

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**November 13, 2014 – Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy

ABSENT: Dr. Rullan

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION: National Recognition Month – members of WIASA  
American Legion Girls/Boys State Program ~ Kristyn DeCarlo, Victoria Koffsky,  
Edward Matin, Kevin Riegel and Christopher Whalen

Mrs. Burns recognized the members of the West Islip Association of School Administrators and their extraordinary contribution to our schools.

Mrs. Burns also recognized and congratulated five students for their participation in the American Legion Girls/Boys State Program.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Maureen Sanchez, effective October 31, 2014, Manetuck Elementary School

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Devlin, Senior Clerk Typist, effective December 1, 2014 (High School; Step 1; replacing P. Alcus).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Charlene Barretta, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 14, 2014 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing R. Carusillo).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Stephanie Berger, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective November 14, 2014 (High School; Step 1; replacing G. Kaliski {resigned}).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Intermittent Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Lisa Baynon, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential, effective November 10, 2014 (District Office).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (9.75/hr.): Mark Bonamico, effective November 14, 2014; Donald Wunder, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE PEACE OFFICER (\$19.90/hr.): \*Catalina Anderson, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$115 per diem): \*Margaret Jeran, effective November 14, 2014; Kathleen White, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Charlene Barretta, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER: \*Michele Pavinski, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Michelle Guadalupe, effective November 14, 2014; Carolyn Hurley, effective December 1, 2014; Martha Pinilla, effective December 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2014-2015: HIGH SCHOOL: Robotics Advisor, Andrew Baranec; Robotics Advisor, Gregory Baranec.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30.00/hr.): Shanan Mauro, effective November 14, 2014.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014-2015 LATE WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: GIRLS BASKETBALL: Nicholas Grieco, 7-8 Udall Coach; Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Beach Coach. WRESTLING: Mark DiCristo, 7-8 Udall Coach; Kenneth DiDonna, 7-8 Beach Coach.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mrs. Burns spoke about the success of the October 17<sup>th</sup> Professional Development half day and the Superintendent's Conference Day held on November 4. On this day, staff received DASA training, teachers collaborated on various subjects and the data team investigated how to increase the number of students receiving a Regent's Diploma with Advanced Designation.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 11/13/14. Items reviewed included the September treasurer's report, extracurricular report, September payroll summary, internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, June and September financial statements, budget transfers, donation for High School Technology Department, 2014-2015 Special Education contracts and SEDCAR contracts were reviewed. The committee also discussed more cost effective methods of administering the food service department.

A Second Reading was held on the following policies: Table of Organization (No. 4212); Smoking/Tobacco Use (No. 5640); Personal Communication Devices (No. 7315).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the above listed policies.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 11/13/14. BBS Construction met with the committee to present bond project items. Some of these items included district wide roof repair, tile repair at the high school and middle schools, ceiling replacement at Beach Street and P. J. Bellew, door improvements district wide, duct work, air conditioning in the I.T. department at District Office, security cameras, track repair at Udall and parking lot repair at Beach Street. These projects total 32.9 million dollars and future meetings will take place to decide which projects will be decided upon. Mr. Gellar explained items will be removed and added, estimates refined and much more work will be done before presenting a plan to the public.

Safety and Security Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting held on 10/14/14. Items reviewed included daily safety protocols, emergency drills, table top exercises, emergency evacuations, security staffing, adequate coverage after school, potential bond items and better communication methods when dealing with school emergencies. Mr. Gellar spoke about security vestibules in the schools as a potential bond item.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 11/13/14. CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month, student placements and an update on an impartial hearing in progress were reviewed.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that was held on 10/22/2014. Items discussed included Breast Cancer Awareness Day, in which 415 staff members participated and over \$2,000 was raised. The fall newsletter was mailed in mid-October; some of the articles included "Social Host Laws", "Ten Tips for Building Resilience in Children and Teens" and the enterovirus. *Social Host* postcards will be mailed in the spring and the committee will list outreach agencies and phone numbers in the spring newsletter. The committee would also like to have magnets made listing these hot line numbers. The committee is also researching a *Shed the Meds Day*.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for September was presented. Beginning balance as of August 31, 2014: \$495,275.40; ending balance as of September 30, 2014 \$34,878,253.84.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3157 - 3163 and 2014-2015 Budget Transfers 3165 - 3166.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2014-2015 Special Education contracts: ACLD, Brookville Center for Children's Services.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Automotive Technology of West Islip – High School Automotive Class – Sun Microcomputer Motortester 1215, Van Norman Brake Lathe 243XV w/tooling, SPX Alternator, Regular, Battery and Starter Tester - \$1,000 (approximate value).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following SEDCAR contracts for 2014-2015: ACLD, AHRC, Anderson Center for Autism, Bilinguals, Building Blocks Pre-School, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot Central School District of Islip, Developmental Disabilities Institute, The Hagedorn Little Village School, Harmony Heights School, Henry Viscardi School, Hillcrest Educational Center, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, Kids First, Kids in Action of Long Island, Inc., Leeway School, Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc., Maryhaven Center for Hope, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Therapy Associates, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, New England Center for Children, Inc., New Interdisciplinary School, New York Therapy Placement Services, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Summit School/Jamaica Estates.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar announced that the Board approved a 1.46% increase for the Superintendent of Schools, which is commensurate with the tax levy cap increase. The Board also approved an extension of Mrs. Burns's contract for an additional two years.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns welcomed Brian Taylor to the district as the new Director of Science and Technology. Mrs. Burns expressed her best wishes to Ellen Quaglio on her retirement and thanked her for fifteen years of service to the district and wished her joy and good health.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

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

Mrs. Ruth Mineo – Mrs. Mineo had questions regarding the *Parents Bill of Rights* and when these rights would be posted on the school website. Mrs. Burns stated that they will be posted by the end of next week. Mrs. Mineo also questioned the type of data that is provided to the state and BOCES. Mrs. Burns explained the process of how data is uploaded to the state and reiterated that the district is very cautious with the information shared with third parties, and only shares required data elements with the state. Mrs. Mineo also had a question regarding the use of AIMSweb for math. Mrs. Burns responded that it is used in Grades K-5 for only reading at this time.

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 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve a Resolution to initiate litigation against Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. on a motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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