I. CALL TO ORDER

Hilari Cohen called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger that the Board of Education move to Executive Session.

Motion carried 4, 0.

7:25 PM Ira Checkla left the meeting.

Board resumed Public Session at 7:30

II. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated November 17, 2005”.

Motion carried 4, 0.

Tenure Recipient

Joe Lorintz made the motion to move Schedule J-130 seconded by Claire Hochheiser “That the Board of Education approve the tenure appointment of Nancy Sammis”.

Motion carried 4, 0.

III. RECOGNITIONS

Winner of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “That the Board of Education recognize the following for their designation as Winners of Teachers of English Achievement Award in Writing”.

Teacher: Michael Hartnett   Recipient:  Kaitlyn Hay

Motion carried 4, 0.
RECOGNITIONS (continued)

Siemens/Westinghouse Participants

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “That the Board of Education recognize the following Siemens/Westinghouse Semi-Finalists, Participants and their Advisor”.

Advisor: Christopher Hoppner

Semi-Finalists: Sean McCormack
Julian Hershowitz
Esther Kwak
Lana Castor
Bonnie Lam
Vikas Anand

Participants: Rishi Chopra
Uma Mullapudi
John Oh
Won Woo Lee
Arpit Shah
Mary Yang
Kiwoong Yoo
Stefanie Aquilina
Reema Dalal

Brienne Kugler
Shiva Kothari
Urooj Khan
Adam Hyams
Kaitlyn Hay
Adam Fields
Adam Feinstein
Brian Druyan

Motion carried, 4, 0.

Tenure Recipient

Barbara Krieger made the motion to move Schedule J-131 seconded by Claire Hochheiser “That the Board of Education approve the tenure appointment of Michelle Vevante”.

Motion carried 4, 0.

Girls Varsity Swim Team

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Claire Hochheiser “That the Board of Education congratulate the Girls Varsity Swim Team for their designation as the Scholar Athlete State Champions maintaining a 97.36 average”.

Coaches: Joseph Farrell
Allison Clark
Richard Stern

Team: Emily Cheng
Marissa Finn
Hyun-Ah Yoo
Alexis Rosenblum
Geerin Kim
Arden Finn
Esther Yoo
Cassidy Tichner

Dara Freudenthal
Stacy Derkatch
Mary Yang
Katherine Kim
Lauren Kessler
Allison Birnbaum
Yichu Xu
Jennifer So
III. RECOGNITIONS (continued)

Girls Varsity Swim Team (continued)

   Team (continued):
   Molly Sherman    Ilana Malekan
   Susan Kim        Adina Yoon
   Marni Weiner     Rachel So
   Sarah Singer     Lindsey Schnitt
   Jaclyn Murphy    Michelle Molinari
   Rachel Lorintz   June Lee
   Hallie Krauser   Katherine Kim
   Rebecca Jung     Jenna Goldberg
   Jaimie Chow      Stefanie Aversa
   Catherine You    Jennifer Yoon
   Daisy Tang       Diana Pan
   Samantha McInerney Liani Mari
   Esther Lee       Jennifer Kim
   Katerina Jeng    Whitney Bachrach

Motion carried 4,0.

IV. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

   Enrollment Report
   Hilari Cohen reported that the enrollment as of December 16, 2005 is 3242.
   (See Enclosure)

   Jackson School Student Council
   Alexandra Sieb – Student Council President, Jack Barnett – Student Council Vice President, Anthony Modica – Student Council Treasurer and Morgan Smiley – Student Council Secretary reported on activities in the Jackson Elementary School.

   Middle School Student Council
   Rebecca Sherman - 7th Grader, reported on activities in the Middle School.

   High School Student Council
   Armand Hershowitz - Student Council President and Samuel Lee - Student Council Vice President reported on activities in the High School.

   PTA Council
   Shawn Gladstone – PTA Council President reported on activities in the PTA.

   Jackson Presentation
   The Jackson Elementary students and staff presented “The World According to Jackson” Curriculum Fair.

   Executive Session
   The Board of Education discussed personnel of particular persons at the last executive session.
Lt. Matthew Lynch Dedication

Hilari Cohen reported on the dedication ceremony held at the pool on December 22, 2005 at 3:30 pm.

- Hilari Cohen made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “That the Board of Education to name the pool Lt. Matthew Lynch Pool.”

Motion carried 4,0.

FOIL Update

Dr. Colvin reported that FOIL requests are continuing to be submitted.

Report on Financial Forum

Hilari Cohen reported on the Financial Forum workshop.

