

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 8, 2017 – West Islip High School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. followed by the pledge.

A video presentation of the second grade students at Oquenock Elementary School took place showing how the students participated in the process of purchasing a Buddy Bench and also showed all the benefits of having a Buddy Bench at the school. The Partners Advancing West Islip Students (PAWS) Education Foundation donated the funds for this Buddy Bench.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve PAWS donation in the amount of \$14,857.08 of which \$1,342.95 will be used for the Buddy Bench.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gellar on behalf of the Board of Education recognized Bob Ulrich for his nine years of service as a trustee on the Board of Education. Mr. Gellar presented Mr. Ulrich with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the students, faculty, residents and community for his years of service on the board of education from 2008 to 2017. Mr. Gellar thanked Mr. Ulrich for his years of service and for the experience and expertise he brought to the position as well as for his volunteering activities for the community especially Relay for Life.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Class of 2017 Valedictorian ~ *Madeleine Gaffney* Class of 2017 Salutatorian ~ *Jack Duffy*

Unsung Hero

Elementary	<i>Anthony Scarmozzino</i>
Middle School	<i>Richard Zambrano</i>
High School	<i>Dylan Wills</i>

Mathematics – Larry Sciarrino and Alyssa Urbach

John DiBenedetto, Amanda Ditaranto, Jessica Murphy, Jenna Ostrove, Maggie Rao, Luke Schuffenhauer, Dorian Scourtos, Ava Shanley, Nicholas Veiga

Town of Islip Student Achievement

Rosemary Cannarella, Caitlin Lydon

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Lisa DiSibio, District Data Coordinator, effective October 2, 2017.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Brian Taylor, Director of Science and Technology, effective October 27, 2017.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Grace Avigliano, Special Education, effective September 2, 2017.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Ashley Szoyka, Special Education, effective September 2, 2017.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Alyssa Urbach, Mathematics, effective September 2, 2017.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution:

Be it resolved, *that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2017, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Elementary area (three (3) full-time positions) and Special Education area (one (1) full-time position) 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: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Edward Jablonski, Social Studies (High School; Step 8⁶; replacing T. Compitello {retired}), effective August 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: David Morgan, Social Worker (TBD; Step 7B⁴; new position) effective August 30, 2017.

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: Kristen Newman, Mathematics effective August 31, 2017 to August 30, 2020 (High School; Step 3⁵; replacing Lisa Scimeca {retired}).

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 Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Brites, Cafeteria Aide, effective June 9, 2017 (Udall; Step 1; replacing J. Kickel {resigned}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$10.75/hour): Daniel Civitanova, effective June 9, 2017; Jake Nicolosi, effective June 9, 2017; David Trupia, effective June 9, 2017; Nicholas Volz, effective June 9, 2017.

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 SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Danielle Brites, effective June 9, 2017.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ATHLETIC TRAINERS 2017-2018: Kevin Kilkenny, \$92.24 per session; Nicole Perperis, \$92.24 per session.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER EDUCATION 2017-2018: Patricia Stack, Coordinator, \$5,114.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: EQUIPMENT COORDINATORS 2017-2018: James Dooley, High School; Denise Cain, Beach and James Klimkoski, Beach {shared}; Brian Cameron, Udall.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2017 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

FOOTBALL: Steve Mileti, Varsity Head Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach; Mark DiCristo, Varsity Volunteer Coach; James Dooley, Assistant Varsity Coach; Scott Mattera, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Phil Kane, Head J.V. Coach; Frank Riviezzo, Assistant J.V. Coach.

GIRLS SOCCER: Nicholas Grieco, Head Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Varsity Coach; Lindsay Morgan, J.V. Coach.

BOYS SOCCER: Edward Pieron, Head Varsity Coach; Brain Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach; Dennis Mazzalonga, J.V. Coach.

