

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 12, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Zotto

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy

ABSENT: Dr. Rullan

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO PUBLIC:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Art Honors – *Rachel Chaleff, Nadia Nizzen, Juliette Rogler, Skylar Zimmerly*

American Legion Girls'/Boys' State Program – *Taylor Buonocore, James Khoury, Matthew Mastroianni, Aidan Nowakowski*

National Recognition Month – *members of West Islip Association of School Administrators (WLASA)*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Eleni Sipola, effective November 6, 2015 to December 18, 2015 (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: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75 per hour): Christine Memoli, effective October 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 CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE GUARD (\$16.38 to \$19.90 per hour): Cornelius Bartley, effective November 13, 2015; *Frank Binetti, effective November 13, 2015; *Tina Marie Calhoun, effective November 13, 2015; *Anthony Mayers, Jr., effective November 13, 2015.

*Conditional pending fingerprinting

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2015-2016 WINTER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

GIRLS BASKETBALL: Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Varsity Coach; William Turri, J.V. Coach.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Thomas Cross, Varsity Coach; Richard Zeitler, Assistant Varsity Coach; John T. Denninger, J.V. Coach.

WRESTLING: Nicholas LaGiglia, Varsity Coach; Thomas Longobardi, Assistant Varsity Coach; John Ferrara, J.V. Coach; Peter Gonzalez Volunteer Varsity/J.V. Coach; Nick Gennaro, Volunteer Varsity/J.V. Coach.

BOYS SWIMMING: Robert Kollar, Varsity Coach; Karyn Storan, Assistant Varsity Coach.

BOYS BOWLING: James Farnworth, Varsity Coach.

GIRLS BOWLING: Frank Franzone, Varsity Coach.

BOYS WINTER TRACK: Anthony Yuli, Varsity Coach; James Dooley, Assistant Varsity Coach.

CHEERLEADING: Dina Barone, Varsity Coach; Steffanie Traver, Assistant Varsity Coach; Lauren Brady, J.V. Coach.

GIRLS WINTER TRACK: Christopher Kaigh, Varsity Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, Assistant Varsity Coach.

KICKLINE: Kelly Leon, Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2015-2016 EARLY WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

VOLLEYBALL: James Klimkoski, 7-8 Udall Coach; Denise Cain, 7-8 Beach Coach.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Udall Coach; Robert Pitagno, 7-8 Beach Coach.

CHEERLEADING: Lori Interlicchio, 7-8 Udall Coach; Erica Bucking, Beach 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016: MANETUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Math Club, Grades 3&4, Christine Chocko (replacing Geography Club, Karen McCarthy, approved at the October 27, 2015 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Rachel Tarnowski, effective November 5, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Lori Fucaloro, effective November 13, 2015; *Sultana Christie, effective November 13, 2015.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that a second Superintendent's Conference Day took place on November 3, 2015. Keynote speaker Dr. Bill Daggett spoke about a 20/20 vision for students to prepare them for careers and college. Survey data found 90% of faculty and staff responded that the day was valuable to their instructional practice. Mrs. Burns also spoke about the various departmental initiatives, including in the areas of math, business, social studies and science. An assessment schedule for IB has been put in place to minimize testing conflicts for students.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 11/10/15. Items reviewed included the September treasurer's report; June, July, August and September extra-curricular reports; September payroll summary; claims audit report; and October's System Manager Audit trail report. Warrants, June and September financial statements and approval of surplus from Music Department for George Steck Upright piano #16550 were also discussed. 2015-2016 Special Education Contracts were reviewed, including Bellmore UFSD, Karin E. Burkhard, M.D., Kings Park CSD/revised, Sunshine Alternative Education Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk; 2015-2016 Education Contracts for Connetquot CSD; 2015-2016 SEDCAR Contracts for ACLD, AHRC/NYSARC, Inc., Anderson Center for Autism, Building Blocks Preschool, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot CSD, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Hagedorn Little Village School, Harmony Heights School, Henry Viscardi School, Hillcrest Educational Center, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, Kids in Action of Long Island, Inc., Leeway School, Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc., Maryhaven Center for Hope, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Therapy Associates, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, New England Center for Children, Inc., New Interdisciplinary School, New York Therapy Placement Services, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, The Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande Memorial School. Mrs. Duffy also reviewed the 2014-2015 Financial Statements.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 11/10/15. Items discussed included Superintendent's Conference Day, the Homework Advisory Committee work and the upcoming meeting for the Attendance Advisory Committee.

