

PUBLIC PARTICPATION LOG

Regular Meeting – October 13, 2011

Mr. James Falese; Mr. Falese discussed his disappointment in the enrollment process for Adult Education.

Mrs. Laurie Jankoski; Mrs. Jankoski discussed softball field usage.

Mr. Donald Marmo; Mr. Marmo discussed the district's music program with particular reference to the High School's Chamber Band.

Mrs. Kim Kendrick-Disbrow; Ms. Kendrick-Disbrow discussed the copyright date of the Social Studies textbooks and wondered if the District would be replacing them in the soon future. She also asked for clarification of a rumor concerning an alleged bomb threat.

Mr. Robert Maresca; Mr. Maresca followed up on his previous inquiry regarding mandated volunteerism programs as it applies to the IB program and the district as a whole.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13, 2011 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Thomas M. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM, followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 Regular Meeting and the September 27, 2011 Planning Session.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Kristen Florea, *Special Education; effective October 18, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Elena Iacobellis, *Foreign Language; effective October 4, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Iracane, *Cafeteria Aide; effective October 14, 2011.*

Motion was made George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES: Ann Marie Burns, Jennifer Dolan, Angela Felipe, Kerry Toth and Maria Tuffarelli; *effective October 14, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 20-11-2012 SCHOOL YEAR – HIGH SCHOOL: Michelle Falco, Academic Decathlon; Kevin Murphy, Academic Decathlon; Frank Franzone, Audio Visual Club Director; Elaine Longo, Coordinator One-Act Plays; Jim Kraiss, Sets Director; Ann Hecht, Costume Director; Elisabeth Zamarelli, Costume Director; David Kaufman, Pit Director; Camille Persico, Music Director; Jennifer Gaylor, Director; David Kaufman, Director; James Kraiss, Drama Coordinator; James Kraiss, Director Flag Team; Vickie Newell, Extra Curricular Treasurer; Jennifer Gaylor, Freshman Class Advisor; Linda Gifford, Freshman Class Advisor; Nicole Cifelli, Junior Class Advisor; Kristine Villing, Junior Class Advisor; David Gershfeld, Literary Magazine; James Como,

Mathletes; Melissa Kennedy, Mathletes; Craig Michel, Mathletes; Shawn Wallace, Mock Trail; Alexandra Dolce, national Honor Society; Maria and Tina Schaefer, Newspaper – shared; Linda Condreras and David Kaufman, Photography/Newspaper/Yearbook – shared; Mary Kroll, Research Program; Diana Saadat, School Store; Linda Tong, Science Olympiad; Marianna Coglianò, Senior Class Advisor; Andrea Baritis, Senior Class Advisor; Jennifer Burlandi, Sophomore Class Advisor; Jaclyn Jacobs, Sophomore Class Advisor; Edward Jablonski, Student Senate; David Moglia, Student Senate; Dawn DiVisconti and Elaine Longo, Yearbook - shared; Patricia Morgigno, Business and Marketing Honor Society; Diana Saadat, Distributive Education Club of America; Barbara Krollage and Virginia Scudder, English Honor Society – shared; Athena Born, Foreign Language; Monica Krawczyk and Joanne Macrelli, Future Business Leaders Club – shared; Thomas Vitti, Gay-Straight Alliance; Edward Jablonski, Junior State of America; Stephanie Fodera, S.A.D.D; and David Kaufman, Tri-M Music Honor Society.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 20-11-2012 SCHOOL YEAR – BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL: Jennifer Gaylor, Costume Director; Camille Persico, Drama Director; Jennifer Gaylor, Drama Director; Camille Persico, Musical Director; Barbara Caiazza and Donna Palminteri, Set Director - shared; Heather Enright and Louis Lu, Honor Society - shared; Lisa Braat, Mathletes Grade 7; Jeannine Conaghan, Mathletes Grade 8; Jesse Fawess, Newspaper; Denise Cain, School Store; Renee Avelli, Lynn Larsen, Tom Larsen and Andrea Miller, Science Olympiad – shared; Elizabeth Buralassi, Student council; Camille Persico, Student council; Michele Bownes, Yearbook; Mitch Luquer, Yearbook Photographer; John Kennedy, Geography Club; Theresa McManus, Health Club, Deborah Harris, Home and Careers Club; Patricia Fauvell, Homework Club; Claudia Ramey, Peer Tutoring Grade 7; Mitch Luquer, Peer Tutoring Grade 8.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 20-11-2012 SCHOOL YEAR – UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Justin DeMaio, Drama Director; Greg Ziems, Set Director; Beth Crimi, Mathletes Grade 7; Christina Bivona, Mathletes Grade 8; Edward McNamara, National Junior Society; Brenda Mayo, Science Olympiad (3); Dina Barone, Student Council; Pam Diorio, Student Council; Nicoline Flaiz, Yearbook, Michael Taranto, Yearbook Photographer; Dina Barone, Activities Grade 6; Pam Diorio, Activities Grade 7/8; Jayne Traver, Announcements Club; Jessica Schwartz, Announcements Club; Deborah Pulitano, Current Events League; Linda Ruggiero, Geography Bee; Patricia Massaro-Haff and Jeanette Merola-Tamargo, Homework Club – shared;

