

**OFFICIAL  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, DISTRICT OFFICES  
ONE KENT ROAD  
VALLEY STREAM, NEW YORK 11580  
APRIL 6, 2010**

**Board Members Present:** Elise Antonelli, Dr. Frank Chiachiere, Kenneth Cummings, Jeanne Greco Jacobs, Anthony Iadevaio, Cristobal Stewart, William Stris, Lawrence Trogel, Ian Wraith

**Board Members Absent:** N/A

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Present:**

Dr. Marc Bernstein, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Thomas Troisi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Wayne Loper, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Bill Heidenriech, Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Administration, Mr. John Sheahan, Attorney.

**Officers of the Board and Administrators Absent:** N/A

**Meeting Opened**

Board President Trogel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Upon motion of Trustee Stris and seconded by Trustee Cummings, the Board entered into Executive Session for matters of personnel, negotiations and/or litigation and returned to Public Session at 8:22 p.m.

**Recognition of Visitors**

Board President Trogel welcomed the visitors. He advised that visitors who wished to address the Board concerning items on the agenda would be heard when the pertinent item was being discussed and before action was taken. Visitors wishing to address the Board concerning items that did not appear on the agenda would have the opportunity to speak at the conclusion of regular business.

**Communications**

Mary Colgan, the District Clerk, stated that the Board had received correspondence from the following:

- 1) NYSSBA – information regarding various workshops;
- 2) Nassau BOCES regarding Budget Vote; and
- 3) Nassau Suffolk School Board Association regarding invitation to Annual Dinner Meeting.

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Trustee Stris shared that this was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nassau Suffolk School board Association and that historically, it was a District 13 Board Member who was a founding member. Trustee Stris requested that if it were possible to change the June 1<sup>st</sup> Committee meeting to another night so that Board members would be able to attend the dinner. Dr. Bernstein responded that we were checking with the elementary districts to see if there would be any conflict if the meeting were changed to June 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Superintendent asked the Board members to have a date in mind at the April 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting for the Nassau BOCES budget vote.

- 4) A letter was received that afternoon from the Maintenance and Custodial Staff regarding proposed personnel cuts due to the budget. A copy of the letter was provided to each Board member for their review.

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the March 2, 2010 Committee Meeting, March 9, 2010 Business Meeting and March 13, 2010 Special Meeting.

On the question, Trustee Cummings referred to the “Opportunity for Guests” at the March 9, 2010 in which the minutes mention a group of South High School students. He did not recall the speaker specifically identifying them as students from South High School. The District Clerk will correct the minutes to state otherwise and they are approved as corrected.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### **Authorization of Placement of Voter Proposition**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Wraith, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the placement of the following voter proposition at the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 18, 2010 and directs the District Clerk to forward to the District Clerks of Valley Stream UFSD 13, Valley Stream UFSD 24 and Valley Stream UFSD 30 to place said proposition in the Annual Notice of said Vote and Election:

Resolved, that the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2010-2011 be approved in the amount of \$100,681,122 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio stated that he had voted against the recommended budget at the March 13, 2010 meeting because of several concerns and even though he has received answers, he is still against this budget.

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Trustee Stewart added that he has voiced his opinion and opposition to the proposed Special Education cuts.

A parent read a statement regarding the proposed budget cuts in Special Education along with a comparison of the amount spent per pupil in comparable districts.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	No
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	No
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With 7 yes votes and 2 no votes the motion passes.

#### **Authorization to Execute a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby settles the claim brought by the parents of a student identified on Confidential Schedule A and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release reviewed in executive session.

#### **Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement with Valley Stream Directors' Association**

On motion of Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Jacobs, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a memorandum of agreement modifying the eligibility requirements for retirement benefits under the collective bargaining agreement.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	No
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	No
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With 7 yes and 2 no votes, the motion passes.

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**Authorization to Execute Memorandum of Agreement**

On motion of Trustee Jacobs, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute a memorandum of agreement regarding the employee named on Confidential Schedule “B.”

