

Minutes of School Board Meeting – November 18, 2013

Board Room - Administration Building – Mattlin Middle School

Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein,  
Mrs. Pierno, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Greenberg.

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Gierasch, Dr. Eagen, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,  
Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education appoint Mr. Ruf Acting District Clerk.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Ruf  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

There were approximately 25 district residents and staff members present.

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone to this evening's Board meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mrs. Lieberman asked for a moment of silence for all the people that were killed or injured in the Philippines typhoon and in the tornado that struck in the mid west.

#### High School Update

Amanda Bressner, the high school representative, updated the Board of Education on events at the high school. On behalf of the student body, she thanked the Board of Education and the Superintendent for instituting Family Night. The students really appreciated it.

#### Relay For Life

Michele Migerry, representing the American Cancer Society thanked Dr. Lewis and the Board of Education for their ten years of working together on Relay for Life. She presented the Board with a plaque. She stated she is very excited to be working with Stephanie Ralton and Nicole Blumenthal this year.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that Relay For Life brings our community together for a wonderful cause. Everyone cares.

Mrs. Pierno stated there are several staff and community members that have worked tirelessly over the years on Relay for Life. She suggested that we honor them at a future meeting.

#### Board Announcements

Mrs. Schulman stated that she and Mrs. Pierno on November 12 attended SEPTA's Night Out. This is the only fund raising event by SEPTA and there was a very good crowd.

Mrs. Schulman also attended a Robotic event at the high school. Over 200 children were involved. It was a very well attended event.

Mrs. Pierno stated that she and Ms. Gierasch attended a wonderful event at Parkway School, "Bring a Veteran to Work". As veterans came to the door, the children welcomed them. It was wonderful to see the children interacting with the veterans. They had many questions. The most popular questions dealt with medals, tanks and the kind of food the veterans ate. She thanked Ms. Hershkowitz and her staff for putting this event together.

Mr. Bettan spoke of comments by Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, regarding "suburban housewives". Mr. Bettan found these remarks offensive. He stated that the Federal government is not supposed to tell schools how to run their districts. He should leave us alone and let us run our district to the best of our ability.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her views that school districts that do well is not where you should put your dollars. We came in 39 out of approximately 800 school districts. We received no money.

#### Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis echoed the success of Family Night. Parents did the leg work. PTA got restaurants on board. Teachers and administrators received e-mails and phone calls from parents stating this was a wonderful event. It allows us as a district to work together for one night. In Plainview-Old Bethpage, we have one voice for excellence. The idea for Family Night came from PTA.

Dr. Lewis reminded everyone about the high school play this weekend.

Dr. Lewis stated that the Point of Sales program was rolled out.

Mr. Ruf stated our food service line will be automated. We have collected a substantial amount of money from parents. Two schools will be automated tomorrow. All the rest will be up and running by the end of the week.

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Mr. Ruf.

Dr. Lewis stated that she was honored to have been visited by Chancellor of the State Board of Regents, Meryl Tisch. They had a very productive conversation. They discussed initiatives that are having problems. She was one of two superintendents that Chancellor Tisch met with.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that everyone's voice is heard. Albany underestimated the people. The pressure on our staff and our parents is immense. We cannot become complaisant. She stated that we have to write letters and call our legislators.

### Anti-Casino Resolution

Mrs. Lieberman discussed the proposition that was approved on the November ballot regarding casino gambling. One of the sites being considered is the Racing Palace on Old Country Road.

Mrs. Lieberman discussed and reviewed the resolution. Mrs. Lieberman stated that surrounding communities also don't want this.

Mr. Bettan read the resolution that was written by Mr. Bettan, Mrs. Rothman and other members of the Board. Mrs. Rothman then read the resolution that was prepared by our attorneys.

### Discussion:

Mr. Greenberg discuss "...bring an increase in crime to an area, including violent crimes and..." included in the final resolution.

Mrs. Rothman would like all our PTAs to go back to their units and alert them of this. She suggested that perhaps the PCT and ASA could join in as well.

Ms. Aloe stated that we should adopt the resolution. The others could also adopt this resolution or write a similar one.

Mrs. Lieberman stated we will be adopting this resolution under New Business.

### Reports

#### STEAM

Ms. Gierasch introduced Joyce Barry, Judith Chen, Josh Golbert and Christian Bowen.

