

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 9, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Smith, (arrived at 8:13 PM) and Mr. Zotto (arrived at 8:34 PM)

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Thomas M. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM.

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

Motion was made Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the January 4 , 2012 Special Meeting, the January 12, 2012 Regular Meeting and the January 26, 2011 Planning Session.

The following students were recognized as recipients of the December Citizenship award: Gabriella Artusa – Elementary, Matthew Mastroianni – Middle School and Brooke DiPalma – High School.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT – *Mary Anderson, Principal – effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT – *Zaphiria Gabriel, Director of Mathematics (Secondary), Science and Technology – effective November 1, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT – *Bernie Jones, Director of Art, Dance and Music Education – effective November 1, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT – *Deborah Vertovez, Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services – effective August 31, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Linda Berquist, Special Education; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Jean Cahill, Art; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Susan Connors, Elementary; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Pam Giarrusso, Library Media; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Carol LaNoce, Special Education; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIRMENT: *Jacqueline Wilson, Science; effective June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution: "Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2012, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Clerical area (2 Senior Clerk-Typists), Paraprofessional area (2 full-time School Monitors, 2 full-time School Teacher Aides and 6 part-time School Monitors), Custodial area (2 Head Custodians, 3 Custodial Worker I), Nurse area (2 Registered Nurses)."

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: RESIGNATION: *Nalan Rosenberg, Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective December 23, 2011.*

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 TITLE: *Michael Messere, Maintenance Mechanic III; effective February 10, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2012 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Baseball - Shawn Rush, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach; Steve Mileti, Junior Varsity Coach. Softball - Michelle Jantzen, Varsity Coach; Beth Crimi, Assistant Varsity Coach; Colleen Reilly, Junior Varsity Coach. Boys Track - Jeremy Robertson, Varsity Coach; John Lavery, Assistant Varsity Coach. Girls Track - Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Chris Kaigh, Assistant Varsity Coach. Boys Lacrosse - Scott Craig, Varsity Coach; William Turri, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jon Reese, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Peter Murray, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Mike Hazelton, Junior Varsity Coach; Dave Rubano, Assistant Junior Varsity Coach; Evan Rafferty, Junior Varsity Coach. Girls Lacrosse - Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach; Tom Powers, Assistant Varsity Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, Junior Varsity Coach; Boys Tennis - George Botsch, Varsity Coach; Norman Wingert, Junior Varsity Coach. Girls Golf - Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2012 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Kickline - Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Varsity Coach, *effective February 2, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Alessia Buccafusca, effective February 6, 2012; Philip Ciancarelli, effective February 10, 2012; Brad Closson, effective February 10, 2012; Melissa Ann Force, effective February 10, 2012; Allison Herman, effective February 10, 2012; \*Natatia Nugent, effective February 10, 2012; Jeannette Pierrepont, effective February 10, 2012; Chelsea Reimer, effective February 16, 2012; \*Stephen Zydor, effective February 6, 2012 – student teacher.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION: *Megan Smith (English), effective February 10, 2012.*

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns discussed the Completed Curriculum Development Project - Spanish 1A; Course Name Changes: Information Processing → Microsoft Office 2010, Business Law → Business and Personal Law and Web Wizards → Web Design; and the New Course Proposal: Calculus. Mrs. Burns also reminded the community that progress reports and report cards will no longer be mailed home to parents. If a parent is in need of an identification code to access the parental portal they should contact the District's IT department for assistance.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve completed curriculum development project – Spanish 1A.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve course names changes - Information Processing → Microsoft Office 2010; Business Law → Business and Personal Law; Web Wizards → Web Design.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a new course proposal – Calculus.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Smith reported on the meeting of February 7, 2012 where the following items were addressed – warrants, treasurer's report, extracurricular funds, payroll summary reports, financial reports and the internal claims report.