**Health and Welfare Services**

On motion of Trustee Stris, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following:

Health and welfare services rendered to (one) 1 student attending the North Merrick Union Free School District @ \$132.00 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to (one) 1 student attending the East Rockaway Union Free School District @ \$787.00 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to (sixty-five) 65 students attending the Hicksville Union Free School District @ \$524.64 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to (one) 1 student attending the Westbury Union Free School District @ \$830.08 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to (one) 1 student attending the South Huntington Union Free School District @ \$770.85 per pupil;

Health and welfare services rendered to (seven) 7 students attending the Jericho Union Free School District @ \$918.51 per pupil; and

Health and welfare services rendered to (ten) 10 students attending the Lynbrook Union Free School District @ \$750.61 per pupil & (one) 1 student @ \$75.06 X 6 months.

## **Information and Exploration**

### **Adult Education Program – Recommendations to Achieve a Self-Sustaining Program**

At the March 13, 2010 Budget Review Session, the Board asked Dr. Bernstein for recommendations on how to make the Adult Education Program self sustaining. Dr. Nekulak looked at a variety of options that would make the program move in that direction. Dr. Bernstein shared that he was concerned that if you enact all of the options, this would seriously harm the program. He suggested implementing the changes over a 2 to 3 year period so people could adjust to the changes.

Trustee Stris stated that he felt that if the District was making cuts to other programs, then the Adult Education program should be looked at as well.

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris, the Board approved to make the Adult Education program self sustaining over a three year period utilizing program changes totaling \$15,000 each year to total \$45,000 over the three period thereby making Adult Education self sustaining.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	No
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	No
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With 7 yes votes and 2 no votes, the motion passes.

Dr. Bernstein added that he would come back at the May 4, 2010 meeting with recommendations from Dr. Nekulak's list as to how to start raising the \$15,000 the first year.

### **Security Locks/Swipe System**

Mr. Loper reviewed, for the Board and community, that it would be approximately \$10,000 to rekey locks on the buildings and \$30,000 to add card readers. This would be done to provide greater security. The District would use state and local contracts to help fund this and will come out of this years budget. Dr. Bernstein stated that it is not a question of either/or but when.

Trustee Wraith asked if it is cheaper to add more doors once the project is started? Mr. Loper replied that it is and that the system does not require major upgrades.

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On motion of Trustee Stris and seconded by Trustee Chiachiere, the Board approved to spend no more than \$40,000 to rekey locks and to add card readers at the District buildings.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	Yes
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	Yes
Trustee Cummings	Yes
Trustee Antonelli	Abstain
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	No
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With a vote of 7 yes, 1 no and 1 abstained, the motion passes.

### **Lights on for Education – Thursday, April 29, 2010 – Memorial Junior High School**

Dr. Bernstein reminded the Board and community of this event.

### **BOCES Budget Vote – Tuesday, April 20, 2010**

The Board was reminded of the upcoming BOCES Budget vote.

### **Budget Presentations April – May 2010 re Tax Levy vs. Taxes**

The Superintendent is concerned on how to present the budget to the community. It is difficult to project actual changes in taxes; can never be truly accurate. Dr. Bernstein would rather not provide the anticipated tax amount change to the community but would rather just show the tax levy. If the elementary districts present it differently than the high school district, then it would cause confusion. All districts need to present it the same way.

Trustee Iadevaio felt that people want to know about how much their tax bill is going to change and it should be presented as a best estimate.

Trustee Stris felt it should be left as is; it is an estimate and has always been that way.

Trustee Cummings stated that people want something tangible and felt that it should be presented as it has been in the past.

Trustee Antonelli expressed her concern that people do not hear the word “estimate”, they fixate on the actual amount.

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On motion of Trustee Antonelli and seconded by Trustee Wraith, the Board did not approve to change the budget presentation and/or publications to not include absolute tax rates or changes.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	No
Trustee Chiachiere	No
Trustee Iadevaio	No
Trustee Jacobs	No
Trustee Cummings	No
Trustee Antonelli	Yes
Trustee Wraith	No
Trustee Stewart	No
Trustee Trogel	No

With a vote of 8 no's and 1 yes, the motion does not pass. The budget presentation be maintained as done in the past.

### **Attorney's Report**

John Sheahan, Attorney for the District, presented a report regarding a recent decision of the New York State Court of Appeals where the court held that a student with a disability, who was parentally placed at a private school, was entitled to an individual aide at the private school during the school day.

A copy of the report was given to the District Clerk for distribution to the Board.

## **Education Report**

### A. Resignations

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board approved items A. 1, 3, 4; B 1, 2, 3; D 1 and E 1 and 2.

