

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, COMMACK, NEW YORK

Date: October 23, 2014
Place: Commack High School
Members Present: Mrs. Guber, Mr. Hartman, Mrs. DiGirolamo, Mrs. Masciello, Mr. Tampellini
Members Absent:
Administration
Present: Dr. James, Mrs. Ryan, Dr. Pecora, Mr. Kolahifar, Mrs. Newman
Counsel Present: Ms. Harvey, Mr. Karson
Guests: None

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Guber at 6:32 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of:

- to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Renzi v Commack Union Free School District et al
- to discuss negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CTA; and
- for the purpose of seeking legal advice from the Board's attorney.

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to adjourn Executive Session and return to public meeting at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Audit Committee portion of the meeting.

At the conclusion of the Audit Committee the public portion of the Regular Board Meeting continued at 7:45 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Guber, Mr. Hartman, Mrs. DiGirolamo, Mrs. Masciello, Mr. Tampellini
Members Absent: None
Administration
Present: Dr. James, Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Ryan, Dr. Pecora, Mr. Kolahifar, Mrs. Budde
Counsel Present: Mr. Barnosky, Ms. Harvey
Guests: Approximately 150 guests

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Board of Education was recognized by the Commack UFSD staff, students and the PTA for their service and commitment to the education of the children of the Commack School District in commemoration of Board Recognition Week.

The Board of Education recognized Commack High School students for their various achievements in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Board was honored to commemorate Board Recognition Week.

National Merit Scholarship.

OPENING CEREMONIES (Continued)

The Board of Education recognized a Commack High School student for her achievement in the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Photo Contest.

The Board of Education recognized a Commack High School student for her achievement as a Scholar Artist by the Long Island Arts Alliance.

The Board of Education recognized a Commack High School student for his achievement in the Google Science Fair Regional Competition.

OPENING CEREMONIES, continued:

Gurwin Center Photo Contest.

LI Arts Alliance.

Google Science Fair Regional Competition.

BOARD STATEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Education Mr. Hartman read a statement regarding Board of Education meeting structure.

BOARD STATEMENT
BOE Meeting Structure

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

The following topics were addressed in the Administrative Report:

- Looking Forward – calendar of topics to be presented at the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year Board of Education Meetings;
- A Focus on Community Outreach;
- Summary Report Regarding Administrative Reports 2014-2015 school year;
- 2014-2015 Program Review and Community/Staff Engagement;
- Athletics and District-Wide Health and Safety;
- Changes in Special Education
 - Private/Parentally Placed Programs
 - District Special Education Programs
- Setting the Tax Levy
- Spending Plan and Budget
- Fiscal Report
- Budget Development Process/Calendar

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Heard question/comment regarding how is the voting delegate voting on the NYSSBA Proposed Bylaws, Amendments and Resolutions and will the community be made aware of how the Board is voting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2014 Board of Education Audit Committee and Regular Meeting; and the September 16, 2014 Special Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve personnel as recommended.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Communication dated September 3, 2014 from Dawn-Marie Bailey re: staffing issue. This communication handled administratively.
2. Communication dated September 10, 2014 from Angela re: location on website of September Board Meeting Presentation. This communication handled administratively.
3. Communication dated September 14, 2014 from Dan Fusco re: location on website of video for the September Board Meeting. This communication handled administratively.
4. Communication dated September 18, 2014 from Perry Kanner re: Commack Property Tax Freeze Info. This communication handled administratively.
5. Communication dated September 18, 2014 from Kelly F. Yutesler re: student photograph. This communication was informational.
6. Communication dated September 19, 2014 from Teresa Burke re: newsworthy events within the Commack School District. This communication handled administratively.
7. Communication dated September 24, 2014 from Artie Hearn re: request for refund of deposit to private school. This communication handled administratively.

MINUTES

Approved MINUTES OF THE September 4, 2014 Audit Committee and BOE Meeting and the September 16, 2014 BOE Meetings.

PERSONNEL

Approved personnel.

CORRESPONDENCE

Approved correspondence from:

Dawn-Marie Bailey – staffing issue

Angela – location on website of BOE presentation:

Dan Fusco – location on website of BOE mtg. video.

Perry Kanner – property tax freeze.

Kelly F. Yutesler – student photo.

Teresa Burke – Commack UFSD newsworthy events.

Artie Hearn – refund of deposit to private school.

CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- 8. Communication dated September 27, 2014 from Pamela Verity re: NYSSBA Common Core survey. This communication handled administratively.
- 9. Communication dated October 14, 2014 from Valerie Bauman re: status of Marion Carll Property. This communication has been handled.
- 10. Communication dated October 15, 2014 from Eileen Sansone re: status resignation/retirement. This communication being handled administratively.