Ms. Gierasch read the Board's goal.

“Integrated STEAM: Ensure that every student, teacher, and administrator is proficient with current and appropriate technologies to support 21<sup>st</sup> century expectations for student learning.

- Develop a 3-5 year plan for integrating STEAM into K-12 College and Career Readiness Plan.
- Revise Technology Curriculum to include more 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- Develop a plan for making all of our facilities wireless by 2015.  
(Ms. Gierasch stated we need to do this)
- Establish grade by grade technology competencies for students and create a system to demonstrate accountability for meeting these standards (Ms. Gierasch stated we are working on this goal this year)
- Provide more opportunities for global connections via teleconferencing, virtual field trips and video conferencing.”

Ms. Barry explained what STEAM is: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. It is a framework for teaching across disciplines. She spoke of science and technology interpreted through engineering and the arts all based in Mathematical elements.

Ms. Chen stated that a lot of the components of STEAM are currently in the district.

Mr. Golbert discussed instruction relating to STEAM. He spoke of professional capacity. They would like to visit other schools and view webinars involved in STEAM.

Ms. Barry discussed assessments.

Ms. Chen spoke of the learning environment, the layout of classrooms and how instruction is delivered. We could skype with outside organizations. Students could share their experiences.

Mr. Bowen discussed leadership and administration. We are active participants and we have to learn about STEAM. We have to educate ourselves.

Ms. Gierasch discussed the 4 Cs and the Common Core. The four Cs are Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Communication, and Collaboration.

Ms. Gierasch stated we have to educate principals and staff.

Ms. Barry spoke of all the partnerships with the community that we have and how successful they have been.

Mrs. Bernstein asked if we would consider taking our teaching staff along to workshops.

Ms. Gierasch stated yes.

Mrs. Bernstein asked how it becomes imbedded in our curriculum.

Ms. Barry spoke of the different opportunities and of the relationships with other school districts. She spoke of the teachers having dialogues back and forth.

Ms. Gierasch stated it is all about careers and what our kids are interested in. We have to make revisions to our current curriculum.

Mrs. Lieberman discussed our theatre arts program. We have a relationship with the Kennedy Arts Center.

Ms. Barry stated we are the only school district with such a relationship.

Mrs. Rothman expressed her views that these reports are so important to the Board prior to budget time. She asked Mrs. Barry what we have to look at more immediately.

Ms. Barry stated that it is more expensive in the middle schools. We need more lab space and wireless accessibility. We have come a long way but we have a long way to go.

Ms. Gierasch expressed her views that we have to be more into the kids' world.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we are looking at this K-12 or are we starting in the high school. She believes inter-disciplines are the heart of this. How are we going to find time for this.

Ms. Gierasch stated there may be tweaking within courses.

Mrs. Pierno asked if we have the ability to do projects at the high school.

Ms. Gierasch stated we are not there yet.

Mrs. Pierno does not want the focus to be on careers.

Mrs. Schulman wants to see what students are going to get out of this. What are they going to learn.

Mrs. Lieberman stated it should be tied into social and emotional learning. How is this presented.

Mr. Bettan stated that it is important that we are doing this through a multiyear plan. Teachers have to be enthusiastic about this. We have to give them the necessary tools. It is not going to happen without the teachers. He stated we have to “grow” this. We need staff development for teaching these technologies. Mr. Bettan stated it is a great endeavor. He reiterated the importance of this being a multiyear project.

Mrs. Lieberman stated it is a partnership. She thanked everyone for the report.

#### Public Participation

Mr. Jacque Wolfner wished the Board and Administration a very happy Thanksgiving. He spoke of 5<sup>th</sup> graders reacting to engineering problems. He stated you have to define the problem, gather the facts, develop alternatives and then develop a plan.

Mr. Wolfner also asked for a discussion of several items on the agenda.

Mrs. Stefanie Nelkens asked if there were any plans to purchase an algebra book this year.

Dr. Lewis stated there are no textbooks available. We are looking for the best textbook. We may never have one available. She noted the textbook may be electronic. Right now there is nothing aligned.

Ms. Nelkens requested an Algebra II book. There has to be something better.

Dr. Lewis stated our algebra teachers have gone above and beyond to provide the kids with the knowledge they need.