#### **1. Teacher Requests for Leave of Absence with Pay Prior to Retirement**

Request for a leave of absence with pay prior to retirement in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Valley Stream Teachers Association:

- a. Gene Bregman – North – Art  
Effective: July 1, 2010  
Retirement  
Mr. Bregman has been an art teacher in Valley Stream for 23 years.
- b. Walter Bachman – North – Social Studies  
Effective: July 1, 2010  
Retirement  
Mr. Bachman has been a social studies teacher in Valley Stream for 37 years.
- c. Ellen Palazzo – North – Family and Consumer Sciences  
Effective: July 1, 2010  
Retirement  
Ms. Palazzo has been a family and consumer sciences teacher in Valley Stream for 39 years.



## 2. Teacher Resignations

On motion of Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Cummings and carried unanimously, the Board approved of the following resignations:

- a. Rachael Harley – Memorial – English  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons
- b. Salvina Antonacci – Memorial – LOTE  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons
- c. Christina Liddy – Central – Chemistry  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons
- d. Michelle Weitz – South – Math  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons
- e. Mariana Pineda – South – LOTE  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons
- f. Mariana Beach – Memorial – Art  
Effective August 31, 2010  
Personal reasons

On the question, Trustee Iadevaio inquired as to whether the teacher positions proposed for elimination in the budget would now remain with these resignations? Dr. Bernstein replied that these resignations were independent of those proposed cuts; resignations are not based on the budget.

**3. Permanent Substitute Resignation**

Gillian Candelaria – North – English  
Effective March 15, 2010  
Other Employment

**4. Part Time Teacher/Part Time Permanent Substitute Resignation**

Danielle Grossi – Central – Art  
Effective March 19, 2010  
Other Employment

**B. Appointments**

**1. Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher, 2009-10**

In accordance with the New York State Education Law, the Committee recommends appointment of the following (pending verification of credentials, fingerprinting, and experience) effective as noted unless terminated prior thereto in the manner prescribed by Law:

Fallon Hearst – Physical Education  
Salary Step 1MA.....\$64,632 (prorated)  
Education: SUNY Albany, BA; Adelphi, MA  
Effective April 7, 2010 – June 30, 2010  
Tentative Assignment: Memorial  
To replace Ms. Sonkin. Ms. Hearst has been a permanent substitute at Memorial since November 12, 2009.

**2. Appointment of Per Diem Substitutes, 2009-10**

Appointment of the following as per diem substitutes at a rate of \$105 per diem without benefits:

Christine Conway	Rachel Corr
Shela Jackson-Damis	George Karahalios
Mark Pepe	Rosita Richard

C. Stipends

**1. Co-Curricular Activities**

Approval of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Central	Danielle Grossi	Eagle Video Club	3/19/10-6/30/10	-	\$2897 (prorated)
North	Holli Bombardier	It's Academic	3/15/10-6/30/10	-	\$1764 (prorated)
	Gloria Kramer	It's Academic (.5)	3/15/10-6/30/10	+	\$587.50 (prorated)
	Kari Picillo	It's Academic (.5)	3/15/10-6/30/10	+	\$587.50 (prorated)

**2. Interscholastic Activities**

Approval of the following stipends at the appropriate step effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
South	Samantha Cinque	JV Girls Lacrosse	3/08/10-6/13/10	-	\$4,499*
	Karen Cooney	JV Girls Lacrosse	3/08/10-6/13/10	+	\$4,264*
	Mariana Pineda	Varsity Girls Badminton	3/15/10-6/13/10	+	\$3,482
	Richard Hess*	JV Baseball Volunteer AC	3/08/10-6/13/10		NA

\* Non district employee

\*\*Prorated

**3. Approval of Teachers to Pass through Salary Gates**

Approval of the following to pass though salary gates effective as noted:

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Effective</u>
South	Virginia Calderaro	9-10	1/8/2010

D. Committee for Special Education

**1. Recommendations from the Committee on Special Education**

As recommended by the Committee on Special Education.