CORRESPONDENCE, continued:

- Pamela Verity – NYSSBA Common Core survey.
- Valerie Bauman – MCP.
- Eileen Sansone – resignation/retirement.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve a second reading and adopt revised Board Policy #1501 – Communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Adopted revised Policy #1501 – Communication.

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and voted on as follows to approve a second reading and adopt revised Board Policy #9270.1 – Code of Ethics:

Adopted revised Policy #9270.1 – Code of Ethics.

AYES

- Mrs. DiGirolamo
- Mrs. Guber
- Mr. Hartman
- Mrs. Masciello

NAYS

- Mr. Tampellini

ABSTENTIONS

Motion Passed: 4-1-0

Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo to approve a second reading and adopt revised Board Policy #9361.11 – Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings and voted on as follows:

Adopted revised Policy #9361.11 – Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings.

AYES

- Mrs. DiGirolamo
- Mrs. Guber
- Mr. Hartman
- Mrs. Masciello

NAYS

- Mr. Tampellini

ABSTENTIONS

Motion Passed: 4-1-1

Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to approve a second reading and adopt revised Board Policy #9365 – Agenda.

Adopted revised Policy #9365 – Agenda.

BIDS/RFP

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve the following BOCES bids as recommended:

2014-037-0715	Custodial Liners and Gloves
2014-007-0724	Custodial Supplies
2013-002-0815	Fine and Recycled Paper
2013-028-0627	Plumbing Supplies
2014-065-0715	Paint and Paint Supplies
2013-040-0404	Fuel Oil
2014-038-05522	Small Wares II

BIDS/RFPs:

Approved BOCES bids as recommended.

Custodial Liners and Gloves;
Custodial Supplies;
Fine and Recycled Paper;
Plumbing Supplies;
Paint and Paint Supplies;
Fuel Oil;
Small Wares II

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the following agreements and authorize the President of the Board to sign same:

Approved agreements and authorized President of the Board of Education to sign same:

Mr. Tampellini made motion to amend the motion to separate out Agreement Nos. 13 and 14 listed below.

Mrs. Masciello seconded the motion to separate out Agreement Nos. 13 and 14.

Town of Smithtown

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and passed unanimously to approve Agreement Nos. 1 through 12.

Catherine Mahler

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and voted on as follows to approve Agreement Nos. 13 and 14:

AYES

Mrs. DiGirolamo
 Mrs. Guber
 Mr. Hartman
 Mrs. Masciello

NAYS

Mr. Tampellini

ABSTENTIONS

Syosset Home Tutoring Service, Inc.

Motion passed 4-1-0

SCOPE Education Services – Preschool and Enrichment Program

NEW BUSINESS, Item A (Continued)

NEW BUSINESS, Item A, continued:

	Consultant/Vendor/ Association	Purpose	Budget Code
1.	Town of Smithtown	Hold Harmless Agreement for use of the Hoyt Farm Facility – Boys and Girls Cross-Country Teams for the Fall 2014-2015 season.	N/A
2.	Catherine Mahler	Provide the District with services as an accompanist for the fourth and fifth grade concerts at MSIS for the 2014-2015 school year.	A2850-402-95
3.	Syosset Home Tutoring Service, Inc.	Provide the District with home instruction educational services from July 1, 2014 to June 2015.	A2250-400-00
4.	SCOPE Education Services	License Agreement for the Preschool and Enrichment Program services for the 2014-2015 school year.	N/A
5.	SCOPE Education Services	License Agreement for the After School World Language Program for the 2014-2015 school year.	N/A
6.	Center Moriches UFSD	Instructional Services Contract – 2014 Summer Special Education Program.	F435515-2253-472
7.	Center Moriches UFSD	Public School Tuition Contract for special education services for the 2014-2015 school year.	A2250-470-00
8.	Energy Spectrum	Provide the District with a utility audit service.	N/A
9.	Dr. Edward Petrosky, Psy.D., ABPP	Provide the District with neuropsychological evaluations during the 2014-2015 school year.	A2250-400-00
10.	Sherry Kfare	Provide the District with services as costumer during the musical performances for the 2014-2015 school year.	A2110-450-90

SCOPE Education Services – After School World Language Program

Center Moriches UFSD – 2014 Summer Special Education Program

Center Moriches UFSD Tuition Contract – Special Education Services

Energy Spectrum

Dr. Edward Petrosky, Psy.D., ABPP

Sherry Kfare

NEW BUSINESS, Item A (Continued)

NEW BUSINESS, Item A, Continued:

11.	Horizon Entertainment, LLC	Provide the District with “Teen Truth Live: Drugs & Alcohol Abuse” presentations during the 2014-2015 school year.	Paid from Coalition of Caring Group
12.	Munistat Services, Inc.	Provide the District with services in conjunction with the financing of the District’s Energy Performance Contract Municipal Lease.	A1420-400-00
13.	Starboard Media, Inc.	Provide the District with additional services as District Webmaster/Public Relations Management, from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.	Funds to be paid from federal grant entitlements.
14.	FTA Consultants, LLC	Provide the District with additional services as Community Affairs Coordinator from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.	Funds to be paid from federal grant entitlements.

