

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 12, 2013 – High School

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

ABSENT:

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM, followed by the pledge.

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

Motion was made by, Annmarie LaRosa seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 Regular Meeting and the August 27, 2013 Planning Session.

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 (paid): Christine Zeck, Mathematics, effective September 3, 2013 (Udall).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Michael Forman, Special Education effective September 9, 2013 to March 1, 2014 (Udall; Step 1²; replacing K. Rose)

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Rosemarie Corey, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional, effective September 3, 2013 (Step 1; Paul J. Bellew; replacing P. Butler {retired}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Patricia Dermody, Clerk Typist, effective September 16, 2013 (Step 1: District Office; new position).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jennifer Tomeo, School Nurse, effective September 30, 2013 (Step 1; St. John's; replacing N. Harsche {retired}).

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): CHANGE IN STATUS: Robert Verito, Custodial Worker II, effective September 13, 2013, (Kirdahy/Westbrook; change from Acting Custodial Worker II).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): CHANGE IN TITLE: Lorna Beck, Special Education Aide, effective September 9, 2013 (Paul J. Bellew; change from three-hour cafeteria 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): RESIGNATION: Michael Messere, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective September 4, 2013 (Maintenance).

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 PARAPROFESSIONAL: \$9.75/hr. - Donna Cummings, effective September 13, 2013; Carla LaBombard, effective September 13, 2013.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RECALL: James Ferayorni, Custodial Worker I, effective September 13, 2013 (Temporarily placed at High School; replacing R. Verito {Custodial Worker II}).

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): REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Lori Kaich, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 16, 2013 through June 27, 2014 (Step 1; High School; replacing C. Caruso {leave}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: Catherine Dolan-Stefanak, Coordinator (\$1,500 stipend); Mentor (\$1,000 stipend) Beth Crimi (Tara Annunziata, Mathematics) Jennifer Kouroutis (Deanna Nicolosi, Special Education); Kathleen Ryan (Michael Forman, Special Education); Lawrence Sciarrino (Alyssa Urback, Mathematics); Amy Wheeler (Lindsey Brooks, Special Education).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS FALL 2013: Dennis Adams, Science (Biology/Living Env.) 1 section/full year; Francine Ahearn, Social Worker .5 section/full year; Brian Cameron, Physical Education .5 section/full year; Aron Chizik, Social Studies (Global) 1 section/full year; Nicole Cifelli, Public Speaking & Debate 1 section/full year; Alexandra Dolce, Science (Astronomy) 1 section/full year; James Grover, Math (Algebra and Financial) 2 section/full year; Michael Hazelton, Social Studies (Gov't/Eco.) 1 section/full year; Edward Jablonski, Social Studies (Gov't/Eco.) 1 section/full year; Wendy Loddigs, School Counselor 1 section/full year; Robert Matuozi, Psychologist, 2 section/full year; Dennis Montalto, Special Education, 1 section/full year; Virginia Mullins, School Counselor, 1 section/full year; Joseph Nicolosi, Physical Education, .5 section/full year; Jeffrey O'Hare, English, 1 section/full year; Eric Rao, Social Studies (US History), 1 section/full year; Teresa Stecker, Psychologist, 1 section/full year; Paul Vecchione, English, 1 section full year; Paul Vecchione, English (Writer's Workshop), 1 section/full year; Anthony Yuli, Health, 1 section/full year.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS FALL 2013: Suzan Batar (Excel) \$35.00/hr; Lenny Butler (Community CPR, First Aide) \$30.00/hr; Jake Caramico (How Money Works) no cost to West Islip; Russell Cera (Introduction to Writing) \$30.00/hr; David Conroy (Circuit Training) \$30.00/hr; Steve Cottral (About Boating Safety) no cost to West Islip; Kim Crichton (Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga, Fitness Mix) \$30.00/hr; Marie Cuttonaro (French) \$30.00/hr.; Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30.00/hr; Vera Kavanaugh (Drawing/Watercolor) \$30.00/hr; Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving) no cost to West Islip; Frank Olish (Vollyball) \$30.00/hr; Melissa Spinelli (Zumba) \$30.00/hr; Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$30.00.hr; Roberta Woolsey (Aquacise) \$30.00/hr.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS FALL 2013: Denise Campasano (Legos) \$275.00 per session; Maureen Caufield (Word Games) \$275.00 per session; Lorrie Clifford (Babysitting Sewing) \$275 per session; Ed Ermanovics (Air propelled race cars, Dragster design & construction) \$275.00 per session; Amanda Joyce (Crocheting) \$275.00 per session; Brenda Mayo (Hands on Science) \$275.00 per session; Robyn Miller (American Girl Power Club) \$275.00 per session; Karen Nordland (Creative Knots and Crafts) \$275.00 per session.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: \$100 Per Diem – Dawn Attard, effective September 4, 2013; Michelle Barbaretti, effective September 3, 2013.

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: (\$30.00/hr): Michelle Mattia, effective September 13, 2013.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gellar thanked Mr. Simon for all his hard work, determination, dedication and efforts as superintendent. This was the last regular board meeting Mr. Simon would be attending.

