship Between Physical Fitness and Academic Achievement (Elementary)	“	1	\$53.76
Jason Obloj	Innovative Ways to Improve Physical Fitness in Physical Education (Elementary)	“	1	\$53.76
Aviva Sala	Resource and Referral Directory (MMS, JFK H.S./ POB M.S.)	“	1	\$53.76
Aviva Sala	Social Work Collegial Circle (MMS, JFK H.S.)	“	1	\$53.76
Justin Szwejkowski	Integrating Physical Education & Language Arts (Elementary)	“	1	\$53.76

Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Work Hours

Janice Shaffer	Teacher Aide POB JFK High School	School Year 2012/2013		\$20.44 p.h.*
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* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

Coaching Recommendation – Change of Status

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer LaMaida	Asst. Coach MS Womens Lacrosse	Head Coach JV Womens Lacrosse	4-13	\$4432*
Lisa Swierkowski	Head Coach MS Softball	Asst. Coach JV Womens Lacrosse	4-13	\$3960*

Summer 2013 Special Education – Summer Program – Appointment

Neil Lasher	Lead Teacher Special Ed Summer Program	Summer 2013 Preparatory Work	\$7,893 30 hour \$53.76/hour*
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* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

Appointments – Professional Staff – TAG Program – School Year 2012/2013

Ronda Fischer	Registered Nurse Substitute	School Year 2012/2013	\$135.00 per day To be prorated
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Personnel Recommendations – Tutors for Homebound Students

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Vivian Gold	Home Tutor	School Year 2012/2013	\$52.71/

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary*</u>
Liam O'Brien	Chaperone	School Year 2012/2013	\$90.36/sess.

Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

Michelle Frankel	Per Diem Substitute Appointment	Feb. 11, 2013	\$137.19
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitutes

Gregory Aiello	Cleaner Part Time Substitute	School Year 2012/2013	\$12.25 ph
Marialena Arciold	School Monitor Part Time Substitute	"	\$ 8.50 ph

* Salary pending 2012/2013 contract negotiations

3. Finance

a. Contract – Home Tutoring – 2012/2013

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2012/2013 school year with Islip Tutoring Service, Inc. to provide various students with home tutoring services as listed in the contract.

b. Contract – Health & Welfare Services – 2012/2013

That the Board of Education authorizes the President of the Board to sign a contract for the 2012/2013 school year with Syosset Central School District, to provide 14 students with health and welfare services as listed in the contract.

c. Contract – Health & Welfare 2012/2013

That the Board of Education authorize the President of the Board to sign the following Health and Welfare contracts for students residing in the following school districts and attending HANC for the 2012/2013 school year:

Bethpage (1)	Glen Cove City (1)	Jericho (2)
Commack (1)	Great Neck (5)	Levittown (2)
Deer Park (2)	Half Hollow Hills (5)	Merrick (8)
East Meadow (2)	Herricks (2)	Mineola (4)
East Williston (5)	Huntington (4)	Oyster Bay (2)
Plainedge (2)	Roslyn (6)	North Bellmore (5)
South Huntington (3)	Syosset (3)	Westbury (2)

d. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Business Office, Human Resources, Parkway ES

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the items listed on Ms. Ronelle Hershkowitz’s memo of January 23, Mr. Timothy Eagen’s memo of January 29, and Mr. Rod Olivero’s memo of February 5, 2013.

e. Budget Reports

That the Board of Education approve the approval transfer as of February 11, 2013

f. Payment of Bills

February, 2013

General Fund A	\$3,438,400.73
Trust and Agency	\$3,105,923.14
Federal	\$ 59,586.84
School Lunch	\$ 322.74
Capital	\$ 778,724.45
Net Payroll	\$3,919,616.57

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meeting of January 28, 2013.

Unfinished Business

Elimination/Addition of Co-Curricular Clubs – POBJFK High School

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Cepeda, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to create a new club, “Talent Show Club” and eliminate the “Broadway Theater Club.”

New Business

1. Additional Staff Development Courses – 2012/2013

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following staff development courses for the 2012/2013 school year:

Reading/Writing/Listening/Speaking in the Mathematics Classroom

The Relationship Between Physical Fitness and Academic Achievement
(Elementary)

Innovative Ways to Improve Physical Fitness in Physical Fitness in
Physical Education (Elementary)

Integrating Physical Education and Language Arts (Elementary)

Resource and Referral Directory (MMS, JFK HS, POB MS)

Social Work Collegial Circle (MMS, JFK HS)

2. Elimination/Addition of Co-Curricular Clubs – MMS

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Lieberman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to eliminate the “Science Olympiads Club” and replace it with the “5th and 6th Grades Jazz Ensemble” at Mattlin Middle School.

Executive Session:

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education recess the meeting for purposes of personnel and negotiations.

The meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer
District Clerk

Approved: _____
Amy Pierno, President

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

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Lewis Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lorna Lewis
Acting District Clerk

Approved: _____
Amy Pierno, President