GIRLS SWIMMING: Tanya Carbone, Varsity Coach; Mindy Renner, Assistant Varsity Coach.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Karyn Storan, Varsity Coach; MaryAnn McGrade, Assistant Varsity Coach; Nancy O'Donnell, Varsity Volunteer Coach.

GIRLS TENNIS: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; William Turri, J.V. Coach.

FIELD HOCKEY: Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach; JoAnne Orehosky, Assistant Varsity Coach; Kristen Bagley, J.V. Coach.

CROSS COUNTRY: Christopher Kaigh, Boys Varsity Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, Girls Varsity Coach.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL: John Schrank, Varsity Coach; Frank Franzone, Assistant Varsity Coach; James Como, J.V. Coach.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: James Klimkoski, Varsity Coach; Denise Cain, Assistant Varsity Coach; Tara Annunziata, J.V. Coach.

GOLF: Frank Rapczyk, Varsity Coach.

KICKLINE: Kelly Leon, Varsity Coach.

CHEERLEADING: Dina Barone, Varsity Coach; Steffanie Traver, Assistant Varsity Coach; Lauren Brady, J.V. Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2017 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

FOOTBALL: Shanan Mauro, Head 7-8 Udall Coach; Joe LaCova, Assistant 7-8 Udall Coach; Vincent Luvera, Head 7-8 Beach Coach; Charles Kevin Osburn, Assistant 7-8 Beach Coach, Larry Plompen, Beach Volunteer Coach.

GIRLS SOCCER: Edward Jablonski, 7-8 Udall Coach; Colleen Reilly, 7-8 Beach Coach.

BOYS SOCCER: Michael Distefano, 7-8 Udall Coach; Michael LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach.

CROSS COUNTRY: Kevin Murphy, Udall Boys & Girls Coach; Joseph Nicolosi, Beach Boys & Girls Coach.

FIELD HOCKEY: Stacy Pirocato, 7-8 Udall Coach.

CHEERLEADING: Nicole Shaw, Udall 7-8 Co-Coach and Priscilla McBride, Udall Co-Coach} shared; Lea Beal, Beach 7-8 Coach.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CAMP ADVENTURE SUMMER 2017: Brian Cameron, Director; James Klimoski, Director.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CHEERLEADING SUMMER CAMP 2017: Dina Barone, Director; Steffanie Traver, Director. Coaches: Lea Beal, Lauren Brady, Priscilla McBride, Nicole Shaw.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SOFTBALL SUMMER CAMP 2017: Courtney Wilson, Director; Alexa Donofrio, Assistant Director; Colleen Reilly, Assistant Director. Coaches: Alyssa Adams, Amanda Arena, Kimberly Fazio, Victoria Labetti, Stephanie Neglia, Gianna Raimondi, Melanie Regan, Marissa Wilson.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WRESTLING SUMMER CAMP 2017: Nicholas LaGiglia, Director; Thomas Longobardi, Assistant Director; John Ferrara, Assistant Director. Coaches: Patrick Bell, Joe Byrne, Nick Gennaro, Peter Gonzalez, Mike Longobardi, Mike Patrovitch, Chris Wade.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve BOYS VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP 2017: John Schrank, Director; James Como, Assistant Director; Frank Franzone, Assistant Director. Coaches: Gustave Karagrozis, Brian Kelly, Tyler Pizzichemi, Steven Schrank.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SUMMER SPORTS ACADEMY CAMPS 2017: Patricia Polmpen, Clerical Support, \$29.60 per hour.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTING SERVICES 2017-2018: John Zuhoski, \$18,734.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPECIAL EDUCATION – ESY RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS SUMMER 2017: Behavioral Intervention Services: Jane Reilly, Nicole Rodi, Tonimarie Young; Consultant Teacher Direct: Tonimarie Young; Job Coaches: Debra DiPalma, Ryan Vollmuth; Speech Therapist: Kathleen Finn; Special Education Teacher: Grace Avigliano.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM 2017: Rhonda Pratt, Coordinator; Summer Investigations Teachers: Kristen Amoia, Timothy Bauernfeind, Danielle Blaise, Lindsay Brooks, Nicole Bruhnke, Amanda Felix, Paige Fogarty, Amanda Kaulfers, Elaine Longo, Erin Meade, Karen Nordland, Jennifer Pitt, Marybeth Qualliotine, Jessica Shaw.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SCHOOL 2017: Brian Taylor, Principal.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem):