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Debra Magee, American Girl Power Club (1/2 club); Joanne LaDuca, Computer Club; Nicholas Grieco, Fitness Club (1/2 club); William Raffloer, Geography Club; Maureen Murphy and Debra Magee, Living Green Club – shared; Maureen Murphy and Jennifer Kouroutis, MST Mysteries Club – shared; Paulette Brady, Scrabble/Game Club (1/2 Club); Amy Wheeler, Newspaper Club (1/2 Club); Denise Campasano and Christine Fiore, Reading Treasures – shared.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - MANETUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Tom McGunnigle, Art Club Grade 4; Tom McGunnigle, Art Club Grade 5; Geralyn Santospirito, Book Club; Kerri Ierardi and Susan Marullo, Community Service Club – shared; Josephine Armetta, Computer Club; Vivian Hollinger, Geography Club; Karen Sessa and Stella Dempsey, Newspaper Club – shared; Karen Busch, Stamping Club.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - OQUENOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Christine Maniscalco, Battle of the Books; David Haas, CORP Club; David Haas, Geography Club;

Vivian Hollinger, Photo Club; Theresa Robertson, Scrabble Club; Vanessa Cabrera, Social/Interactive Learning Activities Club.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - PAUL E. KIRDAHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Kimberly Kennedy, Beautification Club; Linda Smith, Civics Club; Maureen Umstatter, Computer Club; Justin DeMaio, Drama Club A; Justin DeMaio, Drama Club B; Susan Burkart and Patricia Chieffo, Game Club – shared; Mary Robertson, Geography Club.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - PAUL E. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Christine Maniscalco and Maureen Lenowicz, Battle of the Books – shared; Amanda Harvey, Bellew's News; Christine Maniscalco and Sandra Romaka, Cares and Shares – shared; Kristin Grossi, Geography Club; Kristen Finnegan Fawess, Kid Yoga; Maureen Lenowicz, Recycling Club; Mary Stewart, Scrabble Club.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - WESTBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Jill Culver, Art Club; Katrina Faraci and Tim Bauernfeind, Book Club - shared; Louise Distefano and Deborah Throo, Computer Club – shared; Kevin Lewis and Deborah Throo, Fitness Club – shared; Katrina Faraci and Tim Bauernfeind, Geography Club – shared; Karen Desz, Safety Patrol; Staci Ansbach, School Store.

OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR - MUSIC: James Kraiss, Combined Band – All District; Melissa Senatore, Combined Chorus – All District; William Willis, Combined Orchestra – All District; James Kraiss, Director Jazz Ensemble; David Kaufman, Jazz Lab; James Kraiss, Director Marching/Pep Band.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HIGH SCHOOL WINTER COACHES 2011-2012: GIRLS BASKETBALL: Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach, Aron Chizik, Assistant Varsity Coach, Jeremy Robertson, J.V. Coach; BOYS BASKETBALL: Tom Cross, Varsity Coach, Patrick Tunstead, Assistant Varsity Coach, Richard Zeitler, Varsity Volunteer Coach, James Grover, J.V. Coach, Chris Hillier, J.V. Volunteer Coach; WRESTLING: Nicholas LaGiglia, Varsity Coach, John Ferrara, Varsity Volunteer Coach, Tom Longobardi, J.V./Assistant Varsity Coach; BOYS SWIMMING: Robert Kollar, Varsity Coach, KristiLee Hender, Assistant Varsity Coach, Kerri Whalen, Varsity Volunteer Coach; BOYS BOWLING: Greg Iorio, Varsity Coach; GIRLS BOWLING: Frank Franzone, Varsity Coach; BOYS WINTER TRACK: Anthony Yuli, Varsity Coach, Bill Sasso, Assistant Varsity Coach; GIRLS WINTER TRACK: Christopher Kaigh, Varsity Coach, Michelle Studley-Broderick, Assistant Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY WINTER COACHES 2011-2012: VOLLEYBALL: James Klimkoski, 7-8 Udall Coach, Denise Cain, 7-8 Beach Coach; BOYS BASKETBALL: Brian Cameron, 7-8 Udall Coach, John Denninger, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE WINTER COACHES 2011-2012: GIRLS BASKETBALL: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach, John Denninger, 7-8 Beach Coach; WRESTLING: Tom Goodrich, 7-8 Udall Coach, Chris Ferrara, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT: Anastasia Allen, Ann Marie Burns, Jennifer Dolan, Angela Felipe, Kerry Anne Toth and Maria Tuffarelli, effective October 14, 2011.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: * Mary Jane McGrath, effective October 14, 2011 and Erika Villaherrera, effective October 24, 2011, (student teacher).

