

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 25, 2014 – High School

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

ABSENT: Mr. M. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gellar announced that there will be a joint effort on behalf of the district and the West Islip Teachers' Association to encourage legislators to repeal the GAP Elimination Adjustment (GEA) during the state budget process in the 2014-2015 school year. The committee will request the community to take a series of actions over the next month (letters, emails, faxes, phone calls) to urge legislators to increase school funding in West Islip. All information is on the district's website.

Mrs. Burns held a moment of silence for Janine Perrotto, Oquenock first grade teacher, who passed away last week.

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

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the January 28, 2014 planning session minutes.

RECOGNITION:

The following advisors, mentors and students were acknowledged:

Robotics:

Advisors: Robert Purdy and Gregory Baranec

Mentors: Andrew Baranec, Glenn Baumann, Richard DeFrancisco, Chris Foley, Glenn Luchen, John Price,
Jim Stephenson

Phillip Allegretto, Kelly Armetta, Eric Barasch, Erik Baumann, Mark Bruno, Christopher Chiusa, Daniel Conner, Ryan Eddy, Charlie Folz, Dean Galgano, Reese Hallahan, Jaden Hargraves, David Henry, Sean Hess, Cole Ivy, Siobhan Keeling, Liam Keeling, Greg Lucci, Joseph Maffei, Douglas Montigny, William Murphy, William Oakley, Robert Olenik, Randy Paquette, Anthony Randazzo, Daniel Rosenson, Gavin Syska, Robert Young

Common Hope:

Advisors: Noreen Matthews, Andromache Baritis, Ali Dolce

Amanda Cerruti, Kristyn DeCarlo, Victoria Glass, Katie Grasso, Daniel Kelly, Victoria Koffsky, Matthew Murphy, Christopher Murphy, Casey Read

P.S. I Love You Day - Brooke DiPalma

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Josephine Armetta, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (17 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Rochelle Blumling, Speech, effective July 1, 2014 (36 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Scott Craig, Physical Education, effective July 1, 2014 (34 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Sabrina Donato, Art, effective July 1, 2014 (13 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Kelly Farrell, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (14 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Stephanie Fodera, World Languages, effective July 1, 2014 (36 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Judi Gardner, Family & Consumer Sciences, effective July 1, 2014 (16 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Patricia Heaton, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (37 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Maureen Lenowicz, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (19 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Kevin Lewis, Physical Education, effective July 1, 2014 (33 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Peter McAllister, Social Studies, effective July 1, 2014 (11 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Rosemary Mori, elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (22 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Julie Pabst, Special Education, effective July 1, 2014 (33 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Robert Purdy, Science, effective July 1, 2014 (29 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Lynn Reilly, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (29 years).

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Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Joyce Scarpinito, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (30 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Patricia Schmidt, Elementary, effective July 1, 2014 (31 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Richard Zeitler, Guidance, effective July 1, 2014 (32 years).

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 (PAID): Kimberly Kennedy, Elementary, effective January 29, 2014 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Michelle Barbaretti, Mathematics, effective September 3, 2013 (Udall; Step 1⁴; replacing Christine Zeck).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Terence Mulholland, effective January 25, 2013-June 30, 2013 (High School; Step 1⁴ {2012-2013 school year}; replacing Marianne Cogliano).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: AMENDMENT OF REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Michael Forman, Special Education, effective from September 9, 2013 to June 30, 2014 (Udall; Step 1²; replacing K. Rose {approved at September 24, 2013 meeting}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Helen Akley, Cafeteria Aide, effective February 26, 2014 through June 27, 2014 (High School; Step 1; replacing L. Massaro {retired}).

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: Alice Anos, Senior Clerk Typist, effective February 26, 2014 (District Office; change from Clerk Typist).

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): RESIGNATION: Rosemarie Corey, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional, effective February 21, 2014 (Paul J. Bellew).

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: Dennis Martin, Chief Custodian, effective March 14, 2014 (District Wide).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): AMENDMENT OF PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kristen Pyes, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 11, 2013 (Amendment of appointment date).