Amanda Bendersky, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Nicholas Coratti, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Jessica DeMaria, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Zachary Enoksen, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
*Jake Meyerson, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Rebecca Ragusa, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Daniel Sliwowski, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem):

Amanda Bendersky, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Nicholas Coratti, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Jessica DeMaria, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Zachary Enoksen, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
*Jake Meyerson, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Rebecca Ragusa, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher
Daniel Sliwowski, effective September 5, 2017, student teacher

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan shared an overview of the accomplishments throughout this school year, including G Suite professional development, preparation for next year's Chromebook initiative, implementation of PASCO software in high school science classrooms, coding in Electricity/Electronics, and collaborative lessons between the AP chemistry and Life Skills classes. Students demonstrated musical and artistic talents in the band, orchestra and choral performances and art shows, 17 students are candidates for the IB diploma, and the district completed its first five-year self-study for the IB program. A holocaust survivor shared his experiences with high school students, the high school library media center was transformed into a hub for research and learning, professional development and curriculum writing centered around the writing process, and buildings have taken a Response to Intervention approach. Twelve students graduated from the Alternative High School. This summer, the district is offering High School Summer School and Regents Review classes, a middle school Summer Academy and Summer Investigations for eligible elementary students. Curriculum writing will take place, some music courses will be revised, and new courses will be added, including JAVA. Dr. Rullan wished everyone a healthy, safe and fun summer.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 6/8/17. Items reviewed included the April treasurer's report; April payroll summary; April financial statements; claims audit report and May system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus of elementary library curriculum materials, high school English language arts materials, high school and middle school acoustic grand pianos and a Wilder sheet pan holding cabinet at Beach Street. Other items reviewed included

several donations, 2017-2018 contracts, 2016-2017 health service contracts, 2017-2018 bids, a 2017-2018 Engagement Letter for R.S. Abrams, an Omni Group Services Agreement for 2017-2018 and a resolution for Food Service Commodities and Supplies for the 2017-2018 school year.

School Board/Student Liaison Committee (5/18/17 Udall ~ 6/7/17 Beach): Kevin O'Connor reported on the meetings that took place on 5/18/17 at Udall and 6/7/17 at Beach with the Student Council officers and advisors. Udall Road members informed Mr. O'Connor of the many events that took place throughout the school year including, spirit week, food drives, a giving tree for families, a volleyball tournament, candy grams and a Make-a-Wish candy drive. At Beach Street the Student Council members informed Mr. O'Connor of a fund raising event for leukemia, no shave November, toys for tots, a 6th grade dance and 6th grade t-shirts. Mr. O'Connor spoke about the role of the school board, the budget and how the district operates to both student councils. Mr. O'Connor was very impressed by all the young men and women of the student councils.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 6/8/17. Items discussed included district security responsibilities, bond bid awards and Phase 2 scheduling, a damaged P.J. Bellew sewer line that was successfully repaired, the status of an agreement with ES BOCES regarding snow removal of the Maserà parking lots, approved rebate applications through PSEG, the installation of an engraved boulder at Udall's main entrance and annual fire inspections scheduled to begin in July 2017.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 6/7/17. Items discussed included CPSE/CSE recommendations for the month. The annual review process has wrapped up except for a few outstanding meetings.

