

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 11, 2014 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss (arrived 8:05 p.m.), 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.

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 November 25, 2014 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION: Sparkle Effect Program ~ *Coaches Dina Barone and Steffanie Traver
Hannah Balkunas, Jenna Basile, Meghan Hickey, Kelli Klein, Madison Madonia,
Marissa McAllister, Hailee Reehil, Katherine Rosenson and Kimberly Zappalla*

Mrs. Burns recognized and congratulated all the members of the Sparkle Effect Program and spoke about how this program will change the lives of all those involved.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Elizabeth Hudson, Elementary, effective December 8, 2014 (Oquenock).

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): Erin Papadopulos, Special Education, effective December 11, 2014 (Beach).

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): CHANGE IN STATUS: Lisa Zdenek, School Lunch Manager, effective January 1, 2015 (District Office; change from part time to full time).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): CHANGE IN TITLE: Charlotte Kirchoff, Senior Cook, effective January 5, 2015 (High School; Step 9).

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 CLERK TYPIST (\$11.00 per hour): *Margaret Ronner, effective December 12, 2014; *Lucille Valentino, effective December 12, 2014.

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

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 NURSE (\$115 per diem): *Tracey Bythrow, effective December 12, 2014; Arlene Madison, effective December 12, 2014; Megan McDermott, effective December 12, 2014; *Pamela Gillen, effective December 12, 2014; *Leonard Iacono, effective December 12, 2014; Hope Stein, effective December 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$9.75 per hour): *Sarah Anderson, effective December 12, 2014; * Elizabeth Bird, effective December 12, 2014; *Adriana Lagunas-Keogan, effective December 12, 2014.

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): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Mark Bonamico, Custodial Worker I, effective December 12, 2014 (High School/Westbrook; Step 1; replacing D. Byrne {retired}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2014-2015: (School functions - \$75 per event; Rental functions - \$50 per hour): Beach Street Middle School: Frank Franzone, John Kennedy, Lisa Martinolich, Camille Persico.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION (\$30.00 per hour): Frank Alexseychuk, effective December 12, 2014; Sonia Azzam, effective December 12, 2014; Brittany Bach, effective December 12, 2014; Marcia Caronia, effective December 12, 2014; Kenneth DiDonna, effective December 12, 2014; Giavanna Donarumia, effective December 12, 2014; Danielle Ficalora, effective December 12, 2014; Melissa Force, effective December 12, 2014; Jennifer Geduldig, effective December 12, 2014; Angela Halversen, effective December 12, 2014; Vincent Jacaruso, effective December 12, 2014; Kelly Marmo, effective December 12, 2014; Shanan Mauro, effective December 12, 2014; Jennifer McMahan, effective December 12, 2014; Jacqueline Molina, effective December 12, 2014; Lindsay Morgan, effective December 12, 2014; Terence Mulholland, effective December 12, 2014; Marybeth Qualliotine, effective December 12, 2014; Solages Senat, effective December 12, 2014; Taylor Troyano, effective December 12, 2014; Kimberly Velez, effective December 12, 2014; Alexandra Voorhees, effective December 12, 2014; Elisabeth Zamarelli, effective December 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Margaretann Bianculli, effective December 10, 2014; Evan Paul Cohen, effective December 12, 2014; Loren Corrado, effective December 12, 2014; Christopher Coward, effective December 12, 2014; Christina Danna, effective December 12, 2014; Lianna Fried, effective December 12, 2014; Justine Gallagher, effective December 12, 2014; Dina Marie Marrasso, effective December 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Margaretann Bianculli, effective December 12, 2014; Evan Paul Cohen, effective December 12, 2014; Christina Danna, effective December 12, 2014; Lianna Fried, effective December 12, 2014; Justine Gallagher, effective December 12, 2014; Dina Marie Marrasso, effective December 12, 2014.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the Curriculum Committee is looking at new course recommendations for the high school, which will be reviewed and presented to the Board at a later date. The Teaching is the Core grant is supporting the work of a committee working with other groups through Eastern Suffolk BOCES to review the quality of local assessments and ensure alignment with West Islip skill standards. The second of two Parent Academies will be held on February 4, 2015, focusing on student assessments.

Dr. Rullan wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 12/9/14. Items reviewed included the October treasurer's report, extracurricular report, and October payroll summary, internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, October's financial statements, budget transfers, donation from Beach Street PTA and 2014-2015 Special Education contract for Half Hollow Hills were reviewed. The committee also discussed a POS System for cafeterias.

Audit Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 12/9/14. Alexandria Battaglia of R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP reviewed the financial statements for year ending 6/30/14. Cullen & Danowski, LLP reviewed the Risk Assessment report for 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to acknowledge receipt of the Independent Auditors Report for year ended June 30, 2014 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP and to approve the District's related Corrective Action Plan.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to acknowledge receipt of the Risk Assessment Update Report dated December 9, 2014 from Cullen & Danowski, LLP and approved the District's related Corrective Action Plan.

Education Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 12/11/14. Items reviewed included the IB program, Achieve 3000, instructional special education programs, Go Math, and course offerings for next year.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 12/9/14. The committee is reviewing a list of items from each building for the potential bond project and will be visiting each building to consider items needed. Use and usage fees for the Performing Arts Center, concrete floor for the batters cage and the drainage and replacement of the pool water were also discussed.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meetings that were held on 11/25/14 and 12/9/2014. Policies 1110 through 1338 were reviewed, amended, and will have a first reading in the near future.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 12/11/14. CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month and student placements were reviewed.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that was held on 11/25/2014. Items discussed included the Third Annual West Islip Triathlon on 5/17/15. The cost of hotline magnets, social host postcard mailing in the spring and new AEDs throughout the district were discussed.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that was held on 11/25/14. Some of the items reviewed included the Code of Conduct, staff training, bullying incidents, bullying incident protocols, strategies for instilling positive behaviors, and the value of surveying students, parents and staff. Dan Marquardt will be collecting information regarding criteria for citizenship awards; these awards will be presented at the January Board meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for October was presented. Beginning balance as of September 30, 2014: \$34,877,814.94; ending balance as of October 31, 2014; \$20,195,549.65.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers 3167 – 3170.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2014-2015 Special Education contract: Half Hollow Hills Central School District.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Beach Street PTA – Beach Street - \$1,195.00 for "Hollyrock" Game Show Assembly Program.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Resolution re: destruction of unused ballots and full ballot booklets.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve amendment #4 to contract with Winkler Real Estate. The contract has been extended one year with the same terms.

Mr. Gellar wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns encouraged everyone to try to attend one of the district holiday concerts and to check the school website for dates and times. Mrs. Burns also wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

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

Mr. Donald Marmo – Mr. Marmo asked what steps the district is taking regarding the second year property tax freeze credit. Mrs. Duffy stated that due to the closing of two elementary schools in July of 2012, the district is in compliance with the requirements for the second year property tax freeze credit.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:52 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve to increase rate of pay for Auditorium Technicians to \$60 per hour for non-district events and \$85 per event for district events.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve to add the title of Senior Cook to the UPSEU salary schedule. The salary schedule to be: 2014-2015 Step 8 - \$30,012, Step 9 - \$31,362, 2015/2016 Step 8 - \$30,462, Step 9 - \$31,832 and to add to Article IV, item C, #1, Senior Cooks shall receive a pay differential of \$500.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve to revise the Terms of Employment for the School Lunch Manager effective January 1, 2015 as follows: 15 vacation days, 12 sick days, 2 personal days, \$150 monthly mileage reimbursement, annual salary - \$57,783.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa 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.