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Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

BASEBALL:

Shawn Rush, Varsity Coach
Richard Zeidler, Assistant Varsity Coach
Michael LaCova, J.V. Coach
Kevin Osburn, V/J.V. Volunteer Coach

SOFTBALL:

Michelle Jantzen, Varsity Coach
Beth Crimi, Assistant Varsity Coach
Coleen Reilly, J.V. Coach

BOYS TRACK:

Jeremy Robertson, Varsity Coach
John Lavery, Assistant Varsity Coach

GIRLS TRACK:

Nicholas Grieco, Varsity Coach
Michael Distefano, Assistant Varsity Coach

BOYS LACROSSE:

Scott Craig, Varsity Coach
William Turri, Assistant Varsity Coach
Jon Reese, Varsity Volunteer Coach
Peter Murray, Varsity Volunteer Coach
Michael Hazelton, J.V. Coach
David Rubano, Assistant J.V. Coach
James DiVivo, J.V. Volunteer Coach

GIRLS LACROSSE:

Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach
Brian Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach
Catherine Lang, J.V. Coach
Chelsea Donaldson, Assistant J.V. Coach

GIRLS GOLF:

Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach

BOYS TENNIS:

George Botsch, Varsity Coach
Norman Wingert, J.V. 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: 2014 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

BASEBALL:

Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach
James Farnworth, 7-8 Beach Coach

SOFTBALL:

Shannon Mauro, 7-8 Udall Coach
Frank Franzone, 7-8 Beach Coach

BOYS TRACK:

Kenny DiDonna, 7-8 Udall Coach
Vincent Luvera, 7-8 Beach Coach

GIRLS TRACK:

Tara Annunziata, 7-8 Udall Coach
John T. Denninger, 7-8 Beach Coach

BOYS LACROSSE:

Michael Ferrugiari, 7-8 Udall Coach
Robert Pitagno, Assistant Udall Coach
Christopher Scharf, 7-8 Beach Coach
Gregory Schmalenberger, Assistant Beach Coach

GIRLS LACROSSE:

Chelsea Reimer, 7-8 Udall Coach
Sara Sangiorgio, Assistant Udall Coach
Taylor Troyano, 7-8 Beach Coach
Debra Mock-Dorfman, Assistant Beach Coach

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING:

Kerri Whalen, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach
Tanya Carbone, Assistant Udall/Beach Coach
KristiLee Hender, Volunteer Coach

BOYS TENNIS

Kevin Lewis, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach

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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): John T. Denninger, effective February 26, 2014; Judi Gardner, effective September 1, 2014; Janet Hart, effective February 26, 2014; Danielle Moody, effective February 26, 2014; Vanessa O'Brien, effective February 26, 2014; Michael Pappaceno, effective February 26, 2014; Michelle Schilling, effective February 26, 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): John T. Denninger, effective February 26, 2014; Danielle Ficalora, effective May 13, 2014; Janet Hart, effective February 26, 2014; Danielle Moody, effective February 26, 2014; Vanessa O'Brien, effective February 26, 2014; Michael Pappaceno, effective February 26, 2014; Diana Sobral, effective May 13, 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION (\$30/hr.): Amanda Joyce, effective January 24, 2014; Keri Smith, effective January 6, 2014.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the Professional Development Committee is reviewing and tabulating information gathered from a comprehensive survey completed by faculty and staff. This information will help better serve students and craft a professional development plan that meets the needs of the district. A Response to Intervention Plan, to identify students having academic difficulty, will be completed soon and submitted to the Board for approval.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 2/11/2014. Items reviewed included the December treasurer's report, extra-curricular report, payroll summary, internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, December financial statements, budget transfers, health services contracts for Bay Shore UFSD and Deer Park UFSD, a Box Tops donation for Paul J. Bellew in the amount of \$1,552.49, and excess of 1994 Chevy Van were also reviewed.

Audit Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 2/11/2014. The committee reviewed the Cullen & Danowski, LLP annual Risk Assessment Report for the 2012/2013 school year. The committee approved having Cullen and Danowski, LLP perform an Agreed-Upon Procedure for detailed test work of employee benefits to begin March 2014.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 2/25/2014. Items reviewed included professional development and the Response to Intervention plan. The committee is pleased with the progress that is being made.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 2/11/14. Items reviewed included 2014/2015 security upgrades, district-wide roofing, playground equipment, brick work and Udall track. Snow removal supplies as well as parking and traffic concerns at schools were also discussed.