Horizon Entertainment, LLC

Munistat Services, Inc.

Starboard Media, Inc.

FTA Consultants, LLC

B. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the SEQRA Resolution in connection with the Replacement and Construction Projects at Smiths Lane, Indian Hollow Primary, Rolling Hills Primary and Mandracchia-Sawmill Intermediate Schools to affirm the work to be done has no significant impact on the environment.

Approved the SEQRA Resolution – replacement and construction projects.

C. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve the Application and Examination and Approval of Final Plans and Specifications, State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure Impact Statement and the Scope of Proposed Project for the following projects and authorize the President of the Board to sign same:

Approved the Application and Examination Approval of Final Plans and Specifications – State Smart Growth Public Infrastructure.

BUILDING	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT #
Smith’s Lane Elementary School	Replacement & Reconstruction Project	011-007
Indian Hollow Primary School	Replacement & Reconstruction Project	014-012
Rolling Hills Primary School	Replacement & Reconstruction Project	023-014
Mandracchia-Sawmill Intermediate School	Replacement & Reconstruction Project	036-017

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

D. Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mrs. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the “Tuition Contracts” for special education services for guest students placed in the District’s special education program for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize the President of the Board to sign same:

1. Kings Park Central School District
2. Elwood Union Free School District
3. Islip Union Free School District
4. West Islip Union Free School District

E. Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mr. Tampellini and carried unanimously to accept the following donations:

1. Donation from FTA Consultants, LLC of \$30 worth of candles used for the 9-11 Memorial Ceremony.
2. Donation from Girl Scout Troop 444 of \$140 worth of books and DVDs with the theme of recycling and/or preserving the planet. These books and DVDs will be placed in the libraries at Mandracchia/Sawmill Intermediate and Wood Park Primary Schools.
3. Donation from the Commack Road Runners Club and \$130 to be used for an invitational by the Commack High School Girls Cross Country Team.

The Board of Education expressed their appreciation for these donations.

F. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to approve the following field trips:

1. CHS Field Trip – October 22, 2014
The People’s Court
300 Stillwater Avenue
Stamford, CT
2. CHS Field Trip – October 26-29, 2014
NAfME All-National
Nashville, TN
3. CHS Field Trip – November 3, 2014
Fall Journalism Conference
Alfred Lerner Hall
Columbia University
New York, NY

**NEW BUSINESS,
continued:**

Approved “tuition contracts” with the following districts:

Kings Park CSD
Elwood UFSD
Islip UFSD
West Islip UFSD

Accepted donations:

FTA Consultants, LLC -
\$350 worth of candles.

Girl Scout Troop 444 -
\$140 worth of books and
DVDs.

Commack Road
Runners Club - \$130.

Approved the following
field trips:

CHS – The People’s
Court, Stamford CT –
October 22, 2014

CHS – NafME All-
National – Nashville,
TN - October 26-29,
2014

CHS – Fall Journalism
Conference – Columbia
University - November
3, 2014

NEW BUSINESS, Item F (Continued)

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| 4. | <u>CHS Field Trip – December 4-7, 2014</u>
NYSSMA
Rochester Convention Center
Rochester, NY | <u>NEW BUSINESS,
Item F, continued:</u>
<u>CHS – NYSSMA –
Rochester, NY -
December 4-7, 2014</u> |
| 5. | <u>CMS Field Trip – December 10, 2014</u>
United Nations & Shubert Theatre (Matilda)
47 th Street & First Avenue
New York, NY | <u>CMS – United Nations
& Shubert Theatre –
December 10, 2014</u> |
| 6. | <u>CHS Field Trip – December 12, 2014</u>
Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Ripley’s Museum &
Rockefeller Center
New York, NY | <u>CHS – Statue of
Liberty, Times Square
& Ripley’s Museum –
December 12, 2014</u> |
| 7. | <u>CHS Field Trip – April 2, 2015</u>
9-11 National Museum & Memorial Park
180 Greenwich Street
New York, NY | <u>CHS – 9-11 National
Museum & Memorial
Park – April 2, 2015</u> |
| 8. | <u>Burr I.S. Field Trip – May 20 & 28, 2015</u>
Shubert Theater (Matilda)
225 West 44 th Street
New York, NY | <u>Burr – Shubert Theater
– May 20 & 28, 2015</u> |
| 9. | <u>CMS Field Trip – November 20, 2014</u>
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West & 81 st Street
New York, NY | <u>CMS – American
Museum of Natural
History – November 20,
2014</u> |
| 10. | <u>CMS Field Trip – January 9, 2015</u>
Metropolitan Opera
70 Lincoln Center Plaza
New York, NY | <u>CMS – Metropolitan
Opera – January 9,
2015</u> |
| 11. | <u>CHS Field Trip – March 23, 2015</u>
New York Hall of Science
47-01 11 th Street, New York, NY | <u>CHS – New York Hall
of Science – March 23,
2015</u> |
| 12. | <u>CMS Field Trip (8th Grade D House) – November 19, 2014</u>
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West & 81 st Street
New York, NY | <u>CMS – American
Museum of Natural
History – November 19,
2014</u> |

