

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 10, 2013 – High School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:02 PM, followed by the pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gellar announced that the two-day furlough will not be required at this time. Lower interest on the tax anticipation notes (TANs), reduced unemployment costs and other savings have provided the district with a reduction in projected expenses of approximately one-half million dollars.

Mr. Gellar welcomed Mrs. Burns as Superintendent and wished her success in her new position.

Mr. O'Connor announced the following correction to the Buildings and Grounds Committee report from the 9/12/13 Board of Education meeting. Mr. O'Connor reported that South Shore Children's Center was looking to lease an additional 1,100 square feet. That number was incorrect. The correct square footage is 192 square feet, as discussed at the 9/10/13 Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve leasing an additional 192 square feet to South Shore Children's Center.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 Regular Meeting and the September 24, 2013 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION – School Board Recognition Week & National Principals Month

Mrs. Burns recognized and thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and in recognition of their service to the students, faculty and residents of West Islip. Mr. Gellar accepted a certificate on behalf of all the board trustees.

Mrs. Burns announced that October is National Principals Month. Mrs. Burns thanked and recognized Dr. Bridgeman and the administrative team of principals, assistant principals and directors for all their efforts on behalf of the district and the students.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Jaclyn Jacobs, English, effective September 23, 2013 (High School).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Patricia Cinquemani, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 2, 2013 through June 27, 2014 (Manetuck).

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): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Linda Daniels, Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective October 15, 2013 (Step 1; Paul J. Bellew; replacing J. Einsettler {resigned}).

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: *Kristen Pyes, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 11, 2013 through June 27, 2014 (Step 1; Bayview; replacing J. Schwartz who is now a Special Education Aide).

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: Karen Reale, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 11, 2013 (Step 1; Bayview; replacing L. Saake who is now a Special Education Aide).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Mary Cameron, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 11, 2013 through June 27, 2014 (Step 1; Manetuck; replacing P. Cinquemani {leave}).

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): REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Christine Glander, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 11, 2013 through June 27, 2014 (Step 1; Bayview; replacing F. Couillard {leave}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Dana Sullivan, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional, effective October 15, 2013 (Bayview).

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): CHANGE IN STATUS: Sandra Brady, 7-Hour Assistant Cook, effective October 28, 2013 (Beach Street; replacing A. Carangi {retired}), change from 4-hour Assistant Cook).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): CHANGE IN TITLE: Jodi Schwartz, Special Education Aide, effective October 11, 2013 (Bayview; new position; change from 3 - hour cafeteria aide).

*Conditional pending fingerprint clearance

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 FOOD SERVICE WORKER (9.75/hr.): Bridgett Morgan, effective October 11, 2013.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: MENTOR (\$1,000 Stipend): Alicia McGinty-Sepulveda, replacing Beth Crimi {approved at the 9/12/13 BOE meeting}, (Tara Annunziata, Mathematics).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR:

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Michelle Falco, Academic Decathlon (Jr. Brainstormers)
- Kevin Murphy, Academic Decathlon (Brainstormers)
- Frank Franzone, Audio-Visual Club Director
- Elaine Longo, Coordinator – One Act Play
- Ann Hecht, Costume Director (all productions) }
- Elizabeth Zamarelli, Director (all productions) } shared
- James Kraiss, Director – Flag Team
- Jennifer McKenna, Director – Musical Play
- David Kaufman, Director – Senior Play
- James Kraiss, Drama Coordinator
- Victoria Newell, Extra-Curricular Treasurer
- Nicole Cifelli, Freshman Class Advisor }
- Alexandra Dolce, Freshman Class Advisor } shared
- Linda Gifford, Junior Class Advisor }
- Jennifer McKenna, Junior Class Advisor } shared
- David Gershfeld, Literary Magazine
- James Como, Mathletes }
- Craig Michel, Mathletes }
- Nancy Yost, Mathletes } shared
- Shawn Wallace, Mock Trial
- Edward Jablonski, National Honor Society
- Frank Franzone, Newspaper }
- Joanne Macrelli, Newspaper } shared
- David Kaufman, Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook
- David Kaufman, Pit Director (Musical)
- Mary Kroll, Research Program
- Diana Saadat, School Store
- Jessica Levings, Science Olympiad }
- Linda Tong, Science Olympiad } shared

ADVISORS/CLUBS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, continued

OTHER, High School continued

James Kraus, Sets Director (all productions)
Noreen Matthews, Sophomore Class Advisor }
Kevin Murphy, Sophomore Class Advisor } shared
Edward Jablonski, Student Senate }
David Moglia, Student Senate } shared
Dawn DiVisconti, Yearbook }
Elaine Longo, Yearbook } shared
Gregory Baranec, Robotics Team
Robert Purdy, Robotics Team
Frank Franzone, Business & Marketing Honor Society }
Joanne Macrelli, Business & Marketing Honor Society } shared
Diana Saadat, Distributive Education Club of America
Barbara Krollage, English Honor Society
Andromache Baritis, Foreign Language Honor Society }
Maria Kaminsky, Foreign Language Honor Society } shared
Monica Krawczyk, Future Business Leaders Club }
Joanne Macrelli, Future Business Leaders Club } shared
Nicole Perperis, Gay-Straight Alliance }
Thomas Vitti, Gay-Straight Alliance } shared
Stephanie Fodera, S.A.D.D.
William Willis, Tri-M Music Honor Society
Jennifer Wasserman, Senior Class Advisor