Legislative Action Committee: Mr. Gellar reported on the meeting that was held 2/11/14. There will be a joint effort on behalf of the district and the teachers association to encourage legislators and the governor to repeal the GAP Elimination Adjustment (GEA) during the state budget process in the 2014-2015 school year.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 12/12/14. CSE and CPSE recommendations and placements were reviewed. The committee members toured the district special education classrooms and were impressed to see the work the teachers are doing with the students. The committee was also impressed with the technology being utilized in the classrooms.

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Health and Wellness/COMPASS Alliance: Tim Horan reported on the meeting that was held 1/14/2014. A fifth and sixth grade volleyball tournament will take place on Feb. 28th and March 1st at the high school; over 250 participants are expected. On Sunday, March 2, 2014, there will be a 5K Fun Run/Kids Dash at the high school; the Kid's Dash starts at 10:15 a.m. and the Fun Run begins at 11:00 a.m. The Health and Wellness Newsletter was finalized and mailed one week ago. A student-created Peer Counseling Club, advised by Ms. Eichen and Mrs. Mullins, will take place at the high school. The next Health and Wellness meeting will take place on February 26th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at P.J. Bellew Elementary School.

Bullying Awareness Committee: Dan Marquardt reported on the meetings held on 1/13/14 and 2/10/14. "P.S. I Love You Day" took place on February 14th. Other items reviewed were the pros and cons of a code of conduct policy regarding electronic devices in school and the new requirements regarding the Dignity for All Students Act.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for December was presented. Beginning balance as of November 30, 2013 - \$11,541,609.66; ending balance as of December 31st, 2013 - \$5,113,262.73.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3119 - 3124.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 Box Tops for Education donation for Paul J. Bellew in the amount of \$1,552.49.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 health services contracts for Bay Shore UFSD for \$6,203.70 and Deer Park UFSD for \$3,559.64.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution to acknowledge receipt of June 30, 2013 audit report from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve declaration of surplus vehicle #571/1994 Chevy Van Vin #GBHG35Y6RF166553.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Cullen & Danowski, LLP Engagement Letter for an Agreed Upon Procedure to review employee benefits.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contract for the Charlton School/Ketchum Grande Memorial School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Student-Teacher Calendar.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve APPR Plan.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bridges Academy Lease Amendment.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution indicating nomination of candidates to the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns announced that the annual PAWS Dinner Dance will be held at Captain Bill's on March 14, 2014 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Mr. Dan Hunter, Principal at Paul J. Bellew and the West Islip Fire Department are this year's honorees.

Budget work-sessions will be held March 5, March 18, March 25 and April, 1, 2014 in the Beach Street Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

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

Mrs. Mineo, 1108 Namdac Ave. Bay Shore, NY – Mrs. Mineo wanted to know what the district's specific policy was regarding her child opting out of state testing. Dr. Rullan explained the current school procedure, which will be posted on the district website.

Mr. Jason Rivera, 408 Myrtle Ave. West Islip, NY - Mr. Rivera inquired about the coding of the answer sheet when a student refuses to sit for a state test. Mrs. Burns explained that process, and that a score is not generated. Mr. Rivera stated it is a distraction and disruption to the classroom when students who do not take the test remain in the classroom.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Ave. West Islip, NY - Mrs. Hantzschel felt there were some gray areas regarding the district's procedure for parents opting their child out of state testing. This information has been communicated to staff, and Mrs. Burns will review the protocol to be followed at the next Principals' Cabinet meeting.

Mrs. Jessica Horvath, 1054 Celia Street, West Islip, NY – Mrs. Horvath expressed confusion regarding the different protocols followed for students refusals in different districts. Dr. Rullan explained the district is following the state guidelines. Mr. Gellar also explained that the district has a legal obligation to uphold the directions from the state.

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 10:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:40 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bernadette Burns being reappointed as Superintendent and ratified the Contract dated April 17, 2013.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement for Brian Dieumegard.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

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