

**PLANNING SESSION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 27, 2024 – Beach Street Auditorium**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tussie, Mr. Antonello, Mr. McCann, Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelly  
Mrs. Marks

**ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Dr. Romanelli, Mrs. Pellati, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Cameron

**ABSENT:** None

**ATTORNEY:** None

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Meeting called to order at 7:48 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Special Meeting and the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting.

**PERSONNEL:**

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TA-1 and TA-2 as listed below:

**TA-1**

**RESIGNATION**

Kaitlin Graff, Special Education  
Effective February 16, 2024  
(Udall)

**TA-2**

**TERMINATION**

Ryan Perry, Technology and Special Education  
Effective March 28, 2024  
(Beach)

**CIVIL  
SERVICE**

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CL-1 as listed below:

**CL-1**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** FMLA

Daniel Trupia, Custodial Worker I  
Effective March 4, 2024 through May 26, 2024  
(Udall)

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CL-2, CL-3 and Other as listed below:

**CL-2**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

Khaleda Gousuzzaman, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective February 28, 2024  
(Udall; \$16.22/hr; replacing Angelina Archer {reassigned})

Jodi Pacifico, Part-Time Office Assistant  
Effective March 4, 2024  
(ALT School; Step 1; replacing Lisa Baynon {resigned})

Tangerine Schmitt, Bus Attendant  
Effective February 28, 2024  
(Transportation; Step 2; replacing Robert Cacace {resigned})

**CL-3**

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN** (\$16/hr)

Anthony Paladino, effective February 28, 2024

**OTHER**

**PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RESIGNATION**

Morgan Dosch, Paul J. Bellew  
Effective February 17, 2024

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Adult Education Spring 2024 as listed below:

**ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2024**

Marilyn Balkam (Beginner Line Dancing) \$40/hr  
Diane Sharkey (Beginner Line Dancing) \$40/hr  
Lenny Butler (Community CPR/First Aid) \$35/hr  
Kim Crichton (Yoga, Stretch, Body Sculpt) \$45/hr  
Matthew Haszinger (Volleyball) \$45/hr  
Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$35/hr  
Evan Levy (Social Security Planning) no cost to West Islip  
Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving) no cost to West Islip  
Jake Caramico (How Money Works) no cost to West Islip  
Jane Loehle (Aquacise) \$45/hr  
Kaitlin Murphy (Lifeguard) \$25/hr  
Kori Sasone (Lifeguard) \$25/hr  
Michael Johnson (Lifeguard) \$25/hr  
Kathryn Mushorn (Lifeguard) \$25/hr  
Matt Triglia (Lifeguard) \$25/hr  
James Grover (Basketball) \$45/hr  
Nizza Tasayco (Volleyball) \$45/hr  
Richard Tesoro (About Boat Safety) no cost to West Islip  
Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$40/hr

APPROVAL:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2024-2025 Student Teacher Calendar - Option B.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Superintendent's Contract.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2023-2024 Health Services Contract: Sayville UFSD ~ \$3,287.28.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to table Resolution re: Real Property Tax Exemption Section 459-c for persons with disabilities and limited income and Resolution re: Real Property Tax Exemption Section 467 for persons aged 65 and over with limited income.

**RESOLUTION  
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS  
WITH DISABILITIES AND LIMITED INCOME**

**WHEREAS**, Section 459-c of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are disabled meeting the requirements set forth in Section 459-c of the RPTL, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has previously authorized this partial exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 459-c provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 459-c defines income, in relevant part, as the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI), less any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI, plus: any social security benefits that were excluded from FAGI; and any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were excluded from the FAGI; and

**WHEREAS**, FAGI includes the federally taxable amount of any pensions, annuities and IRA distributions; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 459-c allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition further via adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education held a Public Hearing on February 27, 2024 regarding the possible adjustments to income for purposes of the exemption under RPTL 459-c; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to make adjustments to the definition of income under RPTL 459-c, which already encompasses pensions included in FAGI, to also consist of any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income, income, which already encompasses pensions contained in FAGI, shall also include any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

**RESOLUTION  
REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSONS  
AGED 65 & OVER WITH LIMITED INCOME**

**WHEREAS**, Section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) provides that a public school district may grant a partial exemption from taxation for real property which is owned by certain persons with limited income who are aged 65 and over meeting the requirements set forth in Section 467 of the RPTL, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has previously authorized this partial exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 provides for a new definition of income for exemption purposes for qualifying Persons with aged 65 and over;  
and;

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 defines income, in relevant part, as the federal adjusted gross income (FAGI), less any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI, plus: any social security benefits that were excluded from FAGI; and any tax-exempt interest or dividends that were excluded from the FAGI; and

**WHEREAS**, FAGI includes the federally taxable amount of any pensions, annuities and IRA distributions; and

**WHEREAS**, RPTL 467 allows school districts the option of adjusting the income definition further via adoption of a resolution after a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education held a Public Hearing on February 27, 2024 regarding the possible income adjustments for purposes of the exemption under RPTL 467; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to make adjustments to the definition of income under RPTL 467, which already encompasses pensions included in FAGI, to also consist of any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, with respect to the calculation of income for the purposes of the tax exemption for Persons Aged 65 and Over with Limited Income, income, which already encompasses pensions included in FAGI, shall also consist of any distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in FAGI.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2% increase for the 2024-2025 non-represented employee's salary increases.

Resolution

*Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2% salary increase for the 2024-2025 non-represented employee's salary increases.*

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2% increase for the 2024-2025 Smartweb, Inc. Consulting Services Contract.

Resolution

*Be it Resolved, that the Board of Education approves a 2% increase for the 2024-2025 Smartweb, Inc. Consulting Services Contract.*

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: donation of sick time.

Resolution

*Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves allowing network systems and microcomputer technicians the ability to donate ten sick days to another employee.*

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: School Safety officers will receive two personal days beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

Resolution

*Be it resolved, that the Board of Education approves two personal days be given to School Safety Officers beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.*

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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