

January 12, 2010

The regular monthly business meeting of the Board of Education of Port Jefferson Union Free School District was held on January 12, 2010 at Edna Louise Spear Elementary School. Present at the 7:35 p.m. call to order by Vice-President Elisa Scott, were Board Members, Marybeth Collins, Mark Doyle, and Robert Ramus, Superintendent Max Riley, and District Clerk Janice Baisley. Board President Stacey Zink and Board members Lauren Hubbard and Robert Frey were absent.

Motion was made by Ms. Collins, seconded by Mr. Ramus and carried 4-0 that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting: Regular Meeting held December 8, 2009

Ms. Scott announced the open forum.

K. Kamming

- elementary departmentalization issues to be addressed

L. Flanagan

- high school track condition

P. Koehnlein

- paraprofessional call-back

L. Steiner

- substitutes receiving benefits

L. Marks

- elementary departmentalization

REPORTS

Superintendent:

- on behalf of the Board President - meetings with the PJ Mayor regarding LIPA
- Elementary School Principal, Ted Mockrish, reported on the results of SA's conducted with 4 & 5th grade students, staff and parents (*results to be posted on web site*) Board discussion followed. Dr. Riley announced that there will be a presentation on Elementary School Math & Science Exit Standards at the January 26 work session.

Board Vice-President:

- upcoming regional legislative breakfast at Longwood School District

Student Representative:

- high school activities

Motion was made by Ms. Collins, seconded by Dr. Doyle and carried 4-0 that as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve the following resolutions appearing on the January 12, 2010 consent agenda:

BOARD CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel - resolutions numbered 1 - 5
- B. Finance - resolutions numbered 1 - 2
- C. Facilities and Operations –
- D. Education - resolutions numbered 1 -2

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Doyle made a motion to discuss parent portals, motion was seconded by Ms. Collins. Discussion ensued. No vote needed. Motion was made by Dr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Ramus that the topic of parent portals be referred to the Facilities Committee for review and to make a recommendation to the Board. Discussion included engaging the Communications Committee in the review. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Scott announced the second open forum.

D. Rosner

- parent perspective vs. program perspective

J. Steiner

- forethought on elementary departmentalization
- assessing student performance

L. Marks

- implementation of grades 4 and 5 program without plan for assessment

D. Mannarino

- AIS compliance issues
- affect of grade 4 & 5 program on students

M. Marks

- issues of curriculum standards and plan to assess

S. Colin

- certification for grade 4 math

D. Mannarino

- negative comments on grade 4 & 5 SA results

At 8:55 p.m., motion was made by Ms. Collins, seconded by Dr. Doyle and carried 4-0 to adjourn.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel

1. Request for Leave – Teaching Assistant

The Board approves a leave of absence for Laura Martin for .066 FTE of her teaching assistant position for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the Port Jefferson Paraprofessionals Association.

2. Request for Leave – Part-time Teacher Aide

The Board approves a leave of absence for Pamela Kirchner as a part-time teacher aide, from November 30, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the Port Jefferson Paraprofessionals Association.

3. Leave Replacement Appointment – Part-time Teacher Aide

The Board approves the appointment of Bernadine Devlin as a part-time teacher aide on a leave replacement basis for the period December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the Port Jefferson Paraprofessionals Association.

4. Appointment – Teaching Assistant

The Board approves the recall and appointment of Michelle Lautato as a leave replacement teaching assistant for the period November 16, 2009 to January 1, 2010, and as a substitute teaching assistant effective January 4, 2010, in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the Port Jefferson Paraprofessionals Association.

5. The Board approves the appointment of Diane Crotty as an elementary teacher of mathematics on a leave replacement basis for the period December 9, 2009 through the end of the 2009-2010 school year, at Level BA15 Step 1, in accordance with the negotiated agreement with the Port Jefferson Teachers Association.

B. Finance

1. Financial Reports

The Board approves the financial reports.

2. Reserve

The board approves the transfer of \$150,000 from the reserve for Retirement contributions and \$50,000 transfer from the reserve for Workers' Compensation to cover the appropriations needed to fund the expenditures during the 2009-2010 fiscal year as planned for during the 2009-2010 budget process.

C. Facilities & Operations

D. Education

1. CSE Recommendations

The Board accepts the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education.

2. New Courses

The Board approves the following high school course offerings effective with the 2010-2011 school year:

Course: Humanities – How to Read the World

Course: Popular Fiction – Deconstructing Harry Potter

Course: Museum Walk – Pre-Modern World History through the Arts

Course: The Gothic Tradition

January 26, 2010

A work session of the Education Committee of the Port Jefferson School District Board of Education was held on January 26, 2010 at Edna Louise Spear Elementary School. The meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m. Present were Board Members, Marybeth Collins, Mark Doyle, Lauren Hubbard, and Robert Ramus, Superintendent, Max Riley, and District Clerk, Janice Baisley. President Stacey Zink, Vice-President, Elisa Scott, and Board Member, Robert Frey were absent.

Dr. Riley announced that the report to the Education Committee was a presentation on math standards and assessments grades 4 and 5; the presentation on science standards and assessments will occur at the February work session.

Deputy Superintendent, Maria Rianna, reported on math standards and how the math initiative for grades 4 and 5 will be assessed. Board discussion followed. Ms. Rianna indicated that a program assessment will be ready early March.

Dr. Riley distributed to the Board a copy of the budget development calendar and a list of budget facts. He asked that board members provide their thoughts on priority items to be included in the budget. Discussion ensued.

At 9:15 p.m., the work session adjourned.