Ms. Nina Melzer, a teacher and member of the PCT stated it is good that STEAM is a multiyear plan. She asked when in the day are the teachers going to do this. Children are on computers all the time, they need social skills. She would like real hands on opportunities. We need to spend more time talking to children. Real world experience is necessary.

Ms. Gierasch stated there is a lot of this going on already.

### Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the following routine business items:

#### 1. Students

##### Student Placements

That the Board of Education approve the student placements as recommended by Pupil Personnel Services.

#### 2. Personnel

##### Professional Staff – Part-Time Position

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ellen Feldman	ESL Teacher (.2) Position Assign: Parkway Elementary - New Position	Nov. 19, 2013 thru June 30, 2014 or earlier at the discretion of the Board of Education	\$13,070.60 Step 2MA (represents 2/10 of \$65,353)

##### Non-Teaching Personnel – Retirement

Sandra Berman	Typist Clerk POBJFK High School	Dec. 2, 2013
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Non-Teaching Personnel I- Probationary Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Caitlin Rankel	1:1 Special Ed. Aide 6.5 hours Stratford Road School (new student with IEP)	11/19/2013	\$23,294.70 To be prorated

Personnel Recommendation – In-District Facilitators – School Year 2013/2014

			<u>Hours</u>	
Carla Camerata	Facilitator	School Year 2013/2014	2	\$54.84/hr
Dee Dee Edwards	“	“	1.5	\$54.84/hr
Terri Midoneck	“	“	1	\$54.84/hr
Holly Nelson	“	“	1	\$54.84/hr
Janese Pfeiffer	“	“	2	\$54.84/hr
Gregor Reinbold	“	“	1	\$54.84/hr
Judith Rilling	“	“	1.5	\$54.84/hr
Maria Xydas	“	“	1	\$54.84/hr

Personnel Recommendation – School Year 2013/2014 – POBJFK H.S. Financial Aid Meeting

Anthony Isola	Keynote Speaker - Financial Aid Meeting for Grades 9 & 10	Oct. 15, 2013	2 hrs. @ own daily rate
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Professional Staff – Additional Hours

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alan Rappaport	Technical Services for the following: Talent Show Fall Drama Production SING Senior Show	School Year 2013/2014	\$54.84 per hour Maximum of 100 hours

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2013/2014 – PAS/MMS/POBMS

Craig Coyle	Grade 7 & 8 Winter Concerts/MMS & POBMS	School Year 2013/2014	2 rehearsals each school @\$50/per rehearsal 2 Concerts each school @\$50/per concert
Martha Garland	Pasadena Elementary Choral Concert	“	2 rehearsals@\$50 per rehearsal 2 Concerts@\$50/per concert

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2013/2014

Greg McGee	Asst Coach, MS Mens Swimming	Immed.	\$2787
Alan Rutcofsky	Asst. Coach, Varsity Softball	3/14	\$4805
Jeff Salzberg	Head Coach, Varsity Womens Lacrosse	3/14	\$7690
Jamie Stone	Asst Coach, JV Mens Basketball	11/13	\$4039

Personnel Recommendations – Chaperones

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jodi Narbutt	Chaperone	School Year 2013/2014	\$92.17
Laurie Shelansky	Chaperone	“	\$92.17

Personnel Recommendation – Parent Math Night Facilitators – School Year 2013/2014Facilitators

Nancy Boyce	Parent Math Night	School Year 2013/2014	\$54.84/hr	3 hr. each	\$164.52
Deanna Consiglio	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52
Nancy Fehrenbach	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52
Marjorie Klein	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52
Amanda Maltese	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52
Joseph Sidito	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52
Kevin Smith	“	“	\$54.84/hr	“	\$164.52

Appointments – Non-Teaching – TAG Program – School Year 2013/2014

Carol Guagliardo	Aide	School Year 2013/2014	\$25/hr.
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Non-Teaching Personnel Appointment – Child Care Program

Corey Unger	Child Care Worker	11/19/13	\$12.75
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Appointment – Swim Program – School Year 2013/2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Isaiah Flowers	Lifeguard I PT	School Year \$2013/2014	\$10.00 - \$12.50 per hour

Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher

Nicole Nicoletta	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	11/18/13	Step 1
Danielle Gioe	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	11/18/13	Step 1
Ellen Felber	Per Diem Substitute Teacher-Retired	11/18/13	Step 2R

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute

Nicole Landow	School Monitor Part Time Substitute	11/19/2013	\$8.50 ph
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3. Finance

a. Nassau County Drug and Alcohol Prevention Grant

That the Board of Education approve the grant with the County of Nassau for drug and alcohol prevention funding for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the contractual agreement.

b. Service Contract for Fitness Center Machines

That the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign a contract with Action Fitness, 1330 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, New York at a cost of \$2,549.00.

c. Membership – New York State School Boards Association

That the Board of Education authorize continued membership in the New York State School Boards Association for the calendar year 2014 in the amount of \$11,307.

d. Donation – SNAP

That the Board of Education accept a donation of the following from SNAP to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District:

Smartboard  
Computer  
Audio  
Cable  
Bracket

e. Obsolete Equipment – Music Department

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following:

(2) Power Macintosh G3 “All-In-One” Computers

(2) HP Deskjet Color Printers

f. 4<sup>th</sup> R Recreation Programs

That the Board of Education approve the agreements between the Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD and Lil Chefs, RL Entertainment, Schoolhouse Chess of Long Island and Mad Science of Long Island for the Fall session of the 2013-2014 school year.

g. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Kindergarten Center

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the following:

(2) Califone Listening Centers – 6 headsets

h. Extra-Class Treasurer’s Report – July, August, 2013

That the Board of Education approve the Extra-Class Treasurer’s Report for July and August for POB Middle School, Mattlin Middle School and POBJFK High School.

i. Payment of Bills

November 13, 2013

General Fund A	\$1,839,110.64
Trust & Agency	\$1,323,122.51
Federal	\$ 49,407.82
Debt Service	\$ 218,675.00
Net Payroll	\$1,797,280.01

4. Miscellaneous

Approval of Minutes

That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board of Education meetings of October 28 and November 4, 2013.

New Business

1. Additional Proposed Staff Development Courses – 2013/2014

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education approve the following additional proposed staff development courses for the 2013/2014 school year:

- Foundations New Edition, Level 2 (Pasadena)
- Daily Five: The 2 Sisters and the Literacy Café Menu (Pasadena)
- Stress Management and Mindfulness
- The Other Side of Immigration (For 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- Collecting and Creating Math Resources
- Elementary Health
- Teaching Music through Literacy (Stratford Road)

2. Anti-Casino Resolution

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Greenberg that the Board of Education approve the following anti-casino resolution:

**WHEREAS**, while the Plainview-Old Bethpage School Board of Education ("Board of Education") takes no position with respect to gambling and/or casino activities, the Board of Education is extremely concerned regarding the potential for a dramatic negative impact on the school community from a proposed video lottery casino with 1,000 video lottery terminals at the current Race Palace OTB site, 1600 Round Swamp Road, Plainview, NY 11803; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed casino is within 2 miles of the Old Bethpage School, which houses 351 elementary school age children, the Mattlin Middle School, which houses 774 children, and the Plainview - Old Bethpage John F. Kennedy High School, which houses 1482 students and is also across the road from community athletic fields where hundreds of District children and children from visiting communities play and practice; and

**WHEREAS**, the casino will likely bring additional traffic that could impact and pose a risk to the safe and efficient travel of our students, staff, and school buses especially if patrons of the casino leave the area driving under the influence of alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has a responsibility to consider the health, safety and welfare of the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education understands and is sympathetic to the dire financial situation faced by local governments and is cognizant of the Board's fiduciary responsibilities to the residents of our community. However studies show that casinos bring an increase in crime to an area, including violent crimes and actually drain money out from a community, compete with local stores for disposable income and may have a long term negative impact on property values and the community's tax base.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainview Old Bethpage Board of Education strongly opposes any attempts or proposals by New York State or the County of Nassau to bring casino gambling into the Plainview-Old Bethpage community and calls on Governor Cuomo, Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto, and all elected officials, to either abandon plans to bring casino gambling to Nassau County or seek an alternate location for the 1,000 video slot casino in a commercial area that is not located near schools or in residential neighborhoods.