BEACH

Justin DeMaio, Drama Director
Elizabeth Zamarelli, Drama Director
Richard Santeramo, Sets Director
Elizabeth Zamarelli, Costume Director
Justin DeMaio, Costume Director
Justin DeMaio, Music Director
Jesse Fawess, Newspaper
Robyn Southard, Yearbook
Mitch Luquer, Yearbook Photographer
Elizabeth Burgalassi, G.O.-Student Council
Camille Persico, G.O.-Student Council } shared
Louis Lu, Honor Society
Lisa Braat, Mathletes Grade 7
Jeannine Conaghan, Mathletes Grade 8
Denise Cain, School Store
Thomas Larsen, Science Olympiad }
Lynn Larsen, Science Olympiad }
Renee Avelli, Science Olympiad }
Andrea Miller, Science Olympiad } shared
Deborah Harris, Home and Careers Club

ADVISORS/CLUBS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, continued

BEACH

Theresa Robertson, Homework Help Club
Jessica Ennis, Peer Tutoring Grade 7
Mitch Luquer, Peer Tutoring Grade 7
John Kennedy, Geography Club }
Tara Probert, Geography Club } shared
Theresa Holland, Be Yourself Health Club

UDALL

Brenda Mayo, Science Olympiad Grade 6
Brenda Mayo, Science Olympiad Grade 7
Brenda Mayo, Science Olympiad Grade 8
Kimberly Crouch, National Junior Honor Society
Gregory Ziems, Set Design
Michael Taranto, Yearbook Photographer
Pamela Diorio, Activities Grade 6
Kristine Hagens, Activities Grade 7 & Grade 8
Kristine Hagens, Student Council
Pamela Diorio, Student Council
Nicoline Flaiz, Yearbook
Deborah Pulitano, Current Event Team Grade 7 & Grade 8
Jeanette Merola, Homework Club Grade 6
Patricia Haff, Homework Club Grade 7 & Grade 8
Linda Ruggiero, Geography Club
Staci Ansbach, School Store
Nicoline Flaiz, Mathletes Grade 7
Lawrence Sciarrino, Mathletes Grade 8

MUSIC

Melissa Senatore, Combined Chorus – All District
William Willis, Combined Orchestra – All District
James Kraiss, Director – Marching/Pep Band
James Kraiss, Director – Director – Jazz Ensemble
James Kraiss, Combined Band – All District

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present, with the exception of Scott Brady who was not present but indicated he would abstain from voting if present, voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER \$100.00 per diem

Nicole Aracio, effective October 11, 2013
Kelly Beck, effective October 11, 2013
Samantha Boniberger, effective October 11, 2013
Lauren Brady, effective October 11, 2013
Grace Cappadona, effective October 11, 2013
Victoria Catanzaro, effective October 11, 2013
Kristy Cimaglia, effective October 11, 2013
Jaime DeRosa, effective October 11, 2013
Andrew Dewhirst, effective October 11, 2013

OTHER:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER \$100.00 per diem - continued

Andrew Donato, effective October 11, 2013
Kristen Ekberg, effective October 11, 2013
Barry Feldman, effective October 11, 2013
Danielle Fischer, effective October 8, 2013
Jennifer Friaglia, effective October 11, 2013
Mary Ellen Grimes, effective October 11, 2013
Diana Gorman, effective October 11, 2013
Alison Gronenthal, effective October 11, 2013
Taylor Harney, effective October 11, 2013
Russell Kuhn, effective October 11, 2013
Jason Kurdziel, effective October 11, 2013
Brian Mando, effective October 11, 2013
Alyssa Marron, effective October 11, 2013
Kathleen McCabe, effective October 11, 2013
Christopher Muhs, effective October 11, 2013
Kellie Murphy, effective October 11, 2013
Suzanne Napoli, effective October 11, 2013
Kimberly Norden, effective October 11, 2013
Amanda Opinski, effective October 11, 2013
Nicholas Reyman, effective October 11, 2013
Matthew Rippert, effective October 11, 2013
Christine Saraceno, effective October 11, 2013
Lori Savastano Oldaker, effective October 11, 2013
Marianne Schwartz, effective October 11, 2013
Brittany Siragusa, effective October 11, 2013
Ashley Tuminello, effective October 11, 2013
Danielle Young, effective October 11, 2013

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT \$85.00 PER DIEM: Diane Amiruddin, effective October 11, 2013; Victoria Catanzaro, effective October 11, 2013; Kristen Olmstead, effective October 11, 2013.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION (\$30/hr.): Michael Krasnicki, effective October 11, 2013.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Dr. Rullan informed the audience that there will be a Parent Academy on the Common Core State Standards for Grades K – 8 on October 23, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Beach Street Middle School. The report card committee is putting their final touches on the new revised report cards. The Data Portal Committee has met and will be recommending one of the three State-approved portals to the Superintendent by the end of the month. Common Core Curriculum modules are being reviewed and teachers are receiving professional development on implementation and alignment to the West Islip curriculum.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting that was held on 10/8/13. Some of the items reviewed were the August treasurer's report, August payroll summary report; internal claims audit report, system manager audit trail, warrants, surplus equipment and special education contracts. Beach Street PTA donations and Target donations were also reviewed.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 10/8/13. Policy #5730 Transportation of Students was revised as per requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act.

