

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 24, 2014

A Meeting of the Board of Education, Port Washington Union Free School District, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, Port Washington, New York was held on April 24, 2014 at the Paul D. Schreiber High School, Port Washington, New York. Mrs. Sloan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mrs. Karen Sloan, Mr. William Hohausser (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Alan Baer, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mr. Lawrence Greenstein, Mr. Vernon McDermott and Mrs. Christina Nadolne.

**Also Present:** Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Elaine Fenick, Human Resources Administrator; Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Howard Miller, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC.

**Executive Session**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted 6 – 0 to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss specific personnel, negotiations and to obtain legal advice from District’s outside counsel.

**Reconvene**

When the Board of Education reconvened in open session at 8:13 p.m., there were approximately 40 members of the public in attendance.

**I. Flag Salute**

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mrs. Karen Sloan, Mr. William Hohausser, Mr. Alan Baer, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mr. Lawrence Greenstein, Mr. Vernon McDermott and Mrs. Christina Nadolne.

**Also Present:** Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Elaine Fenick, Human Resources Administrator; Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted unanimously to adopt the April 24, 2014 agenda.

**IV. Student and Community Comments**

**V. Opening Statement by the President**

A. Other Comments

**VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

1. Enrollment
2. Student Report
3. General Information

**VII. Approval of Minutes as follows:**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Hohausser, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Meeting.

**VIII. Discussion Item**

**IX. Committee Reports**

1. Policy & Personnel
2. Budget & Facilities
3. Curriculum

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Budget & Fiscal**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve items 1 through 2a and 3 through 5, as listed below; on motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Nadolne, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve item 2b as listed below:

1. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Revenue and Appropriation Report, and Extra Classroom Activity Report dated February 28, 2014.
2. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following BOCES resolutions:
  - a. WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau (hereafter "BOCES") has proposed and presented its tentative administrative operations budget for the 2014-2015 school year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015),  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOCES tentative administrative budget for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of nineteen million, eight hundred ninety three thousand, nine hundred fifty five dollars (\$19,893,955) be, and hereby is, approved by this Board.
  - b. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education cast the noted votes (not to exceed three) for the three vacancies to be filled with no more than one (1) vote cast for any candidate:

Steven B. Witt

Eric B. Shultz

Deborah Coates

**A. Budget & Fiscal - Continued**

3. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Veronica Horsky to serve as the Chief Election Inspector at the 2014 Budget Vote & Election at a rate of pay of \$12 per hour, and

FURTHER, appoint the following individuals to serve as Assistant Chief Election Inspectors at the 2013 Budget Vote & Election at a rate of pay of \$11 per hour:

Marie Ircha-Young

Catherine Lewis

Laura Mogul

FURTHER, appoint the following individuals to serve as Election Inspectors at the 2014 Budget Vote & Election at a rate of pay of \$10 per hour:

Ayendy, Angela

Babic Lidia

Brunwasser, Marlene

Cava, Elizabeth

Cohen, Harold

Cole, Jeannine

Cosenza, Henry

Cosenza, Josephine

Cosolito, Marie

Day, Geraldine

Giordano, Dominick

Hackett, Jill

Hall, Edith

Heller, Ronnie

Ihrig, Milton

Ihrig, Wiladean

Ircha-Young, Marie

Kirmser, Earl

Lewis, Kathleen

Liddell, Gwendolyn

Matingle, Pam

Rosenberg, Susan

**A. Budget & Fiscal - Continued**

Rudnick, Pat

Rudnick, Selwyn

Schneider, Edith

Stewart, Barbara

Young, Liana

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District Clerk be and hereby is empowered to appoint substitute Inspectors and Assistant Clerks should any of the above-named persons fail to serve.

4. Accept a donation of \$750 to the Joseph Giordano Memorial Scholarship Fund.
5. WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Port Washington Union Free School District (the "District") is authorized by Section 1709(12) of the New York Education Law to accept gifts on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, a prospective donor has offered to make a gift of stock to the District, and the donor does not wish to sell the stock first and donate cash to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board would like to accept the gift of stock as proffered by the prospective donor, but typically does not buy and/or sell shares of stock in the name of the District and therefore does not maintain a stock trade account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a temporary stock trade account for the sole purpose of accepting the gift of stock that has been offered to the District, and within thirty (30) days thereafter selling the stock and depositing the proceeds from the sale of the stock into the District's general fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that school staff shall immediately close the stock trade account upon completion of the sale of such stock; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the District's officers and employees to incur and pay on behalf of the District all reasonable and appropriate transactional fees required for this purpose and to execute all such agreements as may be required to open and close a temporary stock trade account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of this transaction, the Board shall adopt a further resolution to formally accept the gift and memorialize in the Board's meeting minutes the specific dollar value of the gift realized by the District from the proceeds of sale, and the Board shall thank and acknowledge the donor, by name, for the donor's generosity.

**B. Facilities**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve item 1 as listed below:

1. WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2014-2015 school year and Summer 2014 (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Port Washington Union Free School District, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for public transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Port Washington Union Free School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

**C. Curriculum**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve items 1 through 4 as listed below:

1. Approve the Health and Welfare Service Agreements to provide health and welfare services to students residing in the Port Washington Union Free School District and attending non-public schools in the following school districts for the 2013-2014 school year:

Garden City Union Free School District

Hicksville Public Schools

South Huntington Union Free School District

Uniondale Union Free School District

2. Approve the following textbook for use in Schreiber High School:

- a. Temas, P. Draggett, C. Conlin, M. Ehsam, E. Millan, Vista Higher Learning, Inc., 2014, Spanish, Grades 10, 11, 12.