2. Anti-Casino Resolution - (Continued)

Discussion:

Mrs. Rothman discussed taking partners on this.

Mr. Guercio stated that we have to walk a fine line on taking partners.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that we can give them a copy of the resolution.

Mrs. Rothman stated we can put it on our website and we will send it to the media.

Mr. Lieberman stated that we will communicate this resolution to other school districts.

3. Employee Settlement Agreement

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the following employee settlement agreement resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby approves a settlement agreement in connection with a disciplinary proceeding pursuant to Section 75 of the NYS Civil Service Law against the employee names in the confidential Schedule "A", and authorizes the President of the Board to execute same. As part of this settlement agreement, the Board of Education hereby accepts the employee's resignation, effective at the close of business on Friday, January 31, 2014.

Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Schulman that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and real estate matters.

The meeting was recessed at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

The meeting was reconvened at 11:05 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that Dr. Lewis is appointed Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Pierno, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lorna Lewis  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

Minutes of School Board Meeting – November 4, 2013

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Present: Mrs. Lieberman, Mrs. Schulman, Mrs. Rothman, Mrs. Bernstein,  
Mrs. Pierno, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Greenberg.

Also Present: Dr. Lewis, Ms. Gierasch, Dr. Eagen, Mr. Ruf, Mr. Gregory Guercio,  
Ms. Aloe, Mrs. Fischer.

Acting District Clerk

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Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Ruf  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

There were approximately 22 district residents and staff members present.

Mrs. Lieberman called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone to this evening's Board meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

### High School Up-Date

Andrew Katz, Senior Class President, updated the Board of Education of events that occurred and events that will happen at the high school. Amanda Bressner was not able to attend this evening's Board Meeting.

### Board Announcements

Mrs. Rothman attended the Plainview-Old Bethpage Health Fair. It was an amazing, important event. There was so much information available for our community and students. Information on poisons, toxic substances, concussions and healthy eating were discussed. Childhood obesity was a topic as well as signs of a heart attack. Volunteers from our fire department attended. Mrs. Rothman noted that in Seattle every high school student is required to learn CPR. It seems to be a great program and perhaps one we could look into. She spoke of everything that was available at the Fair. Mrs. Rothman thanked Ms. Joyce Barry and our partners at North Shore/LIJ.

Mr. Greenberg reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day and he urged everyone to exercise their right to vote. Bring your kids and get them exposed to the process.

Mrs. Schulman stated that she and several other Board Members attended the High School Talent Show. She was very impressed by talent of the students. They sang, danced, played the piano and recited poetry. Some teachers performed. She reiterated how wonderful it was to see the students' range of talent. Mrs. Schulman thanked Mr. Rubin and Mr. Weinstock.

Mrs. Lieberman noted there was a "special" this evening on Channel 7 at 11:00 p.m. dealing with bullying. It asks the question, "Are parents to be held accountable if their child is a bully. Who is to blame."

Mrs. Schulman noted that an alumnus of Plainview High School, Jeffrey Biegel will be performing an original composition, "Dreams of the Fallen" on Veterans Day. She is very proud of Mr. Biegel's accomplishments.

### Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Lewis stated she was visiting classrooms this week. Children are preparing and learning about election day during their social studies lessons.

Dr. Lewis stated that tomorrow is Superintendent's Conference Day, a day to renew and refresh. She spoke of the motivational speaker that is speaking. The Common Core will be discussed.

Dr. Lewis spoke of the speaker who spoke to the DASA Committee. She also stated that tomorrow night is the first of five middle school committee meetings that will occur. These meetings will discuss the differences between the two middle schools. She stated that we hope to have a report in March.

### Reports

#### 1. Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Dr. Lodico spoke of what is available today to our children. It is our goal to be completely wireless by the fall of 2015

Dr. Eagen spoke of the District updating our policy. There was funding of a three year plan

Dr. Lodico stated kids today have been brought up surrounded by computer devices. The Plainview School District has made a commitment to have a teaching and learning environment that encourages our students to remain "powered up" as they enter school. A BYOD initiative was initiated at the high school. BYOD supports the usage of personal technology in the classroom for educational purposes. Goals and guidelines for BYOD were reviewed, revised and approved. Funding was provided in the 2013/2014 budget to provide enhanced wireless access and a BYOD Teacher Committee was formed. Technology can help change the way instruction takes place.

