

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, COMMACK, NEW YORK**

Date: August 7, 2014  
Place: Hubbs Administration Center  
Members Present: Mrs. Guber, Mr. Hartman, Mrs. DiGirolamo, Mrs. Masciello, Mr. Tampellini  
Members Absent: None  
Administration  
Present: Dr. James, Mrs. Ryan, Dr. Pecora, Mr. Kolahifar  
Counsel Present: Mr. Barnosky, Ms. Harvey  
Guests: None

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

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously (4-0; Mr. Tampellini arrived after motion) to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of:

- Discussing matters leading to the appointment of a particular person;
- discussing issues involving a particular student;
- discussing negotiations conducted pursuant to the Taylor Law involving the CTA and CASA;
- discussing pending litigation in the matter of Renzi v. Commack Union Free School District et al; and
- seeking legal advice from the Board's attorney.

Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mr. Tampellini and carried unanimously (5-0) to adjourn Executive Session and return to public meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Guber, Mr. Hartman, Mrs. DiGirolamo, Mrs. Masciello, Mr. Tampellini  
Members Absent: None  
Administration  
Present: Dr. James, Mrs. Ryan, Dr. Pecora, Mr. Kolahifar, Mrs. Budde  
Counsel Present: Mr. Barnosky, Ms. Harvey  
Guests: Approximately 40 guests

- Meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

Meeting Reconvened;  
Pledge of Allegiance;  
Roll was called.

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and voted on as follows to adopt the following resolution:

Appointed District Clerk.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby appoints Mary Jane Budde as District Clerk, effective immediately.

AYES

Mrs. Guber

Mr. Hartman

Mrs. Masciello

Mrs. DiGirolamo

Motion passed: 4-1-0

NAYS

Mr. Tampellini

ABSTENTIONS

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

There were no opening ceremonies.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Summer 2014 Update presented by Dr. James, Superintendent of Schools.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Summer 2014 Update

Report on United Public Service Employees Union Contract presented by Mr. Kolahifar, Executive Director of Personnel.

UPSEU Contract Report

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014 Board of Education Reorganization/Regular Meeting.

**MINUTES**

Approved minutes – July 1, 2014 board meeting.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**PERSONNEL**

Approved personnel as recommended.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

1. Communication from Mark Fitzgerald received July 3, 2014 re: student recognition at board meetings.
2. Communication from Marta Romankiewicz received August 1, 2014 re: ESL program. This item being handled administratively.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Acknowledged correspondence from: Mark Fitzgerald and Marta Romankiewicz

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion of RFP for legal services.

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Discussion re: RFP for legal services.

Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and voted on as follows to put out an RFP for legal counsel:

Motion failed to put RFP out for legal services.

**AYES**

Mr. Tampellini

**NAYS**

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

**ABSTENTIONS**

None

Motion failed: 1-4-0

**OLD BUSINESS (Continued)**

Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mrs. Guber to consult with an outside agency such as NYSSBA to inquire into normal and customary billing practices of legal counsel throughout Long Island.

Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to table motion.

**BIDS**

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

<b>Bid #</b>	<b>Name of Bid</b>
2014-021-0429	Classroom Furniture, Seating, Risers, Lockers (catalog purchase)
2014-031-0603	Doors – Repair, Maintenance and Installation
2011-034-0421	Third Party Administrator for Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b) and 457(b)
2013-044-0530	Networked Copiers
2012-025-0626	Special Education Instructional Supplies (catalog purchase)

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

	<b>Consultant/Vendor/ Association</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Budget Code</b>
1.	Eugene Gerardi, M.D.	Provide the District with services from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2105, inclusive.	A-2815-402-00
2.	Kathleen Feeley, Ph.D.	Provide the District with services for onsite technical assistance by a NYS Certified Special Education Teacher or a Board Certified Behavior Analyst for the 2014-2015 school year.	A-2250-400-00

**OLD BUSINESS, continued:**

Tabled motion to consult with outside agency re: customary billing practices of legal counsel throughout Long Island.

**BIDS:**

Approved BOCES bids as recommended:

BOCES bids as listed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approved agreements and authorized President of BOE to sign same:

Eugene Gerardi, M.D.

Kathleen Feeley, Ph.D.

**NEW BUSINESS, Item A (Continued)**

3.	Long Island Neuropsychological Consultants	Provide the District with neuropsychological evaluations during the 2014-2015 school year.	A-2250-400-00
4.	Frank Segreto, M.D.	Provide the District with services for the 2014-2015 school year.	A-2815-402-00
5.	William Sierra, R.P.A.C.	Provide the District with services effective July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.	A-2815-402-00
6.	Lazy Cow d/b/a Kiddie Care Early Learning Center	Renewal Agreement for a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program.	F-040914-2510-400-00
7.	Little Flower UFSD	Student(s) placed in their special education program for tuition for the 2014-2015 school year.	A-2250-470-00
8.	Jacquelyn Nealon	Guest speaker for Financial Aid Workshop at Commack H.S. on January 14, 2015.	A-2810-500-90
9.	Mazz Marketing Inc.	Presenter for NCAA Night on December 4, 2014.	A-2855-406-00
10.	Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc.	Provide the District with educational services for students for the 2014-2015 school year.	A-2250-400-00
11.	SCOPE	SCOPE's 2014-2015 License Agreement for the Before and After School Child Care Program for school-aged children.	N/A
12.	SCOPE	Renewal Agreement for a Universal Pre-K Program pursuant to the May 2011 RFP.	F-040914-2510-400-00
13.	Huntington YMCA	Agreement in conjunction with Northport UFSD to rent the pool at the Huntington YMCA for the varsity girls swim team practice sessions from September 9, 2014 to October 31, 2014.	A2855-407-00

**NEW BUSINESS, Item A, continued:**

Long Island Neuropsychological Consultants

Frank Segreto, M.D.