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

NEW BUSINESS, continued:

G. Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of candidates to the Commack Schools Volunteer Program:

Approved the appointment of candidates to the Volunteer Program.

- Linda Kanter (Senior Citizen Volunteer at Wood Park)
- Marianne Penfield (Senior Citizen Volunteer at Wood Park)
- Lynda Perelmuter (Senior Citizen Volunteer at Wood Park)
- Arlene Wagner (Senior Citizen Volunteer at Wood Park)
- Angela Cassano (Senior Citizen Volunteer at Wood Park)

The Board of Education thanked the candidates for their volunteerism.

H. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve a first reading of revised Policy #2411 – Organizational Chart – Commack Public Schools.

Approved a first reading of Policy #2411 – Organizational Chart.

I. Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to adopt the tax levy for the 2014-2015 school year:

Adopted the Tax Levy for the 2014-2015 school year.

Total Tax Levy:

School	\$130,689,787
Library	<u>\$ 3,522,678</u>
	\$134,212,465

2014-2015

Huntington:	\$ 51,975,051
Smithtown:	\$ 78,714,736
Commack Library:	\$ 3,522,678

<u>Estimated Tax Rates:</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	
Huntington:	\$247.31	\$256.64	(3.76%)
Smithtown:	\$161.84	\$166.40	(2.81%)
Commack Library:	\$169.80	\$173.94	(2.4%)

J. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve a first reading of revised Policy #8331 – Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings.

Approved a first reading of Policy #8331 – Public Participation at BOE Meetings.

As per Mr. Tampellini’s request the Board of Education agreed to review current Policy #8310 – Formulation of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

Board to review Policy #8310.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

- K. Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo to adopt a resolution authorizing the appointment of Banc of America Public Capital Corp. as lender for the Energy Performance Contract.

NEW BUSINESS, continued:

Adopted resolution - Banc of America Public Capital Corp - lender for Energy Performance Contract.

LEGAL

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the statement for professional services rendered on non-retainer matters in the amount of \$10,072.75 for the period ending August 31, 2014 and \$34,138.16 for the period ending September 31, 2014 submitted by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP.

LEGAL

Acknowledged receipt of statement for services – Lamb & Barnosky, LLP – August and September 2014.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the following items:

- A. Acknowledged receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update;
- B. Acknowledged receipt of the CSE/CPSE recommendations approved on the following dates: March 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, and 28; April 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 22, 23, 25 and 28; May 5, 7, and 21; June 2 and 20; July 9; and August 4, 2014;
- C. Acknowledged receipt of the following financial Reports: Budget Transfer Report; CD Rates; Cash Flow; and Treasurer Reports.
- D. Adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Jo Masciello as its voting delegate for the Annual Business Meeting of the New York State School Boards Association to be held on Monday, October 27, 2014.

BOARD BUSINESS

Acknowledged receipt: Internal Claim's Auditor's Monthly Update.

Acknowledged receipt of CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Acknowledged receipt of financial reports.

Adopted resolution appointing Mary Jo Masciello as voting delegate for NYSSBAA Annual Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Heard questions and comments with regard to the following topics: assessment tests with regard to APPR; commended Board for their efforts and dedication; lawsuit re: Marion Carll Property; Common Core; Yodel Kadodel Club; Starboard Media and FTA Consultants; Smart School Bond Act; Gap Elimination Act; Parent Advocacy Group; Audit Committee Meeting re: unexpended budgeted amount; MCP BOCES lease termination; and timeline regarding posting board meeting videos on website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Guber and carried unanimously to adjourn public meeting at 10:55 p.m.

RE-OPENED MEETING

Members Present: Mrs. Guber, Mrs. DiGirolamo, Mrs. Masciello, Mr. Tampellini

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mrs. Guber and carried unanimously to re-open meeting at 10:58 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously (4-0) to accept the independent external auditor’s report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to adjourn public meeting at 11:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Heard questions and comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned public meeting at 10:55 p.m.

RE-OPENED MEETING

10:58 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Accepted the independent external auditor’s report for the year ended June 30, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Jane Budde

Mary Jane Budde,
District Clerk