Dr. Lodico stated the BYOD devices include laptop computers, network computers tablets, eReaders, MP3 Players and Smartphones. There currently is a new network in the high school. Students who sign on to the policy can log into this network and get on the internet. Our policy supports all these devices.

Mr. Murray stated there is a big team effort going into this project. The best place for the technology device to be used is in the classroom and the libraries. For the safety and security of the devices, use of personal equipment is prohibited in hallways. During free periods, the electronic devices can be used in any of the approved locations. We have a cell phone zone in the cafeteria and the main hallway. Teachers may or may not allow smart phones in the classroom.

Discussion:

Mr. Bettan looked at some policies where kids fill out the form before bringing the device in. Could we have this done when a student logs on. This could be helpful to students and parents.

Mrs. Rothman asked in what classes the devices are being used.

Mr. Murray stated it is used in language classes. There are Apps that support BYOD.

Mrs. Schulman stated that the “BOYD: Frequently Asked Questions” was very helpful. She asked about students with special needs. Could they bring in their own devices.

Mr. Murray stated it helps us differentiate and if a new device is helpful, we will let them use it.

Mrs. Schulman asked if something new comes along that is not on the list, how would they be handled.

Mr. Murray responded.

Mrs. Bernstein thanked them for their presentation.

Mrs. Bernstein asked why we wouldn't require all of our students to use our network.

Mr. Murray stated we could require them but it would be difficult to enforce.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that the BYOD policy states cell phones are permitted during school hours in the Cell Phone Zone. However, in the Student Expectations document, it says cell phones are not permitted during school hours. She asked that the wording be consistent in both documents.

Mrs. Schulman asked what the collection of data was.

Mr. Murray stated they are looking for feedback from teachers. It will have some “tweaking” as time goes on.

Mrs. Lieberman expressed her concern about cyber bullying. How will we teach acceptable behavior.

Mr. Murray responded.

Mrs. Pierno stated that we need to keep an eye on BYOD. She doesn't want a child that doesn't have a device to receive an education different from those that do have a device. She inquired about the charging stations. She expressed her views that she hopes we keep learning from it.

Mrs. Lieberman wants us to reinforce that kids have to put these devices in their lockers and lock them up.

Mr. Murray agrees.

Mr. Greenberg asked as we see surges in demand for use, do we have the capacity to fulfill these surges. Mr. Greenberg also asked if the students have the appropriate malware to prevent viruses.

Dr. Lodico responded that students are required to maintain antivirus software. However, we can't tell if a user does have anti-virus software. He noted it is evolving. We have ability to add usage. As we grow, fiber optics will support what we need.

Mrs. Lieberman asked if a survey has been done to see how many students do not have any device. She wants to make sure we have sufficient devices for those students that don't have their own device.

Dr. Lewis stated that under one of our technology grants we will be adding a cart to the high school. We want to make sure every department has its own cart.

Mrs. Lieberman thanked Dr. Lodico, Mr. Murray and Dr. Eagen for their report.

#### Point of Sales Update

Mr. Ruf reviewed the new Point of Sales system. The installation of the computer equipment will be completed by the end of this week. He stated we are preparing an e-mail blast to go out early next week to our parents advertising the ability for on-line payments through "My School Bucks". This program will allow parents to pay for their school lunches with the use of a credit card, or checking account. There is a convenience fee of \$1.95 when the parents put the money into the account. It is taking our food service to another level.

Discussion:

Mrs. Lieberman asked about the children who can't afford lunch.

Mr. Ruf stated there is a non-identifying way in which we handle this.

Mrs. Pierno asked if through My School Bucks, parents can pay for other things such as a year book.

Mr. Ruf stated we are concentrating in the beginning on the food service.

Mrs. Bernstein noted that the \$1.95 is a charge from the My School Bucks company not from the school district. She noted that this account follows the children. If there is money left in the child's account in June it will still be there in September.

Mr. Ruf stated we will be launching this program November 18, 2013.

Wireless Up-date

Dr. Lodico reviewed the time line for our technology plan. He spoke of what we will do in the 2013/2014 school year; what we will do in 2014/2015 and in 2015/2016. He spoke of how we know if the wireless frequency goes to each part of the building. Dr. Lodico stated that they mapped the entire POBJFK High School Building. We brought in a data cable company. We will repeat this procedure in all our schools. We are going to grow. He stated the high school is completed. We will move into the middle schools.

