

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**September 13, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. followed by the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Richard Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Planning Session.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: AMENDMENT TO PROBATIONARY TENURE AREA: Meghan Linderman, Business (approved at the August 28, 2018 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Cara Douglas, Elementary, effective August 29, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1A<sup>1</sup>).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: JoAnn Pallay, Clerk Typist, effective September 14, 2018 (Transportation; Step 1 new position).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Justin Escalera, Custodial Worker I, effective September 14, 2018 (Kirdahy, Westbrook, Transportation; Step 1; replacing M. Bonamico {resigned}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antoniello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Byron McCray, Director of School Safety, effective October 9, 2018 (Districtwide; \$75,000; replacing J. Nicolosi ({resigned})).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Christine Antippas, Special Education Aide Leave Replacement, effective September 14, 2018 through December 21, 2018 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing B. Susajlo {LoA}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$12.00/hr.): Michele Belleau, effective September 14, 2018; Robin LaMorte, effective September 14, 2018.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$12.00/hr.):

Christine Lanza, effective September 14, 2018  
Donna Machusky, effective September 14, 2018  
Carol Marino, effective September 14, 2018  
Kaylee Martin, effective September 14, 2018  
Ann Martinico, effective September 14, 2018  
Denise Pavone, effective September 14, 2018  
\*Luigia Vetrano, effective September 14, 2018  
Michele Williams, effective September 14, 2018

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATOR: Louis Zocchia, effective September 4, 2018 (Districtwide; \$500 per day).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2018:

Lenny Butler (Community CPR/First Aide) \$30/hr.  
Jake Caramico (How Money Works) no cost to West Islip  
Steve Cottral (About Boating Safety) no cost to West Islip  
Kim Crichton (Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga, Fitness Mix) \$30/hr.  
James Grover (Basketball) \$35/hr.  
Matthew Haszinger (Volleyball) \$30/hr.  
Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30/hr.  
Jennifer Keller (Mahjong for All) \$25/hr.  
Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving) no cost to West Islip  
Jane Loehle (Aquacise) \$35/hr.  
Alexandra Prieto (Zumba) \$30/hr.  
Alyssa Marie Sobel (Volleyball) \$30/hr.  
Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$30/hr.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CURRICULUM WRITING SUMMER 2018:

AP Principles of Computer Sciences  
Michelle Studley

Grade 4 Science Revision  
Denise Campasano

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2018 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: FIELD HOCKEY: Justine Deluca, Volunteer JV/Varsity.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2018 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: FIELD HOCKEY: Daniel Sliwowski, 7-8 Udall Coach (replacing Stacy Piropatto {moved to Beach}); Stacy Piropatto, 7-8 Beach Coach (replacing K. Bagley {resigned}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS FALL 2018 (\$275 per session):

Julia Cardo (Hands-On Science I & II)  
Justin DeMaio (LEGOS I & II)  
Michelle Edgley (Blast Off & Soak and Scrub)  
Christine Maniscalco (Coding is Cool, Coding for Kids)  
Thomas McGunnigle (Creative Art Workshop I & II)  
Wesley Oakes (Theater I & II)

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the school year started smoothly. Superintendent's Conference Days began with keynote speaker Dr. Todd Whitaker, who delivered the message of *The Most Important Things in Life Aren't Things*. Teacher orientation and safety and sensitivity training also took place last week.

Visits to the elementary schools by the West Islip Literacy Lion began; students are encouraged to pick out a name for the Literacy Lion by voting on the district's website. Dr. Rullan spoke about the "Attendance for Credit" policy and has asked high school classroom teachers to remind students of the policy. The planetarium program has been brought back for elementary and middle school students; field trips are being scheduled for students. The district is continuing the implementation of mindfulness training; all grade levels and departments will have the opportunity to attend one of the afterschool professional development workshops. A parent academy for mindfulness will be offered on October 17 and 18. Information is forthcoming.

Mr. Gellar announced that the high school planetarium will be completely refurbished next summer.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 9/12/18. Items reviewed included the July treasurer's report; July payroll summary; claims audit report and August system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, change orders and approval of special education contracts. Mrs. Pellati informed the committee that monthly financials were not presented to the committee this month as the District is still in the process of closing out 2017-2018. The District will have a full physical inventory completed during 2018-2019 and will investigate updating the transportation software.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting held on 9/13/18. Items reviewed included Title 1 Part A; the elementary literacy program; Literacy Lion elementary school visits; the STEM Academy; computer science, engineering and math internships; and community service requirements.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 9/12/18. Items reviewed included grounds security for the district; the addition of the Barberry turf field; bond project costs for Phases 1 through 3; planetarium work to be discussed at a future B&G committee meeting.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 9/12/18. Items discussed were CSE/CPSE recommendations, student placements, and a tour of classrooms.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Beginning balance as of 6/30/18: \$30,053,132.82; ending balance as of 7/31/18: \$55,433,505.82.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfers 3522-3538 and 2018-2019, Capital Fund budget transfers 3531-3537, and 2017-2018 General Fund budget transfer 3534.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Change Order for Crossroads Construction Corp. for Udall Middle School - \$38,967.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Special Education Contracts: Cleary School for the Deaf; Deer Park School District; Development Disabilities Institute; North Babylon UFSD; Syosset CSD.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement re: Teaching Assistant Negotiated Agreement.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Proposed Amendment to New York State School Boards Association Resolution No. 3.

Mrs. Susan Lipman, Eastern Suffolk BOCES board trustee and former West Islip board trustee, spoke regarding the above referenced proposed amendment to support efforts to improve school safety by limiting or reducing unauthorized access to guns in schools.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Emergency Use of Herbicide at Masera Elementary School.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement re: WIASA Summer Schedule.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that pictures of school opening are posted on the district's Facebook page. A new district website has been launched. Ceilings at Beach Street and Udall Road middle schools have been finished; the roofs at each middle school should be completed within a month, with construction taking place after the school day. Mrs. Burns thanked Don Lettieri and everyone who worked to ensure enhanced security protocols for the new school year. Mrs. Burns announced the football game this Saturday, September 15.

Mr. Brady informed the audience that the Small Heroes Foundation will be setting up a booth at the football game on Saturday. Mr. Brady's two nephews have been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and SmallHeroes.org was created to help raise funds to study the disease and work toward a cure. All funds raised go directly to muscular dystrophy research.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:39 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock  
District Clerk