The second reading of the policy was waived and a motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy 5730 – Transportation of Students.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 10/10/13. Some of the items discussed were the NYS ELA and math testing, professional development of teachers, report card revisions, NYS data portal and curriculum development.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 10/8/13. Some of the items discussed were Westbrook parking, smoking on school grounds, replacement key charge of \$10.00 for tenants and the West Islip Soccer Club's request to move the fence at the point where the Manetuck and Udall fields meet Boulevard Avenue. The club consulted with residents on either side of the site. Other residents are encouraged to contact the soccer club with questions, if necessary.

Safety and Security: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting that was held on 9/24/13. Some of the items discussed were the \$25,000 grant from Senator Phil Boyle, upgrading security cameras, creating a five-year security plan, and improved security procedures at the high school.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 10/9/13. Some of the items discussed were CSE and CPSE recommendations, modifications for students, student placements and visiting classes.

Health and Wellness/COMPASS Alliance: Bernadette Burns reported on the meeting that was held on 9/24/13. The West Islip Tri-Kids Triathlon was held on 10/6/2013. Over 100 students participated in swimming, biking and running activities.

Bullying Awareness Committee: Dan Marquardt reported on the meeting that was held on 9/16/13. Some of the items discussed were the goals for the year, leadership program, guest speakers and update of Dignity for Students Act.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Beginning balance as of July 31, 2013 - \$7,607,362.13; ending balance as of August 31, 2013 - \$4,257,887.28.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3104 – 3107.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 Special Education Contracts: All Metro Home Care Services of New York, Inc., Developmental Disabilities Institute/Young Autism Program/Medford and Kings Park 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 donations: Beach PTA Arts in Education - \$3,700.00; High School Target - \$3,181.65; Beach Street Target - \$751.70; Udall Road Target - \$507.61; Bayview Target - \$774.22; Manetuck Target - \$1,326.48; Paul J. Bellew Target - \$1,284.79.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Pre-Algebra Mathematics textbooks, Titmus Vision Test Model OV-7M, Concepts and Challenges in Life Science textbooks and En Espanol textbooks.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted, with the exception of Annmarie LaRosa who abstained, in favor to approve South Shore Children's Center of West Islip lease amendment.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Teaching Assistants' Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and Release/Student A.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns thanked the Board of Education for the privilege and opportunity to serve as Superintendent and is looking forward to working with the Board and staff.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: Substance Abuse/Red Ribbon Week October 28 – November 1

The following residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public" – Mr. Randy Paquette, Mrs. Kristina Delaney, Mrs. Patrice Nelson, Mrs. Ruth Mineo and Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel.

Randy Paquette, 3 Babylon Ave. West Islip, NY – Randy Paquette is a 15 year old high school student who would like to use the high school weight room to work out. Mrs. Burns informed Randy that the weight room was open as part of the intramurals program, which was cut from the 2013-2014 budget. The district to investigate whether it will be able to provide the supervision to open the weight room.

Mrs. Delaney, 1026 Cassel Ave. West Islip, NY – Mrs. Delaney inquired about the furlough. Mr. Gellar informed her that the furlough will not be implemented. The district was able to save money due to lower interest on the tax anticipation notes (TANs), reduced unemployment costs and other savings.

Mrs. Nelson, 715 Hyman Ave. West Islip, NY – Mrs. Nelson had concerns regarding the common core curriculum. She felt that the standardized tests are not an indication of future success. Dr. Rullan informed Mrs. Nelson that the district must follow the state standards but the method of implementation is the district's prerogative, and the district is still in the process of aligning its curriculum. A review of recommended literature will be a part of this process.

Mrs. Mineo, 1093 Cassel Ave. Bay Shore, NY – Mrs. Mineo had concerns about the common core curriculum and the choice of literature Grades 3 and 4 are reading. She felt some of the literature was offensive and developmentally inappropriate. She wanted to know if these books were state mandated. Mrs. Burns informed Mrs. Mineo that the district has not adopted the curriculum yet and will be looking at all the modules and reviewing all the literature. Mrs. Mineo inquired as to what data the district will send to the state. Mrs. Burns assured her that nothing beyond what the state requires will be provided to the state. Mrs. Burns will forward more specific information as it becomes available.

Mrs. Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip, NY – Mrs. Hantzschel had concerns regarding the common core literature and felt the state did not consider the developmental stages of the students. Mr. Gellar informed Mrs. Hantzschel that the administration will be reviewing the common core curriculum.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:20 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:26 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 PM on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Hock

Mary Hock
District Clerk

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