

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 8, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Ulrich (absent for Regular Meeting arrived 8:50 p.m. for Executive Session)

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 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 December 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

RECOGNITION:

Citizenship Awards

Elementary - Ryan Flynn
Middle School - Jaymie Espinola
High School - Christina Regan

Music

Alexa Abbatiello, Charles Allegretto, John Berdolt, Meghan Bevan, Alexandra Brewer, Tristan Cadiz, Carol Chen, Alexandra Del Orfano, Joseph Delligatti, Robert Esposito, Brendan Farrell, Julia Fetter, Sheila Flaberty, Gregory Florio, Abyssa Frazier, Natalie Frazier, Sean Gordon, Blakeley Grunenberg, Maria Hadjichristoforou, Charles Hetterich, Dylan Hornik, Samuel Hudson, James Khoury, Hannah Kim, Matthew Mastroianni, Edward Matin, Samantha McEvoy, Sara Mercurio, Alexander Moy, Kevin Riegel, Christina Shaw, Ryan Small, Eric Troiano, Olivia Vermane, Katherine Weintz, Daniel Welborn

Athletic / All County

Alex Barbera, Hanna Battaglini, Emily Beier, Brooke Catalano, Naya Cerda, Lauren Coll, Vanessa Costantino, Kyle Kelly, Carolyn Kobler, Caitlyn Leibman, Sydney Matone, Matthew Mottes, Delaney Rivera, Matthew Tonn

Athletic / Coaches

Suffolk County Gymnastic Coach of the Year
Karyn Storan

Girls Varsity Soccer Suffolk County Coach of the Year / NYSPHSAA 100 Win Club
Nicholas Grieco

Girls Varsity Volleyball NYSPHSAA 100 Win Club
James Klimkoski

Section XI Sportsmanship

Udall Football – *Shanan Mauro, Mark DiCristo*
Udall Boys Soccer – *Kenneth DiDonna*
Udall Girls Soccer – *Brian Dieumegard*
JV Boys Soccer – *Dennis Mazzalunga*
JV Boys Volleyball – *Catherine Lang*
JV Girls Tennis – *William Turri*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Nancy Gimplin, Cafeteria Aide, effective January 5, 2015 (Oquenock).

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): SUBSTITUTE SENIOR COOK: Sandra Brady, effective January 9, 2015; Kelly Fryer, effective January 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESIONAL (\$9.75 per hour): Nancy Gimplin, effective January 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2015: Denise Campasano (Legos I and II) \$275.00 per session; Lorrie Clifford (Babysitting & Hand Sewing) \$275.00 per session; Jennifer Colonna (Intro to ASL & Jewelry Making) \$275.00 per session; Justin DeMaio (Intro to Italian & Scrabbleopoly) \$275.00 per session; Edwin Ermavonics (Dragster Design & Super Delta Dart) \$275.00 per session; Theresa Holland (CPR/First Aide) \$275.00 per session; Tami Lombardi (International Cooking & Disney Sweets) \$275.00 per session.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30.00 per hour): Sarah Hirschhorn, effective January 9, 2015.

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 (\$115 per diem): Samantha Alfano, effective January 26, 2015, student teacher; Victoria Alfano, effective January 26, 2015, student teacher; Melissa Butzbach, effective January 9, 2015; Matthew Clareen, effective January 26, 2015, student teacher; Daniel DeMaio, effective January 9, 2015; Sharon Diwby, effective January 9, 2015; Meghan Dunne, effective January 9, 2015; *Kyra Farrell, effective January 22, 2015, student teacher; Meaghan Fichter, effective January 26, 2015, student teacher; Sarah Flood, effective January 9, 2015; Leighann Gallagher, effective January 9, 2015; Kayla Kesner, effective March 17, 2015, student teacher; Logan Kingston, effective January 9, 2015; Lisa Kmiotek, effective January 9, 2015; Pamela Knuppel, effective January 9, 2015; Katie Manieri, effective January 9, 2015; Angela Mercado, effective January 9, 2015; Nicole Marinelli, effective January 26, 2015, student teacher; Kaitlin O'Connor, effective January 9, 2015; Amanda Poulos, effective January 20, 2015, student teacher; Eric Ruhoy, effective January 9, 2015; BryAnn Scioli, effective January 9, 2015; Daniel Wendelken, effective January 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Samantha Alfano, effective January 26, 2015; Victoria Alfano, effective January 26, 2015; Melissa Butzbach, effective January 9, 2015; Matthew Clareen, effective January 26, 2015; Daniel DeMaio, effective January 9, 2015; Sharon Diwby, effective January 9, 2015; Meghan Dunne, effective January 9, 2015; *Kyra Farrell, effective January 22, 2015; Meaghan Fichter, effective January 26, 2015; Sarah Flood, effective January 9, 2015; Leighann Gallagher, effective January 9, 2015; Kayla Kesner, effective March 17, 2015; Logan Kingston, effective January 9, 2015; Pamela Knuppel, effective January 9, 2015; Nicole Marinelli, effective January 26, 2015; Angela Mercado, effective January 9, 2015; Amanda Poulos, effective January 20, 2015; Eric Ruhoy, effective January 9, 2015; BryAnn Scioli, effective January 9, 2015.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Daniel Kelly for being named an Intel Semifinalist. Dr. Rullan also congratulated Mary Kroll, who teaches the Intel Research classes and felt this is a huge accomplishment for the district. She also congratulated all those recognized at the meeting for a job well done.