Mr. Simon announced some good news for the district. He received a letter from the State Education Department congratulating the district for having a school that has been designated as a Reward School. The High School is among those in New York State that has made the most progress or has the highest performance with no significant gaps in student achievement. Mr. Simon congratulated Dr. Bridgeman and the teachers for all their efforts on behalf of the students. The letter from the state will be posted on the school website.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns informed the audience that teachers and all staff attended Superintendent Conference Days on September 3rd and 4th. Teachers attended workshops on NYSUT and Rubric and an overview of APPR and Common Core. Teacher Assistants and Cafeteria Aides attended workshops as well on Behavior Management and Positive Student Behavior. Nurses attended CPR classes. Mrs. Burns also spoke about the InBloom Project and announced that the district will be choosing a data portal vendor by the end of the month. Mrs. Burns thanked Mr. Simon for serving as Superintendent during challenging times and for all his support.

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the State Assessments will be coming in from BOCES soon. She cautioned about the results and explained that the scores are a baseline and will be used to make instructional decisions. Dr. Rullan also thanked Mr. Simon and all staff for welcoming her to the district.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting that was held on 9/10/13. Some of the items reviewed were the treasurer's reports, payroll summary report; internal claims audit report, system manager audit trail, warrants, surplus equipment and special education contracts. Wendy Duffy reviewed the winning bid results for the Tax Anticipation Notes and also advised the committee that a grant in the amount of \$25,000 was secured for the district by Senator Phil Boyle.

Audit Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 8/27/13. Cullen & Danowski reviewed their report on the Food Service Program. The program is operating at a loss and revenues remain low. The district will look into how to improve results so the program can be sustainable.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 9/12/13. Some of the items discussed were the New York State testing results and how the data will be used to guide instruction and increase productivity. Report cards have been revamped, a vendor will be chosen for the New York State Data Portal and the Go Math textbooks will be arriving shortly.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 9/10/13. Some of the items discussed were door access badges to necessary tenants, signs for buildings, insurance claim reimbursements and replacement of flags at High School and athletic fields. All custodial, ground and maintenance workers have done an excellent job in preparing for the opening of school.

Kevin O'Connor announced the following correction at the 10/10/13 Board Meeting

When Mr. O'Connor gave the Buildings and Grounds Committee report at the 9/12/13 Board of Education meeting, he reported that the additional space South Shore Children's Center was looking to lease was 1100 square feet. That number was incorrect. The correct square footage was 192 square feet and this was the number that was discussed at the 9/10/13 Building and Grounds Committee meeting.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 9/11/13. CSE and CPSE recommendations and student placement were discussed.

Safety and Security: Mr. Gellar announced that there will be a Safety & Security meeting on 9/24/13 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Beginning balance as of June 30, 2013 - \$10,540,753.87; ending balance as of July 31, 2013 - \$7,607,362.13.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2012-2013 Budget Transfers 3089-3103 and 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3096-3102.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 Special Education Contracts: Commack School District, Deer Park School District, Developmental Disabilities Institute/Huntington, Hillcrest Educational Centers, Inc., The New England Center for Children, Sachem Central School District, St. James Tutoring, Inc.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Pool facility items, outdated or damaged textbooks, workbooks and novels from English Language Arts and Library Departments, 1997 Bus Vin #1HVBBABM8VH455531 and 1988 Chevy Rack Truck Vin #1GBJV34M7JJ138283.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Sheet Music and Instructional Material.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Goals for the 2013-2014 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Simon informed the audience that there was a smooth opening of schools. The administrative team, secretarial/clerical group, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers ensured a successful opening week. This year's enrollment is 4,841 compared to 5009 last year. Kindergarten class sizes range from 18-22 students, first through third grades range from 20-24, fourth and fifth grades range from 24-27. There is one class of 27 students and the rest are below 24. Mr. Simon thanked the principals for balancing all the classes, as well as they are. The enrollment at each of the middle schools is in the high 500s and the high school has approximately 1,650 students. All of these numbers are consistent with the demographic study. The district continues to carefully watch the enrollment.

Mr. Simon also spoke about some safety and security changes as the school year begins. At the high school no doors are open and a buzzer intercom and camera are now at the front entrance, as well as a full time security person. The district has received a grant of \$25,000 facilitated by Senator Boyle to increase security support. The Safety and Security Committee will discuss how to use this grant at its next meeting.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

The following residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public" – Mr. Vincent Tumminello, Mrs. Marcelle Crudele, Mrs. Michelle Delaney and Mrs. Catherine Artusa.

Mr. Tumminello, 114 Jean Road, West Islip – Mr. Tumminello complemented the Oquenock staff for all their efforts during the first week of school. His daughter has had a positive experience. Mr. Tumminello also had complaints regarding security at the ASK US program. Mr. Simon will be looking into this matter and following up with Mr. Tumminello.

Mrs. Crudele, 758 Tanglewood Road, West Islip – Mrs. Crudele wanted to know what the next steps were regarding the recent Audit Report of the Food Services Dept. Mrs. Duffy will be looking into various options to increase revenues. Those options will then be presented to the Board.

Mrs. Delaney, 62 Udalia Rd. West Islip – Mrs. Delaney asked the Board to amend the August 8, 2013 minutes. Mr. Gellar agreed to this and the minutes were amended.

Mrs. Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Street, West Islip – Mrs. Artusa asked when the students would have the 5th Grade Go Math workbooks. Mrs. Burns responded that she would follow up with Mrs. Artusa tomorrow.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:05 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:34 PM on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 10:35 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 10:40 PM on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to change terms of employment for Anne Rullan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Hock

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District Clerk

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