Committee on Health & Wellness: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that took place 5/18/17. Items discussed included the Color Run which will be held 10/15/17, PTA Mindfulness presentation; and the Relay for Life to be held 6/17/17. Mr. Zotto attended a push-in health class regarding recovery, education and prevention. The first two meetings of the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Wednesday, 9/13/17 and Thursday 10/12/17.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for April was presented. Beginning balance as of 3/31/17: \$50,790,031.3; ending balance as of 4/30/17: \$44,370,770.76.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2016-2017 budget transfers 3383-3392.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: PAWS to WIUFSD - \$14,857.08; Josten's Scholarship to WIUFSD - \$500.00; Suffolk Association of School Business Officials Scholarship to WIUFSD - \$500.00; Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc. Scholarship to WIUFSD - \$3,000.00; Ahold Financial Services/P.J. Bellew - \$1,822.80 and Oquenock - \$657.79.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2017-2018 Contracts for Integra Consulting and Computer Services, Inc., Henry Viscardi School, ACLD Kramer Learning Center; Little Flower Children & Family Services of New York/Summer 2017.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Library curriculum materials - Manetuck Elementary School; English Language Arts materials - West Islip High School; Acoustic grand pianos {Serial #135720 and #8511394} - West Islip High School; Wilder sheet pan holding cabinet - Beach Street Middle School.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2016-2017 Health Services Contracts for Commack UFSD - \$1,131.82 and Bellmore UFSD - \$1,037.67.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bids: #1701 – Atlantic Color Corp.; #1702 Affordable Trash Removal, Inc.; #1703 Long Island Equipment Service, Inc.; #1704 Advantage Music; #1705 Commercial Instrumentation Services; #1706 Bain Mechanical Services, Inc.; #1707 Ideal Fence Corporation; #1708 Port Jefferson Sports, Triple Crown Sports, Muddy Locker Sports, Varsity Spirit; #MC-1 Inshallah Mechanical Corporation; No. GC-1 Aquatic Renovations Systems, Inc.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP Engagement Letter 2017-2018.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Omni Group Services Agreement 2017-2018.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution - to bid jointly on Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2017-2018 school year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve acceptance of the results of the Annual District Meeting held on May 16, 2017.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: *Emergency Use of Herbicide*.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Counsel Services Agreement and Labor Counsel Services Agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that Senior Awards took place on June 5 and thanked the administration and faculty for an enjoyable evening. June 12 is the last day of classes for the high school and final exams begin on June 13. June 13 is the last day of classes for the middle schools and final exams begin on June 14. The last two days of elementary school will be 6/22 and 6/23. All information is on the school website.

Graduation will take place on June 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Relay for Life event - June 17-18, 2017

West Islip Council of PTAs Blood Drive – Monday June 12 2017 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Udall Road Middle School.

Mrs. LaRosa informed the audience that she attended the first annual Thirst Project Gala. Over \$75,000 has been raised and 3,000 lives saved since the West Islip chapter's inception by the wells that provide safe drinking water to communities throughout the world. Mrs. LaRosa felt the gala was a moving night and gives students a global view of how this club benefits underdeveloped countries.

Mr. Gellar thanked Dr. Bridgeman, the administration and faculty for the volunteer work being done by high school students through Common Hope, a trip to Granada and other service projects.

The following residents wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public”:

Mrs. Ruth Mineo, West Islip - Mrs. Mineo had concerns regarding the district’s attendance policy and how it has impacted her children’s grades. Mrs. Mineo asked Dr. Rullan when the changes to the attendance policy would be completed. Dr. Rullan explained that the committee is working to address concerns but wants to ensure it makes recommendations that do not have unintended consequences. Mr. Gellar explained the committee is taking its time to get the regulations right.

Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Artusa had concerns regarding the attendance policy as it relates to personal days for children. Dr. Rullan explained that the building principals consider all relevant information when a child is absent. Mrs. Burns agreed that there are gray areas to the policy and reiterated that the attendance regulations are being thoroughly reviewed before communicating changes to the public.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, 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.