William Sierra, R.P.A.C.

Lazy Cow d/b/a Kiddie Care Early Learning Center

Little Flower UFSD

Jacquelyn Nealon

Mazz Marketing, Inc.

Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc.

SCOPE – Before and After School Child Care Program

SCOPE – UPK Program

Huntington YMCA

**NEW BUSINESS, Item A (Continued)**

14.	Whitsons Culinary Group	Contract extension to the food service contract. The contract extension is limited to an increase of CPI, 1.9%. The cost to the District for each Type A lunch will increase from \$2.4671 to \$2.514.	C2860-400-00
15.	Western Suffolk BOCES	Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement – Facility User – For Carpe Diem a WSBOCES Lewis Wilson Tech Center on August 26, 2014.	N/A

**NEW BUSINESS, Item A, continued:**

Whitsons Culinary Group

Western Suffolk BOCES

B. Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to adopt the resolution for the District to enter into cooperative purchasing with Nassau BOCES for automobiles, trucks and vans.

Adopted resolution – Nassau BOCES cooperative purchasing – automobiles, trucks and vans.

C. Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mr. Tampellini and carried unanimously to approve the following field trip:

Approved field trip:

- Field Trip – Commack High School 2014 Shore Coaches XC Invitational Holmdel Park, Holmdel, NJ October 4, 2014

CHS field trip – 2014 Shore Coaches XC Invitational – Holmdel, NJ – October 4, 2014

D. Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Guber and carried unanimously to approve the 2013-2014 health services contract with the following provider and authorize the President of the Board to sign same:

Approved 2013-2014 health services contract:

- Huntington Union Free School District

Huntington UFSD

E. Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to approve a first reading and adopt Board of Education Policy #7335 – Capital Project Change Orders.

Approved a first reading and adopted Board Policy #7335 – Capital Project Change Orders.

**NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

- F. Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, The Board of Education approves and ratifies the Stipulation of Agreement between the District and UPSEU dated June 27, 2014 and authorizes the President of the Board to sign same.

- G. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education denies the request of a parent to change her daughter's school of attendance.

**LEGAL**

- A. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the statement of services rendered on non-retainer matters in the amount of \$28,401.06 for the period ending June 30, 2014 submitted by Lamb & Barnosky, LLP.
- B. Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Tampellini and carried unanimously to approve the lease modification agreement with Lazy Cow, Inc. d/b/a Kiddie Care Early Learning Center for the leased premises at Long Acres Elementary School to be increased from 17 rooms to 21 rooms and authorize the President of the Board to sign same.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

- A. Motion made by Mrs. Guber, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the CSE/CPSE recommendations approved on the following dates: February 10, 11, 12, 25 and 28, 2014; March 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21, 26 and 31, 2014; April 4, 7, 10, 28 and 29, 2014; May 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29, 2014; June 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23, 2014; and July 17, 2014.
- B. Motion made by Mrs. DiGirolamo, seconded by Mr. Hartman and carried unanimously to acknowledge receipt of the Internal Claims Auditor's Monthly Update.

**NEW BUSINESS,  
continued:**

Adopted resolution to ratify the Stipulation of Agreement between the District and UPSEU dated June 27, 2014.

Adopted resolution denying parent request for daughter to change school of attendance.

**LEGAL**

Acknowledged receipt of statement for services – Lamb & Barnosky, LLP – June 30, 2014.

Approved lease modification agreement with Lazy Cow, Inc., d/b/a Kiddie Care – increase rooms from 17 to 21 at Long Acres.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Acknowledged receipt of CSE/CPSE recommendations.

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

**BOARD BUSINESS (Continued)**

C. Motion made by Mr. Tampellini, seconded by Mrs. Masciello and carried unanimously to acknowledged receipt of the following financial report:

- 1. CD Rates 2014-2015.

D. Motion made by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Tampellini and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Commack Union Free School District shall hold a regular meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Hubbs Administration Building, 480 Clay Pitts Road, East Northport, New York. It is anticipated that the Board will make a motion for the purpose of adjourning into Executive Session at this time and at 8:00 p.m. the Board will reconvene in Public Session for the purpose of holding its Regular Business Meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Heard questions/comments regarding the following topics: agenda attachments; videotaping of meeting; budget line-item for legal fees; Newsday article re: past Superintendent's pensions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mrs. Masciello, seconded by Mrs. DiGirolamo and carried unanimously to adjourn public meeting at 9:10 p.m.

**BOARD BUSINESS, continued:**

Acknowledged receipt of financial report.

Adopted resolution establishing meeting date of September 4, 2014.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Heard questions and comments from the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned public meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Jane Budde,  
District Clerk