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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, February 9, 2010 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

Prior to the work session, the Board participated in the annual facilities walk through of the Winthrop Ave. School. Ms. Goller, President, called the work session to order at 7:20 p.m. at which time the Board:

- Reviewed the agenda
- Dr. Famularo spoke with the Board about a meeting he had with the Board of the Bellmore Little League

The Board met with representatives of the BFO at 7:30 p.m., and at 8:05p.m. Ms. Goller, President, called the regular 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 January 19 and February 2, 2010.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Correspondence

None

Purchasing

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

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of its Claims Auditor to approve the warrants of Fund A – 18-21; Fund F – 8; Fund C – 5; HS – 5; and Fund T – 16 and 17, which are on file in the District Office.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Famularo began his report by recognizing and commending students and staff members for their efforts in support of earthquake relief in Haiti. He explained that at Winthrop Ave. many students have been donating change from their lunch snack money to the American Red Cross, while band and orchestra members are participating in a Practice-A-Thon for the month of February. Sponsors have pledged donations for every minute the students practice, and the proceeds will go to Doctors Without Borders.

At Shore Road, Mrs. Reiner's and Mrs. McClenahan's 6th grade classes raised over \$2,000 making tie-dyed t-shirts. The materials for the project were donated by parents so that all of the proceeds could be donated to Doctors Without Borders. Included with the donation were letters to survivors written by the students.

Through the Reinhard Student Advisory Council, donations are being collected to be sent to the American Jewish World Service's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. They have partnered with organizations in Haiti to provide emergency funding for food, shelter and medical supplies to the people in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding rural areas.

Dr. Famularo noted this is both a great cause and a great lesson for the students.

Column Advancements

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Ms. Blane and seconded by Mr. Traum to approve column advancements effective February 1, 2010, as per an attachment on file in the District Office.

The motion was carried 5 – 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve column advancements effective September 1, 2010, as per an attachment on file in the District Office.

The motion was carried 5 – 0.

Michelle Stein

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve a family medical leave of absence for special education teacher Michelle Stein effective April 26, 2010 for the remainder of the school year.

The motion was carried 5-0.

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Alison Burke

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve a family medical leave of absence for classroom teacher Alison Burke effective March 25, 2010 for twelve weeks.

The motion was carried 5-0.

2010-2011 Calendar

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Breakstone and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve the school calendar for the 2010/2011 school year. (See attached)

The motion was carried 5 - 0.

It was noted the approved calendar will be distributed to the community. It was also noted that the calendar is the same as that of the Central High School District.

Legal Notice

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Breakstone, and seconded by Mr. Traum that the legal notice, as attached, for the Bellmore UFSD Annual Budget and Trustee Vote on May 18, 2010 be approved for publication in the two official newspapers for the District.

The motion was carried 5 – 0.

CSE/CPSE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond 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.

Visitors

None

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. DeLuca reported that ELA practice assessments are in the process of being administered for students in grades 3 through 6. Based on these results and teacher input, students at-risk will be identified and offered the opportunity to participate in an after-school program designed to provide them with instruction and strategies in preparation for the actual tests which will be administered during the month of April. Additional support is being provided during the school day as well.

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On Monday, March 1, 2010 the District will have a CPSE to CSE Transition Parent Workshop to address the most commonly expressed concerns of parents whose children are transitioning from special education preschool programs to school age programs.

After the holidays have passed, food pantries usually experience fewer donations and have a greater need to restock. Recognizing this need, the Early Childhood Center's Student Advisory Council sponsored a food drive during the month of January. Students brought in canned and boxed food, as well as toiletries to be donated to Island Harvest. Students carried over the spirit of giving, which was voiced so frequently during the holiday season, into the New Year.

Thanks to the PTA Health and Safety Committee, Slim Goodbody visited Reinhard. Having "met" Slim Goodbody through the District's daily deskexercise program, the students were so excited to actually meet him in person. He has obviously become a real celebrity in the Early Childhood Center. Through drama, song, dance, and audience participation, the importance of nutrition, exercise, and healthy decision making were reinforced. Students received a positive message about health and nutrition through this very entertaining program.

Through the Student Advisory Council at Reinhard, donations are being collected to be sent to the American Jewish World Service's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. They have partnered with organizations in Haiti to provide emergency funding for food, shelter, and medical supplies to the people in Port-au-Prince and the surrounding rural areas.