Public Workshop

A Public Workshop is scheduled for January 9, 2006 to discuss the Tenure Process.

V. 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.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption of Board Policy

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger “That the Board of Education adopt Board Policies #3420, #6120, #6150, #6151, #6160 and #7000 (listed below)

Board Policy #3420 - Anti-Harassment in the School District


See Enclosure # 10

Board Policy #6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity

Board Policy #6120 - Equal Employment Opportunity - as set forth in Enclosure # 11.

See Enclosure # 11

Board Policy #6150 - Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel)

Board Policy #6150 - Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel) - as set forth in Enclosure # 12.

See Enclosure # 12
Adoption of Board Policy (continued)

Adoption of Board Policy #6151 - Drug-Free Workplace
Board Policy # 6151 - Drug-Free Workplace - as set forth in Enclosure # 13.

Enclosure # 13

Adoption of Board Policy #6160 - Professional Growth/Staff Development
Board Policy # 6160 - Professional Growth/Staff Development as set forth in Enclosure # 14.

See Enclosure #14

Adoption of Board Policy #7000 - Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Board Policy # 7000 - Education of Homeless Children and Youth as set forth in Enclosure #15.

See Enclosure #15

Motion carried 4, 0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Gift

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger “That the Board of Education accept, on behalf of the Cantiague Elementary School, trees to be planted in the Life Lessons Through Literature Garden, said trees having been donated by a district resident.”

Motion carried 4, 0.

Adoption of Board Policy

Right to Defense and Indemnification as Provided in Public Officers Law §18

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental hereto and as an additional perquisite to public office and employment, the Board hereby further extends the right to be defended and indemnified as provided in Public Officers Law §18 to board members, school officers, agents and employees who are requested or are called to testify as a witness or to answer questions concerning their acts or omissions within the scope of their office, agency of employment before a grand jury, the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement official. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or require defense or indemnification to a board member, school officer, agent or employee who has been identified as a defendant in a pending criminal prosecution or where such individual, or the school district, has reason to believe that such individual is a target in a criminal investigation or prosecution by the Office of the District Attorney or other law enforcement entity.”

Motion carried 4, 0.

Establishment of a Reserve for Employee Liability

Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz “That the Board of Education authorize the establishment of a reserve fund account for employee benefit accrued liability effective December 23, 2005.”

Motion carried 4, 0.
Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Claire Hochheiser “That effective January 1, 2006, the Board of Education establish an Audit Committee, said committee to be charged with the responsibility of reviewing matters pertaining to financial oversight and accountability within the school district.”

Motion carried 4, 0.

FIRST READING

Board Policy #5515 - Audit Committees

Policy #5515 - Audit Committees - as set forth in Enclosure #20.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #20

Board Policy #5518 - Internal Audit Function

Board Policy #5518 - Internal Audit Function - as set forth in Enclosure #21.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #21

VIII. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

IX. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger “That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-501 Treasurer’s Report
B-GF-466 General Fund
B-FF-433 Federal Fund
B-CAF-463 Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-14 General Fund
D-GF-15 General Fund
D-GF-16 General Fund
D-GF-17 General Fund
D-FF-09 Federal Fund
D-FF-10 Federal Fund
D-CF-09 Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-10 Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-11 Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-14 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-15 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-16 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-17 Trust and Agency Fund
D-GF-14  Conference Expense
D-GF-16  Conference Expense
E-1383  Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation 2005-2006
E-1384  Disposition of Obsolete Items
E-1385  Agreement - Consultant Services
G-2457 (rev) Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2458 (rev) Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2460 (rev) Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2469 (rev) Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2481 (rev) Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - High School
G-2482 (rev) Appointments, Co-curricular Activities - Elementary
G-2486 (rev) Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2488 Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers
G-2489 Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2490 Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
GG-943 (rev) Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Program
GG-947 Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitutes
GG-948 Appointments, Non-instructional
H-633 Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-570 Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-325 (rev) Leave of Absence - Instructional
K-326 (rev) Leaves of Absence - Instructional
K-328 Curriculum Assignments - Instructional
K-329 Leaves of Absence - Instructional
L-417 Use of School Facilities
O-537 (rev) Tuition/Consultant Services
O-552 Tuition/Consultant Services
O-553 Tuition/Consultant Services
S-573 (rev) Educational Programs and Projects
S-575 (rev) Appointments, Membership Committee on Special Education
S-576 (rev) Appointments, Membership Pre-school Committee on Special Education
S-585 Educational Programs and Projects
S-586 Services/Consultants
S-587 Educational Programs and Projects
T-208 Designation of Textbooks
U-025 Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:40

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed. D.
District Clerk