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Dr. Parvey spoke about the successful implementation of Go Math, the training for benchmark assessment, and smartboard usage. Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the Gradebook component for the Parent Portal is up and running.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Ulrich reviewed the minutes of the meeting which was held on October 11, 2011.

POLICY: Mr. Smith discussed the meeting which was held on October 11, 2011 and approval of a first reading of the policies discussed during that meeting was requested.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a first reading of the following policies: Table of Organization – Policy 4212; Release Time of Students – Policy 7122.2; Use and Dissemination of Test Results and Other Educational Materials – Policy 7213; Bully Prevention – Policy 7317; Academic Integrity – Policy 7362; Animals in the Schools – Policy 8360; Concussion Management – Policy 7518.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa discussed the topics addressed during the Education Committee's first meeting of the new school year.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Brady discussed the events that were addressed during the October 11, 2011 meeting with specific reference to the vandalism of the turf field. He also thanked the community members in attendance at this meeting and assured them their concerns regarding the new turf field lights would be addressed.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss apprised the audience of his meeting with the Director and Assistant Director for PPS which was held on October 13, 2011.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS/COMPASS COALITION: Mr. Zotto discussed the ongoing problem within this community and others of the availability of illicit drug paraphernalia.

(all minutes included in supplemental file)

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 7/31/11 – \$6,534,867.93; ending balance as of 8/31/11 – \$6,884,483.81.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfers for 2010-2011 – numbered 2944 through 2960:

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Suffolk Association of School Business Officials (scholarship) - \$500.00; Target → West Islip High School - \$2,775.99; Target → Beach Street Middle School - \$ 559.66; Target → Oquenock Elementary School - \$695.56; Target → Kirdahy Elementary School - \$775.13; Target → Bellew Elementary School - \$910.93; Target → Manetuck Elementary School - \$958.92; and Target → Westbrook Elementary School - \$777.63.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a donation from the West Islip Hoops Club → High School Scoreboard - \$7,500.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a contract with DGC Systems for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Special Education Contract with ACLD for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Special Education Contract with Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc. for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Special Education Contract with Sachem Central School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the declaration of the following surplus items: gymnastic parallel bars and business education textbooks.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Consultant Transportation Services Contract with All Metro Home Care Services of New York.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gellar assured the community that the Board was committed to pursue the vandalism incident and would investigate the matter to the fullest extent of the law in order to find the perpetrators.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simon read a prepared statement which can be found on the district's website and reminded the community of the Public Hearing regarding the Study Group's findings which will be held on October 25, 2011.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: James Falese, Laurie Jankoski, Don Marmo, Kim Kendrick-Disbrow and Robert Maresca. Matters on concern can be found in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:58 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:07 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU for Cafeteria Staff.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Special Education Contract with Summit School, Nyack, NY for the 2011-2012 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM on motion by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Koeper

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District Clerk

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**Conditional pending fingerprint clearance.*

~ PLANNING SESSION ~
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 25, 2011 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich
and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): *Pamela Carleo, Special Education; effective October 24, 2011 through December 2, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bop Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Robyn Southard, Psychologist; effective October 11, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *William Sasso, Special Education Aide; effective October 14, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *James Ferayorini, Custodial Worker I; effective October 26, 2011.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSITUTE CLERK-TYPIST: **Alice Risley; effective October 26, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: *Michael Beckerman; effective October 26, 2011.*