The week of January 25th was "Health and Safety Week" at Winthrop Avenue School. The Winning Stars participated in several programs throughout the week. Injury Prevention, Wellness, and a program entitled, "I'm the Boss of My Body" were included in the week's activities. To finish off, the fourth grade students will see a program on the topic of Dental Health. Dr. DeLuca thanked the PTA Health and Safety Committee for working so hard to bring these important programs to the school.

A special person that Mrs. Haines', Mrs. Watson's, and Mrs. Giambruno's classes wrote to is Lt. George Russo, Mrs. Giambruno's nephew. He will be leaving for Afghanistan soon, after already spending time in Iraq. Using a friendly letter format, each student thanked him for his service, encouraged him, and gave him advice for his next tour. The letters should arrive just in time for Valentine's Day.

The last session of Chess Club at Winthrop Ave. took place this week. The students absolutely loved it and learned a lot from the Chess Masters who ran it each week. There was a room for beginners, intermediate, and more advanced players, so each child who joined the club was able to participate at his/her level. Dr. DeLuca thanked the PTA for organizing, running, and funding this worthwhile club for the Winning Stars.

The students and staff at the Rosemary Kennedy BOCES Center truly enjoyed the musical performances of Shore Road's band and orchestra. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Rostholder and Ms. Oshiro for rehearsing the students and for arranging this very special trip.

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Representatives from the Bellmore-Merrick CHSD met with the sixth grade parents and teachers for an informative session about programs in the middle school geared specifically for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and Section 504 Accommodations Plans. The District Chair of the Committee on Special Education (CSE), Grand Avenue's chair, and the Director of Special Education explained the available programs that support student success at the middle school level, in addition to answering questions from attendees. Those who were present all agreed that this meeting provided a great opportunity for dialogue and discussion.

Sixth graders had an opportunity to submit an original design to be considered for the 2010 yearbook cover. Working within guidelines established by the PTA in conjunction with the art teacher, students' work will be voted upon by their peers and the entry with the most votes will grace this year's cover.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology

Budget Transfers

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to approve budget transfers for amounts over \$5,000 as per a request for budgetary transfers on file in the District Office.

The motion was carried 5-0.

2010/2011 Budget Information

Mrs. Gambino invited all residents to attend the annual budget workshops scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 2	Administrative, Program Support and Capital Budgets
Tuesday, March 9	Instructional Budget, Revenue Budget
Tuesday, March 16	Carryover and completion of any open items, if needed
Tuesday, March 23	Optional

Interest Income

Mrs. Gambino reported that total interest received from all funds for the time period July 1, 2009 through January 31, 2009 is \$50,258.00.

Community Relations

Ms. Goller said the concert at Shore Road was amazing. The stage was filled with students who showed their love of music. It was great to see Dr. Famularo playing his electric guitar as the children sang.

She also noted that the Board of Education recently met with representatives of the Bellmore Faculty Organization and Civil Service Employees Association. She thanked them for all they do within the District.

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Central High School District

Ms. Blane reported that the Central High School District Board of Education honored 3 Intel Finalists at their last meeting, two of whom are Bellmore Elementary School graduates, Bari Bruno and Stephanie Weiner.

It was also noted by Ms. Goller that an assistant principal at Calhoun has announced his plans to retire.

Legislative

Mr. Breakstone noted that we are getting into a very busy season. He spoke about the recent legislative breakfast held by the component districts. Everyone agreed that Long Island districts give more to the State than it gets back, however, there are currently no solutions for this inequity.

Mr. Breakstone also shared that he chaired a “survival session” as N-SSBA President. He noted the budget situation is truly dire, and that contingency budgets are generally 120% of the consumer price index which is currently a negative number. He continued by stating that we must wait for the State budget to be released in order to know what we are really up against for next year. He also noted that it is important for people to come to budget work sessions to provide input.

Bylaws

No report

Old /NewBusiness

None.

Visitors

None.

Ms. Goller announced the budget work sessions will be held on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and, if necessary, March 23rd. She noted the next regular meeting will follow the work session on March 16th.