E. Informational Items

**1. Requests for Leaves, 2009-10**

The following staff members have requested and are granted unpaid child care leaves effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Donna Sonkin	Memorial	Physical Education	Contractual	3/15/10-6/30/10
Melissa Keegan	South	Guidance	FMLA	3/22-10-5/22/10

**2. Requests for Leaves, 2010-11**

The following staff members have requested and are granted unpaid child care leaves effective as noted:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Provision</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Immacolata Goldman	North	LOTE	Contractual	9/1/10-6/30/11

## **Business Committee**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items 1 – 6.

**1. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the month of February 2010

**2. Summary of Cash Accounts**

The Treasurer's summary of cash accounts for the month of February 2010

**3. Budget Status Reports**

The Budget Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

**4. Trial Balance Reports**

The Trial Balance Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

**5. Revenue Reports**

The Revenue Status Reports for the period July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

- a. General Fund
- b. Capital Fund
- c. School Lunch Fund
- d. Special Aid Fund

**6. Extracurricular Fund Reports**

The Extracurricular Fund Reports for the month of February 2010

**B. Informational Items**

1. Schedule of Bills and Respective Reports of the Claims Auditor (July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010)
2. Conference Attendance – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010)
3. Overnight Conference Attendance – Staff (July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010)
4. District Reimbursements – Board of Education and Superintendent (July 1, 2009– March 31, 2010)
5. Meals and Refreshments (July 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010)

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On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Jacobs and carried unanimously, the Board approved Items C – J (D was withdrawn).

**C. Cooperative Bid Resolution**

For the purpose of participating in Cooperative Bids for: A/C & Refrigeration Service, Boiler Welding, Boilers & Burners Service, Cafeteria/Kitchen Equipment Repair, Carpet /Tile & Installation, Custodial Equipment Repair, Custodial Supplies & Trash Bags, Drag Mops, Dumpsters, Electrical Service, Electrical Supplies, Elevator Maintenance, Emergency Generator Service, Fence Installation & Repair, Field Maintenance & Supplies, Fire Extinguisher Service, Floor Sanding, Fuel Tank Alarm Repairs, Garbage Dumpsters, Geese/Dog Service, Grounds Equipment Repair, Gym Folding Door & Stage Rigging, Irrigation-Installation & Service, Kitchen Equipment Repair, Locksmith Services, Lumber & Masonry Supplies, PA, Intercom & Master Clock Service, Paint & Paint Supplies, Painting Service, Parking Lot Sweeping & Storm Drains, Pest Control Services, Plumbing Service, Plumbing Supplies, Pneumatic Control, Pump Repair, Roofing Repair, Scoreboard Repair Indoor/Outdoor, Signs & Associated Supplies, Site Work, Asphalt & Concrete, Slate Roof, Split AC Units, Steam Traps & Parts, Suspended Ceiling Installation, Theatrical Lighting, Tree Cutting & Pruning, Uniforms, Venetian Blinds & Shades, Welding (General) and Wireless Clocks.

**WHEREAS**, the Boards of Education:

Baldwin UFSD	Bellmore UFSD	Bellmore-
Merrick UFSD		
Bethpage UFSD	Carle Place UFSD	East Meadow
UFSD		
East Rockaway UFSD	Elmont UFSD	Floral Park
UFSD		
Freeport UFSD	Garden City UFSD	Great Neck
UFSD		
Hempstead UFSD	Herricks UFSD	Hewlett-
Woodmere UFSD		
Hicksville UFSD	Jericho UFSD	Lawrence
UFSD		
Levittown UFSD	Lynbrook UFSD	Malverne
UFSD		
Manhasset UFSD	Massapequa UFSD	Merrick UFSD
Mineola UFSD	New Hyde Pk/Garden City Pk UFSD	North Bellmore
UFSD		
North Merrick UFSD	North Shore CSD	Oceanside UFSD
Plainview-Old Bethpage UFSD	Port Washington UFSD	Rockville Centre
CHSD		

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Seaford UFSD  
Valley Stream CHSD  
Westbury UFSD

Syosset CHSD  
Valley Stream #30  
West Hempstead UFSD

Uniondale CHSD  
Wantagh UFSD

desire to participate in Cooperative Bids during the 2010-2011 school year as authorized by General Municipal Law Section 119-0, and whereas, the Board of Education through the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, has assumed responsibility for drafting specifications, advertising for Bids, accepting and opening Bids, tabulating Bids, and reporting the results for each of the respective bids to the participating Boards of Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Education of Valley Stream Central High School District, be and hereby authorized to participate in Cooperative bidding conducted in conjunction with the Boards of Education of Baldwin UFSD, Bellmore UFSD, Bellmore-Merrick UFSD, Bethpage UFSD, Carle Place UFSD, East Meadow UFSD, East Rockaway UFSD, Elmont UFSD, Floral Park UFSD, Freeport UFSD, Garden City UFSD, Great Neck UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Herricks UFSD, Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, Hicksville UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Lawrence UFSD, Levittown UFSD,