AUDIT: Mr. Smith reported that the Audit Committee (full board) met on January 26<sup>th</sup> and heard a presentation by R. S. Abrams on the Independent Auditors Report and by Cullen and Danowski on the Internal Auditors Report.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Ulrich reported on the meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> where discussion revolved around - summer construction work and the bid process for this work, the upcoming soccer tournament and turf field usage during the spring season.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting of February 9<sup>th</sup> where the following was discussed – Regents results, RCT results, IB Program Update, professional development and Udall Road Middle School's CEP.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION:** Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on February 9<sup>th</sup> where new CSE/CPSE recommendations, student placements, the budget process and the plan to reassign BOCES students back to programs within West Islip.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 11/30/11 – \$12,007,561.64; ending balance as of 12/31/11 – \$ 2,522,005.01

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfer # : 2974-2979.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a contract addendum with School Construction Consultants, 2012 Capital Improvements Construction Manager Services, \$71,5000, January 2012 through November 2012.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Box Tops for Education → Beach Street Middle School – \$1,179.80.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contracts for the 2011-2012 school year with the Middle Country Central School District in the amount of \$1,419.08; with the Jericho Union Free School District in the amount of \$969.15 and with the Uniondale Union Free School District in the amount of \$614.29

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve SEDCAR contracts with ACLD, AHRC, Bilinguals, Building Blocks Pre-School, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot Central School District of Islip, DDI, East Islip School District, The Hagedorn Little Village School, Harmony Heights School, Hillcrest Educational Centers, Kids First, Kids in Action, Kids Therapy Services, Leeway School, Maryhaven, New Interdisciplinary School, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, New York Therapy Placement Services, Marion K. Salomon and Associates, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Summit School, Henry Viscardi School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare a 1984 Chevy van an excess vehicle.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table the approval of the 2012-2013 Student/Teacher Calendar.

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that a Special District Meeting will be held on March 27, 2012 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 PM at the West Islip High School for the purpose of proposing a change to transportation mileage guidelines. He further informed the community that Voter Registration Day for this election will be held on March 22, 2012 between the hours of 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM at Beach Street Middle School.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with WISE.

Richard Simon reminded the community that Substance Abuse Awareness Week will take place February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup> where a variety of events will take place districtwide. He informed the audience that the PAWS Gala will now be held on April 27, 2012 honoring Maria McNamee and Sue Huscilowitc. The event will be held at Southward Ho Country Club. Mr. Simon mentioned that representatives from the West Islip School District will participate in the annual Legislative Breakfast which will be held on February 11, 2012.

**NOTICES AND REMINDERS:** The first meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup> in the Beach Street Library/Media center and George Smith and Wendy Duffy will co-chair this committee. The first Budget Worksession will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Beach Street Cafeteria.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Michelle Herzing, Doreen Hantzschel, Kristine Cantwell, Carol Miller, Catherine Artusa, Peter Quinn, Robert Maresca, Rich Trent, Valeria Rivera, Lisa Minissale, Marceil O'Connell, Kim McCandless and Linda Millet. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:16 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:40 PM on a motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve an attendance zone waiver for Zachary B.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 11:41 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM on a motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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*\*Conditional pending fingerprint clearance.*

## PUBLIC PARTICPATION LOG

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2012

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Ms. Michelle Herzing; 241 Sears Road, West Islip; Ms. Herzing asked the Board to reconsider its decision to close Westbrook and mentioned she had a petition requesting the same.

Ms. Doreen Hantzschel; 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Hantzschel spoke about ensuring a smooth transition for all students and suggested the Board consider changing the names of all elementary school buildings. She also discussed special education issues.

Ms. Kristine Cantwell; 58 Sylvia Drive, West Islip; Ms. Cantwell told the Board the decision to close Westbrook Elementary School is a mistake as she feels Westbrook is the larger school and can accommodate more students which will eliminate overcrowding.

Ms. Carol Miller; 16 Dana Lane, West Islip; Ms. Miller asked the Board to reconsider its decision to close two elementary schools and instead close one elementary and one middle school.

Ms. Catherine Artusa; 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip; Ms. Artusa said questioned if projected class size enrollments would be available and incorporated into the budget process. She also asked if any inquiries have been received with regard to selling or leasing Kirdahy Elementary School.

Mr. Peter Quinn; 675 Tanglewood Road, West Islip; Mr. Quinn spoke about school finance and state aid.

Mr. Robert Maresca; 688 Pat Drive, West Islip; Mr. Maresca proposed to the Board that they should consider SAT scores in the hiring process.

Mr. Rich Trent; 70 Alice Road, West Islip; Mr. Trent discussed the closing of schools and the implications therein.

Mrs. Valerie Rivera; 408 Myrtle Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Rivera inquired about bond issue projects and the process involved in bidding these projects.

Ms. Lisa Minissale; 75 Gladstone Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Minissale asked for clarification on Regents and RCT student performance.