There being no further business, **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Desmond to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The motion was carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Yee, District Clerk

BELLMORE UFSD - SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011

SEPTEMBER 2010							OCTOBER 2010							NOVEMBER 2010							
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26	27	28	29	30			24	31	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				
DECEMBER 2010							JANUARY 2011							FEBRUARY 2011							
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MARCH 2011							APRIL 2011							MAY 2011							
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JUNE 2011							SHADED: SCHOOL NOT IN SESSION														
S	M	T	W	TH	F	SA	/: RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE DAY X: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS														
			1	2	3	4	Snow Make-Up Days - June 24 and April 26														
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	*Indicates that School Buildings/Offices are Closed														
12	13	14	15	16	17	18															
19	20	21	22	23	24	25															
26	27	28	29	30																	

September	16+1
October	20
November	18+1
December	17
January	20
February	15
March	22+1
April	14
May	21
June	17

September 2	Superintendent's Conference Day
September 6	Labor Day*
September 7	First Day of School
September 9, 10	Schools Closed*
October 11	Columbus Day*
November 2	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 11	Veterans' Day*
November 25-26	Thanksgiving*
December 24-January 1	Schools Closed (*Dec. 24, 31)
January 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
February 21-25	Schools Closed (*Feb. 21)
March (day tbd)	Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 18-26	Schools Closed (*TBD)
May 30	Memorial Day*
June 23	Last Day of School

TOTAL STUDENT DAYS: 180
STAFF DAYS: 183

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**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS,
BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD, NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public budget hearing of the Bellmore Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, will be held at the Shore Road School, Bellmore, New York on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the expenditure of funds for the 2010-11 school year and the budgeting thereof and for such other business as is authorized by the Education Law of the State of New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said school district for the 2010-11 school year (school budget) will be held at the annual meeting of said school district on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Shore Road School, Bellmore, New York. Voting shall take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Voting machines will be used for voting at said annual election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that an election to fill two (2) vacancies, one for a term of three (3) years, and one for a term of three (3) years and forty-three (43) days, for the office of member of the Board of Education, will be held at the Shore Road School, Bellmore, New York, on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. The polls for voting at said election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the school year 2010-11 for the purposes exclusively of public monies may be obtained by any resident for the district during the fourteen (14) days preceding the vote, except Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays, at the schools of the district from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that pursuant to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, the District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted by the statutory authority, and show the cumulative impact of each type of exemption, the cumulative amount expected to be received as payments in lieu of taxes and the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2010. Such nominating petition must state the residence of each signer and shall state the name and residence of the candidate. Nominating petitions must be signed by at least 28 qualified voters of the district. The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to office. Where terms are of differing length, the candidate with the highest vote shall be elected to the longest. Personal registration is a prerequisite for voting at all elections in this school district, and no person will be entitled to vote at such election whose name does not appear upon the register prepared for such election; except that any person, a resident of the district, who is permanently registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections to vote at elections other than a school district election and whose registration is current, shall also be qualified to vote at this election without further registration.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Registration and the District Clerk will meet at the Shore Road School in said district on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing the register of the school district for such election and for any election of said district subsequent to the election; at such time and place, any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be entitled to vote at the meeting or election for which such register is to be prepared. Qualified individuals may also register between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on days when school is in session at the District Office at 580 Winthrop Ave., Bellmore, New York, except that no registration shall take place less than five (5) days preceding the election, this year May 13, 2010.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the register thus prepared will be filed in the office of the Superintendent of Schools and that such register will be open for inspection to any qualified voter of the district at the office of the Superintendent of Schools and the District Clerk in the Winthrop Avenue School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during each of the five (5) days prior to the day set for the election except Sundays and between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the Saturday prior to the election.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots for election of school board members and for voting on the school budget of the district may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the

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ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the election except Sunday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Board of Education shall convene a special meeting thereof at the Shore Road School within twenty-four hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot, for the purpose of examining and tabulating said reports for the results of the ballot, for the purpose of the ballot and declaring the results of the ballot; that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law Section 2019-a.2-b, at said special meeting of the Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that at the election of the Bellmore Union Free School District, qualified voters of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District shall vote for the following purposes:

- a) To vote upon the annual school budget for the 2010-11 school year, and to authorize the levying of a tax upon the taxable property of the district for the foregoing purposes.
- b) To vote upon such other propositions as may properly come before the meeting.

DATED: March, 2010
Bellmore, NY

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BELLMORE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Randy Yee, District Clerk