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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE WINTHROP AVENUE SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, December 15, 2009 AT 8:00 P.M.

Those present:

Janet Goller, President

Jay L. T. Breakstone, Vice President

Marion Blane

Brian Desmond

Steven Traum

Joseph S. Famularo, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Deborah DeLuca, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Deirdre Gambino, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology

Jack S. Feldman, Esq.

Randy Yee, District Clerk

Ms. Goller, President, called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. at which time the Board:

- Reviewed the agenda
- Dr. Famularo provided an update on the solar energy project, noting that the District has already started to save energy by producing 700 kilowatts of energy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane to enter executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

The motion was carried 5-0.

The Board met with representatives of the CSEA and re-entered public session at 8:02 p.m. at which time Ms. Goller, President, called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum seconded by Mr. Desmond to accept the minutes of the Board meetings of November 17, and November 30, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum seconded by Ms. Blane to accept the treasurer's report for the months ending November 30, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

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Correspondence

None

Purchasing

Ms. Blane proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Desmond and unanimously approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of its Claims Auditor to approve the warrants of Fund A – 10-12; Fund C – 3; Fund F – 6; and Fund T – 12 and 13, which are on file in the District Office.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Famularo's Superintendent's Report began with a tribute to Mr. Sheldon Dumain, the previous Superintendent of the Bellmore Schools who passed away last year. Dr. Famularo noted that Mr. Dumain was dedicated to the schools and the children, and noted that he had learned a lot from him.

He then introduced former Assistant Superintendents Rich Daddio and Leslie Edelman who presented the District with a bronze bench with two children sitting on it reading a book. A plaque on the bench reads, "In memory of Sheldon Dumain a True Educator". On hand for the presentation were Mr. Dumain's wife Judi, his daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Howard Berger, and their three children, Fallon, Ryan and Harrison.

Ms. Goller and Mr. Breakstone also spoke about Mr. Dumain's leadership and commitment to children.

Annette Iadevaia

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Breakstone to accept the resignation of teaching assistant Annette Iadevaia effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Michele Scala

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Breakstone and seconded by Mr. Traum to appoint Michele Scala to a building substitute position effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Diana Eilam

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Breakstone to appoint Diana Eilam to a teacher aide position on Step 1 of the teacher aide salary schedule effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

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Pamela Hughes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint Pamela Hughes to a school monitor position on Step 1 of the school monitor salary schedule effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Arlene Bingham

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Desmond and seconded by Mr. Traum to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of school nurse Arlene Bingham effective February 19, 2010.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Joanne Luckey

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to appoint Joanne Luckey to a school nurse position on Step 6 of the school nurse salary schedule effective January 4, 2010.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Approval of Substitutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Breakstone to approve substitute teachers on the attached Schedule A – Item 1 effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve substitute monitors on the attached Schedule A – Item 2 effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve substitute account clerks on the attached Schedule A – Item 3 effective December 16, 2009.

The motion was carried 5-0.

CSE/CPSE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Breakstone and seconded by Mr. Traum that the recommendations of the CSE/CPSE be approved, for the students as per an attachment on file in the District office.

The motion was carried 5-0.

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Visitors

None.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. Deborah DeLuca, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services reported that Family Math Day has been scheduled for April 17, 2010, and will be held at the Berner Middle School in Massapequa. A detailed registration packet will be sent home with each child shortly. Since Bellmore is a participating school district, the families in our district are able to register early. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity, as sessions do fill quickly.

Teachers will be participating in several upcoming professional workshops.

Holidays are an important part of the kindergarten and first grade Social Studies curriculum. Thanksgiving also provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight some of the core values in our Character Education Program and to provide a wealth of literacy experiences for our students. All classes at the Early Childhood Center celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday with a variety of different celebrations.

Thanks to the PTA Health and Safety Committee, all students at the Early Childhood Center participated in a Stranger Danger workshop. This workshop covered what to do if a stranger approaches you, what to do if you get separated from your parent in a public place, and a variety of other personal safety situations.

The PTA Cultural Arts Committee sponsored “The Ned Show”, which was a highly engaging one-man show. The host, Joe, using a yo-yo as a storytelling prop, told the story of his friend N.E.D. in a funny and engaging manner. N.E.D. is an acronym for Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best. The assembly was an appropriate and entertaining reinforcement for the core value of Dedication.

A traveling acting troupe presented “Laura Ingalls Wilder.” This show helped students understand the hardships people faced as they headed west to start new lives. It also promoted an appreciation for literature and history.

The fourth grade Spelling Bee was enjoyed by all! All participants won their classroom Spelling Bee and should be very proud for making it to the grade level Spelling Bee.

Sixth grade classes traveled to the Museum of Jewish Heritage, located at the rear of Battery Park in Manhattan. They participated in an interactive workshop which offers students an opportunity to think about genocide and social injustice.

At a recent assembly, Dr. Lewis Jassey, a local pediatrician, entertained students with his rap group and their original songs, related to building strong character.

Johanna Mathieson did an excellent job of engaging students in a presentation entitled “Playing

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It Smart”. This program was related to personal safety, online and in the community. Abduction, lures and internet safety were discussed in detail with great suggestions and examples being offered by this presenter.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology

Chemical Dependency Services Agreement – 2nd Year Offer

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Traum, seconded by Mr. Desmond, and unanimously approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore Union Free School District hereby approve the 2009-2010 Chemical Dependency Services Agreement – 2nd Year Offer with the Nassau County Department of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Disabilities Services, and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the contract.

Establishment of IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Traum, seconded by Mr. Desmond, and unanimously approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the mileage reimbursement rate be established at \$.50 (fifty cents) per mile effective January 1, 2010. This is the amount approved by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller.

Amendment of 403(b) Retirement Plan

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Traum, seconded by Mr. Desmond, and unanimously approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the IRS recommended Resolution to Amend the Bellmore Union Free School District 403(b) retirement plan as per a document on file in the District Office.

Interest Income

Mrs. Gambino reported that total interest received from all funds for the time period July 1, 2009 through November 30, 2009 is \$39,986.01.

Community Relations

Ms. Blane reported that the fourth grade spelling bee was very exciting. Ms. Goller thanked the PTA for the opportunity to join them at the President/Principals Dinner.

Central High School District

Ms. Blane reported that the CHSD Board recognized the Calhoun Boys Soccer Team on making it to the Nassau County Championships. Ms. Strait-Regal spoke about the State of the State

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Report, and it was reported that Mr. Serra, Grand Ave. Middle School Principal had announced his retirement.

Legislative

Mr. Breakstone reported that the governor has announced that New York State does not have enough money to provide school districts with their state aid. He said luckily the Bellmore School District has sufficient reserves to handle this situation. He also spoke about an upcoming Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association *Orange Alert Seminar* which will focus on the upcoming budget process for schools.

Bylaws

No report

Old /NewBusiness

None.

Visitors

None.

Ms. Goller announced the next regular meeting will be on January 19, 2010, and the next work session on January 5, 2010. She wished all in attendance happy, healthy holidays.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane to enter executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss particular personnel matters.

The motion was carried 5-0.

The Board re-entered public session at 9:20 p.m. There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum and seconded by Ms. Blane to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Yee, District Clerk

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Schedule A

Item 1 – Substitute Teachers

Amanda Harris

Stephanie Osterwell

Lauren DiResta

Item 2 – Substitute Monitors

Carolina Pellicani

Item 3 – Substitute Account Clerks

Cheri Whitney