Ms. Marceil O'Connell; 133 Tahlulah Lane, West Islip; Ms. O'Connell asked for clarification on the proposed changes to mileage guidelines for transportation to and from school. She also asked for clarification with requirements associated with voter registration for the vote.

Ms. Kim McCandless; 727 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip; Ms. McCandless asked the Board to make safety issues and concern a priority when redistricting elementary students.

Ms. Linda Millet; 76 Oak Neck Lane, West Islip; Ms. Millet concerns revolved around transportation issues as it relates to redistricting and the proposed change in mileage requirements.

~ PLANNING SESSION ~  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 28, 2012 – District Office

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

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Meeting was called to order at 9:15 PM.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Vanessa Salubro, Foreign Language; effective January 16, 2012 through January 15, 2015.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Kristina Rosenberg, Reading; effective February 16, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Mary Stewart, Elementary; effective February 27, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Michael Beckerman, Maintenance Mechanic II/Groundskeeper; effective February 29, 2012.*

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): TERMINATION: *Larry Pacifico, Custodial Worker I; effective February 22, 2012.*

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 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Dave Kaufman; Photography Newspaper/Yearbook.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION: *Shawn DeVito, Music; effective January 17, 2012; and Nicole McMahon, Health; effective February 29, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE NURSE: *\*Korianne DeStefano, effective February 29, 2012; \*Sharon Grieco, effective February 29, 2012; \*Catherine Sullivan, effective February 29, 2012..*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUE TEACHER: *Alicja Dull, effective February 29, 2012; Joes Espinal, effective February 29, 2012; Lindsey Ferraro, effective February 29, 2012; Donna Rice, effective February 29, 2012 and Francesca Sparacio, effective February 29, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:57 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:03 PM on motion by George Smith seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a retirement incentive for Louis Zocchia.

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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**Education Committee meeting  
February 9, 2012**

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, B. Burns

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

1. Regents Results

Mrs. Burns reported on the January Regents results. Students sat for 151 Regents Exams or Regents Competency Tests and posted a 55% pass rate. This testing period is available to those students who missed the June and August exams, or those who did not successfully pass the tests in June or August. The students who passed the tests are now one step closer to fulfilling their graduation requirements.

2. International Baccalaureate Program Update

The high school is currently engaged in the course selection process. To date, there are 466 requested seats in 28 different IB courses. In the 2012-2013 school year, IB Biology will be offered for the first time as a higher level course. The humanities courses continue to have strong enrollment, and have attracted additional students who do not wish to earn the diploma, but wish to take advantage of earning an IB course certificate.

Mrs. Burns shared some of the extended essay questions for the Class of 2012.

3. Professional Development

Professional development workshops continue to be provided for our first grade teachers in reading workshop and second grade teachers in writing workshop. To date, all kindergarten through second grade teachers have attended workshops that have addressed the alignment of the math curriculum to the Common Core Learning Standards, and third through fifth grade teachers are participating in similar staff development now. Beginning in March, workshops will be offered to our middle school teachers to prepare them for the alignment of the English Language Arts Curriculum with the Common Core. Additionally, the Instructional Support Teams in the secondary buildings are continuing their work with Arlene Crandall, and the administrators are attending workshops at BOCES that address the Common Core Learning Standards, Shared Inquiry Teams, and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs).

4. Udall Comprehensive Educational Plan

The Udall staff, facilitated by Mr. Marquardt and Mrs. Vertovez, continues to create the building's Comprehensive Educational Plan, which will be used to develop a two-year improvement plan for the building. This is a building initiative, and the state

encourages District Office to work closely with Udall, assisting them in developing an effective plan and provide oversight and support to ensure effective implementation. This plan will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the March meeting. Mrs. LaRosa requested that Mr. Marquardt and Mrs. Vertovez be in attendance on the March Education Committee meeting in order to answer any questions about the CEP.

5. Miscellaneous

The district is required to publish a Response to Intervention, or Rtl Plan, by July 2012. (The Rtl Plan applies to grades K-4.) To this end, a universal screener must be selected to benchmark all students throughout the year to ensure that they are making adequate progress. Screening tools are being investigated for use for this purpose. One such instrument is AIMSweb, which is a progress monitoring system in literacy, oral reading fluency, and math. We are going to pilot this tool in one elementary building and one middle school for the remainder of the school year, with the intent of using it in all elementary and middle school buildings next year.