Public Relations Committee: A meeting did not take place but Annmarie LaRosa spoke regarding the district's public relations firm, Syntax. Syntax has done a wonderful job keeping the community informed about district events on social media.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 11/10/15. Items discussed included the capital bond referendum, vehicle and pedestrian school gate signs, and whether to allow advertisements on the turf field and scoreboard. The new scoreboard is operational and some additional pads on the steel poles will be added for safety purposes. The grounds committee is working on the fields, and issues with outside oil tanks have been resolved - with the exception of Manetuck which will be addressed if the bond is passed.

Legislative Action Committee: A meeting did not take place but Mr. Gellar encouraged residents to sign letters to our legislators regarding the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment). These letters are available at each of the school buildings and can be dropped off at the District Office or school buildings and they will be mailed to our legislators.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 11/10/15. Items discussed were reviewing placements for the month and everything was in order.

Health and Wellness Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 10/21/2015. Items discussed were the financial report, the West Islip Breast Cancer staff fundraiser which raised \$1,996, and Red Ribbon Week. Newsletter topics were discussed, as was the NARCAN training that took place on 10/28/15 at the West Islip Fire Department. A “mindfulness” program was presented to committee and a mission rep will be at the next meeting to discuss further. The Big Apple Crunch took place on 10/23 and social host lawn signs will be purchased and distributed to local businesses. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m. at Paul J. Bellew.

DASA Committee: Dan Marquardt reported on the meeting that was held on 11/10/2015. Some of the items discussed were changes to the Code of Conduct to include required language regarding transgender students, creating a parent resource page, posting a DASA quarterly newsletter on the district website and a district-wide mentoring program to address school transition.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer’s report for September was presented. Beginning balance as of 8/31/15: \$35,429,206.01 ending balance as of 9/30/15: \$34,630,641.35.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 budget transfers: 3248 – 3261 and 2015-2016 budget transfers - 3254 – 3263.

Motion was made by Kevin O’Connor seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: George Steck Upright piano #165500/bar code #000413.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2015-2016 Special Education contracts: Bellmore UFSD, Kings Park School District (revised – approved at 10/8/2015 meeting).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2015-2016 Consultant Services contracts: Karin E. Burkhard, M.D. and United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2015-2016 Education Services contracts: Connetquot CSD and Sunshine Alternative Education Center, Inc.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2015-2016 SEDCAR contracts: ACLD, AHRC/NYSARC, Inc., Anderson Center for Autism, Building Blocks Preschool, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot CSD, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Hagedorn Little Village School, Harmony Heights School, Henry Viscardi School, Hillcrest Educational Center, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, Kids in Action of Long Island, Inc., Leeway School, Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc., Maryhaven Center for Hope, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Therapy Associates, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, New England Center for Children, Inc., New Interdisciplinary School, New York Therapy Placement Services, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, The Charlton School/Ketchum-Grande Memorial School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

At the 11/9/15 Community Bond Presentation, Mr. Gellar said that the carrying costs for the bond issue were included in the \$49,961,280 bond amount. He corrected that statement. The interest is in addition to the principal amount of \$49,961,280.00. Mr. Gellar pointed out that the estimated impact to homeowner's taxes has correctly included all the appropriate factors.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve West Islip Paraprofessional Chapter of WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: work day and work year.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Winkler Amendment to Contract.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for School Bond Vote – November 17, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Office of Civil Rights Complaint Resolution.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Revised Instructional Review Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns congratulated the Lions football team which advanced to the division semi-finals at Half Hollow Hills West. The new scoreboard on the high school turf field needs a little electrical work but is up and running. Mrs. Burns thanked Mr. Horan and the community for all their work regarding the scoreboard. Mrs. Burns also congratulated the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team who lost to Massapequa in the Long Island Championship game but had a very successful season.

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience about the upcoming Capital Bond Referendum Vote at the High School Gym on Tuesday, 11/17/15, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Capital Bond Referendum Vote – November 17, @ WIHS 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS: None

The following residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mr. John Barrett, 265 Oak Neck Lane, West Islip – Mr. Barrett is a high school sophomore and member of the High School Robotics Team. Mr. Barrett thanked the Board and the administration for all their support and invited them to attend the First Regional Competition on Friday, April 1, 2016 and Saturday April 2, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. Mr. Gellar also thanked the Robotics Team and the advisors for all their enthusiasm and hard work.

Mrs. Valerie Slonecki, 10 Mariner Circle, West Islip – Mrs. Slonecki asked the board and the administration at the last Board meeting to review her child's IEP placement. This review did take place and as the original recommendations remain, Mrs. Slonecki go through Due Process since she is not in agreement with the recommendations.

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 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:36 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Resolved that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District hereby appoints the Law Office of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC to represent the Board of Education, Ms. Bernadette M. Burns, Dr. Anne Rullan, Ms. Christine Mulroy and Mr. Brian Taylor in the Appeal to the Commissioner of Education, No. 20,300.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa 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.