

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 4, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Antonello, 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 8:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Gellar announced that Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter is present to speak about the Health and Wellness Alliance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Planning Session.

**RECOGNITION:**

Athletic

Girls Varsity Basketball All County ~ *Peyton Ryan*  
Girls Varsity Basketball All County Academic ~ *Carolyn Greenwald, Peyton Ryan*  
Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving ~ *Adriane Casey*  
Varsity Cheerleading All County ~ *Katherine Penny*  
Varsity Cheerleading All County Academic ~ *Olivia Gmelch*

SCOPE Service Awards

Administrator ~ *Brian Taylor*  
Teacher ~ *Sheila Siragusa*  
Support Staff ~ *JoAnn Brodsky*  
School Board ~ *Scott Brady*

Health and Wellness Alliance

*Michelle Alessi, Erin Bies, Julie Cannistra, Angie Carpenter, Marcelle Crudele, Arlene Devoe, Monica Fogarty, Barbara Henke, Christine Herzlinger, Tim Horan, Christopher Kaigh, Christine Kearney, Jessica Kelly, Sharon Kerrigan, Meghan LaRocca, Annmarie LaRosa, Shanan Mauro, Patricia McCabe, Richard McKay, Paul Michaluk, Tricia Mileti, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Jessica Olsen, Priscilla Olsen, Zoryana Percudani, Nicole Perperis, Rhonda Pratt, Kristen Romey, Carrie Russo, Ariana Stubbmann, Michael Zotto*

**PERSONNEL:**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Maria LaPinta, World Languages, effective July 1, 2019 (32 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Patricia Love, Special Education Aide, effective March 27, 2019 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: RESIGNATION: Katherine Schweitzer, Preferred Substitute, effective April 1, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2018-2019 (School Functions - \$85 per event; Rental Functions - \$60 per hour): Ryan Jensen.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019: HIGH SCHOOL: Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Kelly Sepe, effective April 1, 2019.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that students in grades 3 through 8 are taking the New York State English Language Arts assessment; the computer-based testing has been expanded from grades 6 through 8 include grade 5 this year. Grades 3 and 4 completed paper-based assessments. Due to technical issues statewide, there was no computer-based testing of the English Language Arts assessment on April 3, but administration of the computer-based testing continued on April 4 without any issues. Grade 5 will complete testing on April 5. Sixty-eight percent of students refused the test.

The District, in collaboration with Good Samaritan Hospital and other community organizations, provided a Mental Wellness Symposium on April 1. Over 100 people attended. The symposium offered an overview of brain research, facing adversity, resiliency, adolescent substance use and abuse, and supports offered by the district. The district is planning to hold another event in the fall.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Curriculum Writing Projects:

11AP ~ Literature and Composition - Revision  
11AP ~ Language and Composition - Revision  
English 7 ~ Unit of Study for *Twelve Angry Men*  
English 7 ~ Unit of Study for *The Outsiders*

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that he attended the Mental Wellness Symposium and thanked Dr. Rullan for chairing the Symposium.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 4/2/19. Items reviewed included the February treasurer's report; February payroll summary; February financial statements; claims audit report and March system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus, resolutions, health service contracts, bids, bid extensions and request for proposals.

The District's Policy 5731 was discussed. The measuring points for bus eligibility are not listed in the policy and the committee agreed that eligibility points should be publicized on the district website. The committee discussed the eligibility point in front of the High School at Higbie Lane and Lions Path, which is two tenths of a mile from the high school. The committee asked for further information regarding the number of students who would be affected by a change in this eligibility point.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 4/2/19. BBS and SCC provided a bond update. Phase 3 bond work is moving towards completion. There will be significant construction scheduled this summer: multiple roof replacements; security vestibules on six buildings; multiple bathroom renovations; a new technology/engineering lab at the high school; renovation of the high school music suite; and installation of a security booth on Lion's Path. The high school varsity baseball turf field has been completed; it will be used only for Little League games and not practices. A temporary bathroom trailer

may be required near the turf facility during the renovation of Paul J. Bellew's exterior access bathrooms, a new visitor access system has been installed at the District Office allowing the exterior door to be locked at all times.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting that took place 4/4/19. Items reviewed included curriculum writing projects; summer programs for 2019-2020; summer investigations program; Regents exams; summer school courses; and a Pre K overview pending approval of the 2019-2020 Budget.

Mrs. LaRosa commented on the Pre-K Program, thanked Dr. Rullan for her work on this initiative, and spoke on the importance of Pre K to our students.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 4/4/19. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations; student placements; and annual reviews. A unified basketball team has been offered for the first time this year.

Mr. Gellar thanked Jeanne Dowling and Tim Horan for all their efforts regarding the unified basketball team. The schedule of games will be on the district website; the first game will be held on May 7, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the lower gym at the West Islip High School against Amityville.

Mrs. LaRosa also spoke about the efforts of Jeanne Dowling, attended basketball practices at other districts to see the benefits of this program.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for February was presented. Beginning balance as of 2/1/19: \$54,868,907.05; ending balance as of 2/28/19: \$48,699,880.61.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfers 3599-3615 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3601-3614.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: calculators, mathematics textbooks and miscellaneous IT equipment.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions: Donation from Special Olympics of New York, Inc. - \$2,000 – WIUFSD and increase to budget 2018-2019 - \$2,000.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Health Service Contracts: Deer Park UFSD - \$6,490.68; Farmingdale UFSD - \$2,827.17; Jericho UFSD - \$1,321.58.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 Bid Extensions: #1801 - Emerald Electric and Solar, Inc.; #1802 - Quintal Contracting Corp.; #1804 - Cardinal Control Systems, Inc.; #1805 - World Wide Security Group; #1806 - Long Island Geese Control; #1807- Riddell/All American; #1812 - Orkin.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 Bids: Large Kitchen Equipment; Smallwares.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Request for Proposal #1900: Access 7 Services, Inc.; Brookville Center for Children's Services; Da Vinci Education & Research; Horizon Healthcare Staffing; Laura Hershberger, MD.,PC; LIDC Services; Little Angels; Metro Therapy, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Re-organizational Meeting date ~ July 2, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at West Islip High School.

Discussion of 2019-2020 Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Settlement of Agreement: Employee A.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that there are many activities going on throughout the district including honor society inductions in business and art. This was the first induction ceremony for the Art Honor Society, and the inductees' work is on display in the high school lobby.

The Robotics Team participated in a competition at Hofstra University, which included teams from China and Turkey.

There is a recent DEC update on the district website as well as a separate DEC link for additional information.

The final budget work session will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Beach Street Cafeteria.

The following resident(s) wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mrs. Christine Pellegrino, 23 Celano Lane, West Islip – Mrs. Pellegrino congratulated the athletics and music departments on their achievements and thanked the district for its investment in the Robotics team.

Mrs. Pellegrino requested that the Board take a more proactive stance and softer approach in respecting a parent's right to have their child opt out of state testing.

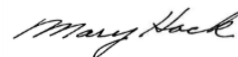
Mr. George Deabold representing School Watch - Mr. Deabold expressed concerns regarding young teenage males relying on the computer for spell-check and grammar, and as a result are functionally illiterate. Mr. Deabold also spoke about the status of the United States relative to other countries; the U.S. has dropped internationally in science and math and students should be opting back into state testing.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:59 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hock  
District Clerk