REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:30 P.M.*

CANTIAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

*NOTE: The Board went into Executive Session between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.
The open meeting will resumed at 7:30 p.m.

Present:
Hilari Cohen
Toni Meliambro
Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein
Barbara Krieger
Ira Checkla

Also Present:
Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent
Joan L. Colvin
Anna Hunderfund
Ben Ciuffo

Visitors:
List Attached

I. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

➢ Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger “That the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 12, 2004.”

Motion carried, 5,0.

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Reports

Enrollment

Mrs. Cohen reported the current enrollment of 3235 students.

Note: See Enclosure # 2

Cantiague Elementary School Student Council

Maxx Shapiro, President and Matt Weiss, Vice President reported on activities in Cantiague Elementary School.

Middle School Student Council

Jennifer Zwilling and Lindsay Schnitt, 8th graders, reported on activities in the Middle School.
Reports (continued)

High School Student Council

Alex Belser, Student Council President reported on activities in the High School.

PTA Council

Amy Motschwiller, President reported on PTA activities. Mrs. Motschwiller congratulated the valedictorians Allison Ivans and Jeremy Price and the salutatorian Erica Braverman; Dr. Ben Ciuffo for his long-time service to the Jericho-Syosset Child Care Committee; the music department for their third year being recognized as one of the “100 Best Communities in America for Music Education”; and this evening’s tenure recipients.

Introduction of Tenure Recipients

Mrs. Cohen introduced the following tenure recipients:

- Maureen Apparius-Boyle
- Dr. Joan Colvin
- Edward Friedlander

Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla “That the Board of Education move Schedule J-122, tenure appointments, and congratulate Maureen Apparius-Boyle, Dr. Joan Colvin and Edward Friedlander

Motion carried, 5,0.

Cantiague – Presentation

The First Grade Presented - The Seasons of the Year

Recognition

Cecile Wren introduced Tami DeRose, Middle School Physical Education teacher, as “Physical Education Teacher of the Year”.

Ira Checkla made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education congratulate Tami DeRose, Physical Education Teacher of the Year.”

Motion carried, 5,0.

Presentation by Curriculum Associate - Social Studies

Jeff Feinberg, Curriculum Associate for Social Studies, presented a detailed report on the K-12 social studies curriculum. (See Attached)

Report on Executive Session

The Board of Education met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

III. MISCELLANEOUS
Information presented by Superintendent and/or Board Members

Ira Checkla congratulated Dr. Ben Ciuffo and Lenore Sylvan, chairperson of the Jericho-Syosset Child Care Committee, for their efforts in securing a child care program for employees of the Jericho School District. Mr. Checkla stated that for many years the district desired to have such a program and now through the efforts of the committee one is now available at the SUNY Old Westbury Campus in conjunction with the AHRC.

Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein offered her congratulations to the Music Department and to the students involved in the production of “She Loves Me”.

Mr. Grishman reported that one of our buses returning from a field trip had been involved in an accident and he complimented the building staff and the transportation staff for their smooth handling of the situation. Although one student was transported to the hospital she was released to her parents after examination by a doctor. All other students were transported back to school, examined by the nurse, and their parents were contacted. Thankfully there were no serious injuries.

Mr. Grishman expressed his congratulations to the tenure recipients Maureen Appiarius-Boyle, Edward Friedlander, and Dr. Joan Colvin and to Tami De Rosa for her award.

Mr. Grishman reported that the Nassau County Physics test will be given this June and that other schools across the state have inquired about participation in the Nassau County exam. Mr. Grishman also reported that during a meeting with the NYS Commission of Education a representative from the Teacher’s Retirement System reported that the TRS rate for 2005-06 would be 5.6% of payroll. This new rate is double the rate for 2004-05 and will have an impact on the 2005-06 budget.

Mr. Grishman reported on the NYS Report results published in Newsday and sent congratulations to one and all including the students, the teachers, the principals, the curriculum associates, and Dr. Hunderfund. The overall percentage for students receiving a Regents Diploma is 95%, one of the highest success rates in NYS. (See Attached)

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

Please Note: If you would like to make a comment or ask a question, please tell us your name and affiliation, if you are representing a specific group. If you would like your statement to be included in our Board minutes, you must hand in a written copy of your remarks to our District Clerk, Joan Colvin, immediately before speaking.

As always, public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, at which their reputation, privacy or rights to due process, or those of others could in some way be violated, is prohibited.

Mr. Robert Goldberg—addressed the board of education and provided the district clerk with a copy of his comments. Mr. Goldberg addressed the board about a concern over the curriculum and his wish to be sure that students are taught strategies and methodology to determine the validity of information in the media. Mrs. Cohen and Mr. Grishman assured him that our curriculum provides students with such strategies. (See Attached)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Proposed Budget for 2004-2005 School Year

➢ Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education adopt the proposed budget of $77,557,541 for the 2004-2005 school year”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect that amount.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #13

Motion carried, 5,0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Jericho Public Library
Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education authorize the proposed amount to be raised by taxes for the Jericho Public Library for 2004-2005 to be $3,512,060 as approved by the Jericho Public Library Board of Trustees on February 9, 2004, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect that amount.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #14

Motion carried, 5,0.

Adoption of Calendar - 2005/06 School Year

Toni Meliambro made the motion seconded by Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein “That the Board of Education adopt the calendar for the 2005-2006 school year as shown in Enclosure #15.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #15

Motion carried,

V. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

Saundra Gumerove-Bernstein made the motion seconded by Toni Meliambro “That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-480  Treasurer’s Report
B-GF-447  General Fund
B-FF-414  Federal Fund
B-CAF-444  Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-29  General Fund
D-GF-30  General Fund
D-GF-31  General Fund
D-GF-32  General Fund
D-FF-20  Federal Fund
D-FF-21  Federal Fund
D-CF-19  Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-20  Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-21  Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-22  Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-23  Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-24  Trust & Agency Fund
D-GF-29  Conference Expense
D-GF-30  Conference Expense
D-GF-31  Conference Expense
G-2261 (rev)  Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2331 (rev)  Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2333 (rev)  Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2334 (rev)  Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2335 (rev)  Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches

VI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)
Motion carried, 5,0.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk