

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 10, 2017 –Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 Reorganization Meeting, the July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting, and the July 27, 2017 Special Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Craig Gielarowski, Assistant Principal, effective August 30, 2017 to August 29, 2021 (High School; new position; \$110,000).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: David Morgan, Social Worker, effective August 30, 2017 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Abolishment of Position.

Abolishment of Position

Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2017, a professional position in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Social Worker area (1 part-time position {.6}) of classification.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Robin Cutler, Social Worker, effective August 30, 2017 to August 29, 2021 (High School; Step 7⁶; new position).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Hinchman, Library Media Specialist, effective August 30, 2017 to August 29, 2021 (Districtwide; Step 1A⁶; new position {Technology Integration Specialist}).

In order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings to Education Law §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years and if a classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Kristine Ryan, Special Education, effective August 30, 2017 (High School).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Maureen Umstatter-Sanchez, Special Education, effective August 30, 2017 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Lindsay Simonton, Special Education, effective September 5, 2017 – September 29, 2017 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: John Guerriero, Psychologist, effective August 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (High School; Step 1A⁴; replacing Robert Matuozzi {LoA}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANTS: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHING ASSISTANT: Donna Cummings, effective August 30, 2017 (TBD; Step 8; replacing Joann Niesen {resigned}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: TERMINATION: Jeanne Bird, Senior Clerk Typist, effective June 29, 2017 (District Office).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Gale Bohnaker, Cafeteria, effective August 3, 2017 (Udall).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Georgianna Ruotolo, Cafeteria Aide, effective August 1, 2107 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: John Kirchoff, Custodial Worker I, effective August 21, 2017 (Westbrook; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Tammy Ann Kossmann, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective August 24, 2017 (Udall; new hire rate; replacing T. Insalaco {retired}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$11.50 hour): Gale Bohnaker, effective September 5, 2017.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS 2017-2018:

Brian Cameron, Physical Education	.5 section/full year
Aron Chizik, Social Studies	1 section/full year
Nicole Cifelli, Public Speaking	1 section/full year
Brian Daniels, Science	1 section/full year
Amanda Eichen, Counselor	1 section/full year
James Grover, Mathematics	2 sections/full year
Michael Hazelton, Social Studies	1 section/full year
Richard Ippoliti, English	2 sections/full year
Edward Jablonski, Social Studies	1 section/full year
Wendy Loddigs, Counselor	1 section/full year
Dennis Montalto, Special Education	1 section/full year
Joseph Nicolosi, Physical Education	.5 section/full year
Eric Rao, Social Studies	1 section/full year
Teresa Stecker, Psychologist	2 sections/full year
Ashley Szoyka, Science	1 section/full year
Anthony Yuli, Health	1 section/full year

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2017-2018 (School Functions - \$85 per event; Rental Functions - \$60 per hour): Bruce Bockstruck; Jesse Fawess; Frank Franzone; David Kaufman; James Kraiss; Arthur Machowicz; Joseph Senatore, Melissa Senatore; John Simeone.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CONCERT HALL MANAGERS 2017-2018: James Kraiss, High School (\$3,525 stipend); Arthur Machowicz, Beach Street Middle School (\$810 stipend).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE: Krystal Fleischman, effective August 30, 2017 (High School; \$161.89/day; replacing Giavanna Donarumia {regular substitute}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CURRICULUM WRITING SUMMER 2017: Advanced Computer Essentials: Dawn Morgan, Kerrin West-Shrank; Grade 3: Jodie Abelson, Marissa Anselmo, Maureen Murphy; Grade 6: Jesse Fawess, Amy Wheeler; JAVA: Kelly Weisenseel; PreCalculus H: Danielle Davis.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM 2017: Kristen Amoia, Erin Meade, Christopher Salerno.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: REGENTS REVIEW SUMMER 2017: Algebra II: Kelly Weisenseel.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SCHOOL 2017: Social Studies: David Moglia, Substitute Teacher.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that 72 elementary students participated in the Summer Investigations Program, middle school students attended a Summer Academy concentrating on math and literacy skills, and Regents Review courses for Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry and Algebra 2 will take place prior to Regents exams. Thirty-six high school students attended Summer School and 27 of those students for credit passed the course (five students withdrew and four did not meet attendance requirements).

Over the summer, curriculum was written for Science K-6, Intro to Science Research, IB Chemistry SL, Intro to Sports, JAVA, Advanced Computer Essentials, Music K-12, ASL 4, and the Adelphi ASL course curriculum was revised.

Dr. Rullan advised the audience that UPS, the College Board's mechanism for delivery of Advanced Placement exams, lost a box containing the AP Statistics, AP Calculus BC and AP English Language and Composition exams. The College Board will be notifying parents shortly. Mrs. Burns thanked Dr. Rullan and Mr. Gilmartin for keeping her apprised of the situation throughout the summer and for working relentlessly trying to track the lost exams and for advocating for our students.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 8/10/17. Items reviewed included the May treasurer's report; May payroll summary; May financial statements; claims audit report and June and July system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus of high school and Elementary Science textbooks and materials, High School calculators, Beach Street World Language and English language arts textbooks and a Transportation Department GMC Van. Other items reviewed included several donations, 2017-2018 contracts and Tax Levy and Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced lunch resolutions for the 2017-2018 school year. A discussion also took place regarding the Tax Anticipation Note borrowing of \$20,000,000 at 1.0819% and Bond Anticipation Note borrowing of \$13,000,000 at 1.113%.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa informed the audience that a Second Reading took place on Policy No. 7110 - Attendance. The policy has been revised; students missing school due to an unexcused absence will receive a grade penalty for classroom work, quizzes and/or tests that are made up instead of no credit for such work.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 7110 - Attendance.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for May was presented. Beginning balance as of 4/30/17: \$44,371,436.71; ending balance as of 5/31/17: \$68,178,300.51.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2016-2017 budget transfers 3394-3413.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Box Tops for Education/Beach - \$501.30; Ahold Financial Services/Beach - \$1,872.45; Ahold Financial Services/Bayview - \$1,358.15; Ahold Financial Services/Manetuck - \$968.75.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2017-2018 Contracts: Capital Markets Advisors, LLC; DaVinci Education & Research, LLC; Deer Park School District; Developmental Disability Institute; DGC Systems, Inc.; Laura Anne Hershberger, M.D.; Little Angels Center, Inc.; Long Island Developmental Consulting, Inc. (LIDC); Long Island Select Healthcare; BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement for Fiber WAN.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Science textbooks and materials ~ West Islip High School and Bayview; Calculators ~ West Islip High School; World Language textbooks ~ Beach; English Language Arts textbooks ~ Beach; GMC Van 2001 #63 ~ Transportation.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: 2017-2018 Tax Levy.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: 2017-2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that a public meeting took place on August 9, 2017 at the West Islip Library regarding a remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation related to the DZUS Fastener Co., Inc. site located at 425 Union Blvd., West Islip. Mr. Gellar, Mrs. Burns, Ron Maginniss and elected officials attended this meeting. As part of the proposed remediation plan, the DEC will remove contaminated soil and sediment samples and replace them with clean fill. Members of the public may offer their opinions on the proposed plan until August 21, 2017. There is a link on the district website with additional information.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the Buildings and Grounds meeting will take place on August 22, 2017, at which time a construction update will be offered. Mrs. Burns has toured the construction projects throughout the district and reported that roof work at the high school is progressing, the high school pool liner has been replaced, Bayview's gym floor has been replaced, the weight room has been reset at the high school, the P.J. Bellew cafeteria ceiling and lights are being replaced, P.J. Bellew's gymnasium floor is being installed and the auditorium work is progressing nicely.

Mrs. Burns advised that the district's servers will undergo scheduled maintenance from Friday, August 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. until Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. The website, e-mail and links to staff resources, including Infinite Campus, will be unavailable at this time. An e-mail regarding this work has been sent out through School Messenger, into which a link has been embedded to access school supply lists.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

First day of school or teachers ~ Wednesday, August 30, 2017

First day of school for students ~ Tuesday, September 5, 2017

The following residents(s) wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Artusa had concerns regarding the attendance policy and the inconsistent implementation by the teaching staff. Dr. Rullan advised that teachers will receive information on the first day of school that should clarify any misunderstandings. Mrs. Artusa expressed concerns about the impact of the attendance policy on athletic activities, and especially those that require a student's presence over district recesses. Mrs. LaRosa explained that coaches make the requirements for participation clear when students choose to participate on an athletics team.

Mrs. Artusa asked about pest control at the high school. Mrs. Burns explained that a regular treatment schedule is followed.

Mrs. Artusa asked when student schedules would be available; Dr. Rullan responded that schedules will be available for elementary schools on August 21, middle schools on August 22 and for the high school on August 28. Building principals will be mailing information about accessing schedules on the parent portal.

Mrs. Denise Nieroda, 683 Tanglewood Road, West Islip - Mrs. Nieroda had questions about the district's transportation policy. Mrs. Nieroda's son will start sixth grade at Beach Street and will be a walker. Mrs. Nieroda feels it is not safe for her son and other students to walk to school, and asked that the transportation policy be reviewed. Mrs. Duffy explained that New York State sets the mileage limit for students, and any change to present policy may require a district-wide vote. Mrs. Burns advised that she would contact the Third Precinct and request a traffic study be done at Keith Lane and Ryan Street to assess if it is possible to assign a School Crossing Guard to that location.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:10 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver for Student A.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve salary change for the Substitute Service position, effective 7/1/17 from an hourly wage to an annual stipend of \$30,000.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.