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the Curriculum Committee is evaluating curriculum needs for the budget process. Dr. Rullan invited parents to attend the Parent Academy focusing on student assessments that will be held on February 4, 2015 at Beach Street Middle School for Grades K-12 parents. A panel discussion will be conducted with parents, teachers, directors and administrators.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 1/6/2015. Items reviewed included the November treasurer's report, extracurricular report, and November payroll summary, claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, November's financial statements, budget transfers, surplus of TI-View Screens and Eastern Suffolk BOCES Leasehold Space Agreement were reviewed.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 1/6/2015. Policies 1410 – 1730 were reviewed, amended, and will have a first reading in the near future.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 1/8/2015. Items reviewed included the professional development plan, RTI for Grades 7-12 and the AIS Plan. Mrs. LaRosa also congratulated Daniel Kelly for being named an Intel Semifinalist and felt this is an exciting leap forward for the district.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 1/6/2015. Items reviewed included a review of the lease at Westbrook, setting up building visits to inspect for potential bond items, installation of a new PA-System at Udall, water damage issues and removal of a deteriorated sign at the high school which was dedicated in honor of Cindy Galasso. The sign was removed and the plaque stored for safe keeping.

Legislative Action Committee: A meeting did not take place but Mr. Gellar spoke about the letter writing campaign to end the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment). Mr. Gellar encouraged residents to write letters to our legislators and mail or drop these letters off at any school building. All information is on the school website.

Mr. Gellar also spoke about a NYSSBA legal conference he attended on December 19, 2014. NYSED Commissioner John King and NYSBBA Executive Director Timothy Kremer, along with several legislators and 20 school board members, attended this conference. Items discussed included new ELL (English Language Learners) regulations and proposed expenses involved, the Smart Bond, investment plans, pre-K programs and high tech security features for schools.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 1/8/2015. 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 1/7/2015. Items discussed included hotline magnets with emergency numbers to be distributed on February 13 – P.S. I Love You Day, social host sign displays by local businesses, a volleyball tournament to be held on March 6 and March 7, the triathlon on May 17 and the newsletter mailing in April. Mr. Zotto also spoke about an AED saving a life on 12/23/14 and thanked all involved. The Town of Islip's Drug/Alcohol Forum will take place on March 30 at Hauppauge High School and the next Health and Wellness meeting will take place on February 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at Paul J. Bellew Elementary School.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for November was presented. Beginning balance as of October 31, 2014: \$20,195,549.65; ending balance as of November 30, 2014; \$13,785,980.75.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers 3171 – 3172.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the declaration of surplus TI-View Screens.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Leasehold Space Agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: "Field Testing".

Mrs. Burns explained the above approved resolution - The Board disagrees with any additional mandatory testing and urges the Board of Regents to reject the State Education Department's proposal to make field tests mandatory.

Mrs. Burns also congratulated Daniel Kelly for being named an Intel Semifinalist and explained that there were 300 semifinalists, 90 from New York State and 44 from Long Island. Mrs. Burns thanked the research teachers, Mrs. Kroll and Mrs. Dolce for all their efforts on behalf of Intel Research. Daniel Kelly worked at Columbia University Medical Center and the title of his research project is "Characterization of the Binding of the Staphylococcus Epidermidis Surface Protein SdrS to Fibrinogen and Vitronectin." Daniel's picture will appear in Newsday on 1/8/2015.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

All District Concert at the High School will be held on 1/9/15 at 7:30 p.m.

IB Informational meeting for students will be held on 1/21/15 at 6:30 p.m. at the High School

Residents who wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public": None

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WITA regarding terms of employment for "Employee A".

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Zone Waiver for Jeremy W.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on a motion by Bob Ulrich, 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.