Discussion:

Mrs. Pierno asked as we become more reliant on this do we have backup in place.

Dr. Lodico stated there is no redundant network.

Mrs. Lieberman stated that technology changes. How do we keep up.

Dr. Lodico stated that is the challenge.



Mr. Bettan asked if we will refresh the labs in the high school with wireless or wired.

Dr. Lodico stated it would be driven by the application.

Dr. Eagen thanked Dr. Lodico for all his hard work and efforts and he thanked the Board of Education for supplying the money to improve our technology.

### Public Participation

Ms. Jill Schechter, President of Old Bethpage PTA reported on the events in all the schools. The high school was pleased with the use of the Teacher Reacher program. PTA provided each child in Mattlin with a gift in their assigned lockers. She spoke of the many other programs that have occurred.

POB Middle School PTA is looking into bringing an experienced presenter to discuss/inform on substance use with parents.

Parkway PTA brought The Signature Project by Patrick Dunning in to their Arts and Education program.

Old Bethpage will be starting their WOW program, Work on Writing next week. PTA will be providing fun packets that go home with the children. They will be bringing in guest author, Jerry Pallotta.

Pasadena PTA provided an anti-bullying cultural arts program called Golden Rule/Do the Right Thing. PTA is collecting writing and drawing pieces based on the theme, "What We Love About Pasadena".

Stratford Road PTA had a great Halloween day. Bowls are being made for Stratford's annual Empty Bowls night.

The K-Center PTA brought in an arts program where everyone had an opportunity to make cider with their own apple.

SEPTA wants to remind everyone of their night out on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at POB Middle School where Frank Carbone will be honored for his dedication to our children.

Mrs. Stefanie Nelkens asked what things would be taught between the two tests. She asked the Board to be proactive and provide help. She stated that our algebra teachers have been successful in preparing our students for the algebra exam.

Mrs. Cheryl Dender, PTA Council President, stated that PTA Council, Plainview Congress of Teachers, Plainview ASA, along with Syosset Council of PTAs, Syosset Teacher Association and Syosset Principals Association are sponsoring a Legislative Breakfast on February 1, 2014 at the POBJFK High School. She invited everyone to attend. The purpose is to inform our legislators of the impact of High Stakes Testing, NCLB and State mandates. She stated they will also discuss with them the implementation of the Common Core Curriculum and the 2% tax cap.

Dr. Robert Stanton spoke of the Common Core Math program. He expressed his views that it doesn't seem like a program. He is concerned that the District is going backwards. He spoke of an equation in the Newsletter in which there was an error.

Dr. Lewis responded and took responsibility for the error.

Ms. Lori Booksban stated that Common Core is not a program. Rather it is setting a standard.

Mr. Kevin Rea discussed cyber bullying. He stated that physical bullying is equally important. If a student brings an iPad to school and another student does damage to this electronic device, who is responsible.

Dr. Eagen discussed our newly approved Code of Conduct.

Routine Business

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education approve the following routine business items:

1. StudentsStudent Placements

That the Board of Education approve the student placements as recommended by Pupil Personnel Services.

2. PersonnelNon-Teaching Personnel – Extended Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sandra Berman	Typist Clerk POBJFK High School	11/1/2013 – 11/30/2013 (Up to 12 weeks to be covered under the FMLA)	

Non-Teaching Personnel – Permanent Employee Recommendation

Michelle Spithogiannis	School Monitor Old Bethpage School	11/19/2013
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Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Work Hour – Child Care Program

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Andrea Spector	Registered Professional Nurse – POBJFK High School	11/20/2013	\$36.68 ph

Non-Teaching Personnel – Additional Hour

Janice Shaffer	Teacher Aide – Evening phone calls for student attendance issues – 1 hour per night on a rotating basis	2013/2014 School Year	\$21.02 ph
Donna Turello	Teacher Aide – Part Time Evening phone calls for student attendance issues – 1 hour per night on a rotating basis	2013/2014 School Year	\$21.02 ph

Co-Curricular Activities – School Year 2013/2014 – POBJFK High School

Susan Epstein	Internship Club Co-Advisor	School Year 2013/2014	\$938.
James Bolen	Internship Club Co-Advisor	“	\$469.
Sharon Lasher	Internship Club Co-Advisor	“	\$469.