Motion was made by Rob Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: *Julie Ann Bartolomeo, Jeannine Brunjes, Mary Ann Florenz, *Rita Della Penna, Costanza Lo Medico; Paula Leonard, *Jacqueline O'Hare, John Paratore, Marianne Pascarella, *Theresa Puglisi, Karen Reale, Carmela Salomone, *Nicole Sladsky and Joyceann Volz-Licari; effective October 12, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *High School – Robert Purdy and Gregory Baranec, Robotics; Udall Road Middle School – Shane O'Neill, Drama Director and Shane O'Neill, Costume Director.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM AND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAM 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Jeremy Robertson, Supervisor; effective October 12, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT: *Irene Curto and John Paratore; effective October 26, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR: *Steven Imhof – Social Studies; effective October 26, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Brendan Canavan; effective October 17, 2011; and Ann Marie Burns, Ashley Cardillo, Jennifer Cardillo, *Anthony Nordland, John Paratore, Kerry Toth and Kerri Whalen; effective October 26, 2011 and.*

Motion was made Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a 2011-2012 special education contract with Green Chimneys Children's Service.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 7:37 PM. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by George Smtih and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a waiver to the attendance zone policy for J. Salvati.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Koeper

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District Clerk

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**Conditional Pending Fingerprinting Clearance*

Education Committee meeting October 13, 2011

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns, M. Parvey

The meeting convened at 7:20 p.m.

I. Elementary

New Elementary Reading Guidelines – Dr. Parvey reported on the manner in which elementary Reading services will be delivered this year. This year the Reading department will follow an RtI framework which has students receive Reading at different times during the school year, the duration and intensity will vary based on student needs. Dr. Parvey provided the members of the Committee with copies of the letters that went out to parents and the memo that was given to all teachers regarding their role in this new process.

Benchmark Assessment Training- All teachers in grades 1-5 were trained on the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment the week of September 25. This new assessment will assist in building the much needed consistency across grade levels and buildings regarding reading expectations and the strengths and weaknesses of students at various reading levels. Kindergarten teachers will be trained on November 4, 2011.

Go Math Update- This year *Go Math*, which is an updated version of the existing Houghton Mifflin Math program, has been implemented in all classrooms grades K-6. Teachers received training last May prior to implementing the program and will receive further training at the end of the month. *Go Math* is aligned with the common core and students in grades K-2 are now exploring math based on the Common Core Math Standards. In grades 3-6, students continue to follow the New York State Standards within the *Go Math* program until next year, as students will continue to be assessed on the NYS Standards this year.

II. Secondary

Gradebook Parent Portal – Mrs. Burns reported that the Gradebook component of the Infinite Campus portal is open to all middle and high school parents with portal accounts. In addition to the current information that is available to parents/guardians on the portal (attendance, NYS assessment scores, immunization records, quarterly progress reports and report cards), parents will now have additional real-time access to their child's information as it is entered into the Gradebook by teachers, counselors, and staff. This method of communication has the potential to foster greater collaboration between the home and school, as parents are given the opportunity to have greater awareness of their child's learning activities and responsibilities.

Going Green – The district continues to move forward in its efforts to "go green". By the third marking quarter, progress reports and report cards will no longer be mailed

home to parents of secondary students, as access is available in the parent portal. Hard copies will still be available to families without access to computer technology.

School Quality Review – The results of the New York State Testing Program have revealed that Udall Road Middle School is a school in improvement status for the 2011-2012 school year. Approximately 50 schools in mid- and eastern Suffolk County have been designated as such and will be required to conduct a School Quality Review. Udall – as well as all district schools – is closely examining the curricular and instructional services it provides to its students to ensure improved future success.

Regents Prep Update – In the 2010-2011 school year, Beach Street Middle School eliminated the Regents Prep “track” in seventh grade English, Social Studies, and Science, and placed students in Regents level classes. Mrs. Burns shared the results of the Grade 7 New York State English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests for last year for these students. The ELA results show that 42 percent of students achieved at a proficient level versus 23 percent in 2010. The math results reveal that 68 percent of students achieved at a proficient level versus 15 percent in 2010. The Regents Prep classes were eliminated at Udall this school year, and Beach Street no longer offers this track in eighth grade. Mrs. LaRosa asked whether the RP sections would be eliminated in math, but the committee agreed that some students need more time to adequately learn the math concepts required for graduation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.