**C. Curriculum - Continued**

3. Approve the contract between the Port Washington Union Free School District and Nassau BOCES for participation in the Nassau BOCES Summer Enrichment Program for 2014.

4. Approve the following list of Impartial Hearing Officers to be appointed to serve:

Abberbock, Ellen

Agoston, Linda

Albert, Peter

Almeleh, Lynn

Barbour, Susan

Bauchner, Stuart

Blaustone, Beryl

Brandenburg, Wendy

Brandow, Regina

Briglio, Robert

Bumbalo, Paul

Cohen, Diane

Cutler-Igoe, Ellen

Deleon, Edgar

DeWan, Debra

Eberstein, Barbara J.

Farago, John

Feinberg, Rona

Ferrigno, Lorraine

Finkelstein, Sharyn

Flame, Lana

Gross, Lorraine

Haken Steve

Halberstam, Sinai

Heidelberger, Jonathan

Hughes, Sherri

Itzla, Amy Lynne

Jacob, Howard

Joyner, Theresa

**C. Curriculum - Continued**

Kandilakis, George

Keefe, Jeanne

Kehoe, Martin

Kershen, Harry

Kestenbaum, Elise

Lassinger, Dora

Lazan, Michael

Lederman, Nancy

Luban, Edward

Lushing, Susan

Mackreth, Robert

Mahoney Timothy

McKeever, James

Milliman, Tina

Monk, James

Moore, Christine

Murphy, Leah

Naun, John

Nisely, Robert

Noe, Mary

Odom, Veronica

**Orland, Janice K.**

**Deleted effective 4/11/14**

Peters, Gary

Peters, Kenneth

Phelan, Patricia

**Quinn, Joseph**

**Deleted effective 4/21/14**

Reichel, Heidi

Richmond, Susan Mills

Ritzenberg, Kenneth

Roberts, George

Rosen, Paul

Roth, Roslyn

Schad, Jerome

**C. Curriculum - Continued**

Schiff, Martin  
Jeffrey Schiro  
Schneider, Judith  
Silver, Marjorie  
Tessler, Craig  
Turetsky, Aaron  
Venezia, Arthur  
Wahrman, Israel  
Wall, William  
Walsh, James  
Walsh, Marion  
Wanderman, Carl  
Washington, Denise  
Weiner, Marc  
Wolman, Mindy  
**Wooley, Joseph**  
Ziev, Joel

**Deleted effective 4/8/14**

**D. Personnel**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the Board of Education voted unanimously to approve items 1 through 10 as listed below:

1. Approve the resignation of the following instructional staff with the approval of the Superintendent:
  - a. Amanda Carew, Music Teacher, Weber effective 6/30/14
2. Approve the return from childcare leave of absence of the following instructional staff with the approval of the Superintendent:
  - a. Laurie Jacobson, Guidance, Schreiber, \$119,587 (MA+60 Step 13) effective 9/1/14
3. Approve the request for childcare leave of absence of the following instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Victoria Bucci, Psychologist, Daly, effective 4/29/14 to no later than 6/30/14
  - b. Nina Evans, Elementary Teacher, Manorhaven, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/14
  - c. Jamie Loehner, Science Teacher, Schreiber, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15
  - d. Sarah Jane Mango, Art Teacher, Weber, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15
  - e. Tricia McCarthy, Elementary Teacher, Weber, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15



**D. Personnel - Continued**

- f. Liza Nettleton, ESL Teacher, Schreiber, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15
- g. Jennifer Parendo, Elementary Teacher, Sousa, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15
4. Approve the request for leave of absence of the following instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Bryan Frank, Social Studies Department Chair, Schreiber, effective 9/1/14 to no later than 6/30/15
5. Approve the leave coverage appointment of the following instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Ericka Bloomfield, Psychologist, Daly, \$82,826 (DOC Step 1) effective 4/29/14 to no later than 6/30/14
6. Approve the appointment of the following staff to the Summer Driver Education Program with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Peter Macedo, Instructor, \$59.00 per hour, not to exceed 51 hours
  - b. Neil Miller, Instructor, \$61.00 per hour, not to exceed 51 hours
7. Approve the resignation of the following non-instructional staff for the purpose of retirement with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Ann Kuhn, Educational Assistant, Guggenheim, effective 4/19/14
  - b. Augusto C. Saldana, Custodian, Sousa, effective 8/30/14
8. Approve the appointment of the following non-instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Tracey Callender, Educational Assistant, full-time 10 months, Guggenheim, \$21,351, effective 4/25/14
9. Approve the appointment of the following Psychiatrist for the 2013/2014 school year with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Dr. Randall Solomon
10. Approve the appointment of the following instructional and non-instructional substitutes, as per the attached list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent.

**XI. Old Business**

**XII. New Business**

**XIII. Opportunity for the Community to be Heard**

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned  
at 8:38 p.m.

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Mary Callahan

District Clerk

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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