Coaching Recommendations – School Year 2013/2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Matt Gentile	Asst Coach, Wt. Training – Wtr.	11/13	\$3750
Matt Gentile	Head Coach, Wt. Training-Spr.	3/14	\$5195
John Givargidze	Head Coach, Varsity Baseball	3/14	\$6919
Chris Rogler	Head Coach, Wt. Training – Wtr.	11/13	\$5195
Chris Rogler	Asst. Coach, Wt. Training-Spr.	3/14	\$3750
Jeff Salzberg	Asst Coach, Wt. Training-Wtr	11/13	\$2891
Jeff Salzberg	Asst Coach, Wt. Training-Spr	3/14	\$2891
Kevin Smith	Head Coach, MS Mens Basketball	11/13	\$3864
Kevin Smith	Head Coach, MS Baseball	3/14	\$3854
Samantha Strack	Head Coach, MS Womens Volleyball	11/13	\$3564
Danielle Torre	Asst Coach, Varsity Womens Basketball	11/13	\$4805
Russi Villalta	Asst. Coach, Wt. Training-Wtr.	11/13	\$3750
Russi Villalta	Asst Coach, Wt. Training-Spr.	3/14	\$3750

Coaching Recommendation – Change of Status

	<u>Present Position</u>	<u>Proposed Position</u>		
Matt Wildes	Asst. Coach MS Football	Asst. Coach MS Football	9/13	\$3854

Personnel Recommendation – Tutor for Homebound Students

Aileen Sharkey	Home Tutor	School Year 2013/2014	\$53.76/ph
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Appointments – Swim Program – School Year 2013/2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effec. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jacob Alexander	Lifeguard I PT	School Year 2013/2014	\$10.00-\$12.50 ph
Vanessa Wyckoff	Lifeguard I PT	“	\$10.00-\$12.50 ph

Appointment – Per Diem Substitute Teacher and Nurse

Nancy Calabrese	Per Diem Substitute Teacher	11/4/13	Step 1
Mikelle Kirschner	Per Diem Substitute Nurse Re-Appointment	11/4/13	Step 1

Non-Teaching Personnel – Substitute

Kimberley Luxenberg	School Monitor Part-Time Substitute	10/29/13	\$8.50 ph
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3. Financea. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Pupil Personnel Department

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the five word processors listed on the memo dated October 21, 2013 from Ms. Ellie Becker.

b. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Technology Department

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes the computer equipment listed on Mr. John McNamara's memo of October 25 and Ms. Jennifer Hoffman's memo of October 15, 2013.

c. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment – Radio Related Technology

That the Board of Education declare obsolete for disposal purposes radio related technology equipment listed on the memo from WPOB radio station dated October 30, 2013.

d. Donation – Pasadena Elementary School

That the Board of Education authorize the acceptance of a check for \$48.00 to the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District.

e. Rosetta Stone Agreement

That the Board of Education approve the agreement with Rosetta Stone and authorize the Board President to sign the agreement.

f. Contract – iGame4

That the Board of Education authorize the Board President to sign a contract with iGame4 in the amount of \$1,150.

New Business

1. Field Trips

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Bernstein, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education approve the field trips on the memo dated November 4, 2013.

2. Attendance at Conference

Nassau Academy of Law – 2013 Annual School Law Conference

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Rothman, seconded by Mr. Bettan that the Board of Education approve the attendance of the following Board Member at the 2013 Annual School Law Conference on Monday December 9, 2013:

Amy Pierno

Seth Greenberg



Executive Session

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Mrs. Pierno that the Board of Education recess to Executive Session for the purpose of personnel and real estate matters.

The meeting was recessed at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet Fischer  
District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President

The meeting was reconvened at 11:00 p.m.

Acting District Clerk

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mrs. Schulman, seconded by Mrs. Bernstein that the Board of Education appoint Dr. Lewis Acting District Clerk.

Adjournment

Resolved unanimously upon motion by Mr. Bettan, seconded by Mrs. Rothman that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Lorna Lewis  
Acting District Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ginger Lieberman, President