Lynbrook UFSD, Malverne UFSD, Manhasset UFSD, Massapequa UFSD, Merrick UFSD, Mineola UFSD, New Hyde Park/Garden City Park UFSD, North Bellmore UFSD, North Merrick UFSD, North Shore CSD, Oceanside UFSD, Plainview-Old Bethpage UFSD, Port Washington UFSD, Rockville Centre CHSD, Seaford UFSD, Syosset CHSD, Uniondale CHSD, Valley Stream CHSD, Valley Stream #30, Wantagh UFSD, Westbury UFSD, West Hempstead UFSD for the Bids noted above. Any award of any contract pursuant to these Cooperative Bids will be made by the respective Board of Education in cooperation with the participating Districts.

**D. Award of Transportation Consultant Contract - *WITHDRAWN***

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education hereby awards a transportation consultant contract, in cooperation with the Nassau County Southwest Transportation Cooperative, to Nancy Nunziata for the period beginning May 1, 2010 through May 1, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00, and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute an agreement setting the terms and conditions of the consulting service.

This was withdrawn because of Item J; they would contradict each other and the District does not want to be obligated to pay a consulting fee if Item J works out.



**E. Security Purchasing Consortium Resolution**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District's participation in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD #24 and Valley Stream UFSD #30 for the purposes of procuring contract security related services for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

**F. Special Education Related Service Consortium Resolution**

Be it resolved that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the District's participation in a purchasing consortium with Valley Stream UFSD #24, Valley Stream UFSD #30 and Valley Stream UFSD #13 for the purposes of Special Education related services for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

**G. Approval of Special Education Services Contract**

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves an agreement with the Seaford Union Free School District for Instructional Services in the amount set by the State Education Department, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said agreement.

**H. Approval of Centralized Textbook Loan Program**

Be it resolved, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Committee recommends that the District approve a Letter of Intent to enter into a Centralized Textbook Loan Program and Managed Purchase Option with Textbook Central for the 2010/2011 school year. Contract cost based on New York State Contract #CMS879A-SBE of \$25.00 plus a managed purchase option fee of 15% of total expenses.

**I. Disposal of Equipment**

Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with Board of Education policy 6900, the Business Committee recommends the disposition of obsolete textbooks.

**J. Nassau County Transportation Cooperative**

Be it resolved that, 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 2010-2011 school year (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 School District, is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil 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 School District to participate in the Cooperative.

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.

On the question, Trustee Stris asked if the District would be required to follow through with this if everything falls into place? Dr. Bernstein replied that yes, the District is obligated to this cooperative if it happens. Mr. Loper added that he was going to look into it more to see if there is a “drop dead date” so that if it does not work out, we can go to the Southwest Quadrant Transportation Cooperative.

## **Policy Committee**

Trustee Stris shared that the Policy Committee met tonight and discussed several policies and began reviewing the waiver policy.

## **Old and New Business**

Trustee Iadevaio inquired as to whether the Board of Education would be part of the final interview process for the Assistant Principal vacancy at Memorial Junior High School? Dr. Bernstein replied that they could after the Superintendent interviews and recommendations.

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio and seconded by Trustee Cummings, the Board approved to interview the final candidates for the Assistant Principal position at Memorial Junior High School.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Stris	Yes
Trustee Chiachiere	No
Trustee Iadevaio	Yes
Trustee Jacobs	No
Trustee Cummings	No
Trustee Antonelli	No
Trustee Wraith	Yes
Trustee Stewart	Yes
Trustee Trogel	Yes

With a vote of 5 yes and 4 no, the motion passes.

## **Opportunity for Guests**

Mrs. Sensale, President of SEPTA, addressed the Board regarding the proposed cuts to the Special Education Program. Mrs. Sensale stated that she had contacted Ms. Janet Smith from the State Education Department, who provided an opinion on the proposed changes. Dr. Bernstein replied that he would speak with Michelle Gay, District Director of Special Education and advise the Board accordingly.

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**Motion to Adourn**

On motion of Trustee Iadevaio, seconded by Trustee Stris and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted By:

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Mary E. Colgan, District Clerk