

# WI

## West Islip Public Schools

Bernadette M. Burns  
Superintendent of Schools

James Bosse  
Director of Buildings and Grounds

### Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Location: High School Counseling Office Conference Room

Members in attendance: K. O'Connor, R. Ulrich, B. Burns, W. Duffy, J. Bosse  
Others in attendance: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Maginniss  
Members absent: S. Brady

#### Committee Information

##### 1. Donations

- a. A batting cage and equipment has been donated by the West Islip Baseball Booster Club. The installation will be completely shortly.
- b. The West Islip Soccer Club would like to make a donation that will provide for the renovation of an unused bathroom at the Masera School. Mr. Bosse will study the impact on the building and potential maintenance issues and report back at the next meeting.

##### 2. Rental buildings

- a. A tutoring service has requested to lease one classroom at Kirdahy. It was determined that this is not viable at this time.
- b. Bridges has requested to lease four additional rooms to house its pre-school program. Since it will no longer need Room 202 for the 2014-2015 school year, the room will be offered to ASK US, which currently leases that classroom and was originally expected to move to another room.
- c. Bridges Academy has hired Dr. John Caruso as new Head of School. Mrs. Burns and Mr. Bosse have met with Dr. Caruso to discuss leasing arrangements.
- d. Eastern Suffolk BOCES installed a sidewalk at Masera to connect the rear staff parking lot to the front entrance of the building.
- e. Divine Dance and South Shore Children's Center have begun installing air conditioning in some rooms at Westbrook. Electricity usage charges will be invoiced, as per lease agreement.

##### 3. Permits

- a. The West Islip Swim Club has requested that the Board reconsider the charges assessed for the upcoming school year. The district is in the process of obtaining costs assessed to swim clubs in other districts in order to make a fair determination.
- b. A presentation will be filmed for *Inside Edition* in the high school gymnasium on Friday, August 15. The demonstration, provided by a certified defensive tactic instructor, will provide crucial information on how young women can protect themselves from being victims of sexual assault as they enter college. The report will air in early September and will be seen by 4-5 million people.

4. School buildings and grounds
  - a. The annual visual inspections (AVI) are underway. These findings, along with the recommendations of the building principals, BBS and SCC, will help determine potential bond/capital improvements.
  - b. Summer custodial cleaning work is in progress district-wide, and various building projects and repairs are being addressed.
    - i. The PJB entrance apron has been replaced with concrete.
    - ii. Many speed bumps have been replaced, added, or extended and painted.
    - iii. The gym floors are being screen sanded and recoated district-wide.
    - iv. PJB classroom ceilings are being replaced with new LEDs in new grids.
    - v. A major irrigation leak has been repaired on the baseball field.
    - vi. Tree and branch pruning work has been done.
    - vii. Boiler piping reconfigurations have been made to meet codes.
  - c. There has been significant damage done to the buildings and grounds due to the recent rain event. Almost all buildings suffered leaks, and many of the facilities have flooded basements. The damage is being assessed, and an update will be provided within the week. Despite the damage, schools will open on time, safe and ready for students and staff.
5. Personnel
  - a. Interviews for a Maintenance Mechanic IV have been conducted by a committee and a candidate has been selected. Michael Beckerman will be recommended for approval at the August Board meeting. This hiring will negate the need for the second Chief position previously held by Dennis Martin, and will provide the opportunity to hire a Custodial Worker I, resulting in additional cleaning labor and cost savings to the district.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.