

PLANNING SESSION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 24, 2024 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Bedell

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: None

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2024 Regular Meeting and September 18, 2024 Special Meeting..

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve consent agenda T-1, TA-1, CL-1, CL-2, CL-3, CL-4, CL-5, CL-6, CL-7, CL-8, CL-9, CL-10 and Other as listed below:

TEACHERS

T-1

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)

(Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993
12-week continuous medical coverage)

Cara Stern, Elementary
Effective September 30, 2024 through November 3, 2024
(Paul J Bellew)

Ashley Smar, Special Education
Effective October 28, 2024 through January 19, 2025
(Udall)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

TA-1

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Sophia Margolin-Madden, Special Education
Effective September 25, 2024
(Oquenock; Step 1; replacing Maureen Pike {resigned})

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1

CHANGE IN STATUS

Kimberly Richichi, Senior Account Clerk
Effective September 25, 2024
(District Office; Step 2; change from Provisional Senior Account Clerk)

- CL-2** **CONTINGENT APPOINTMENT**
- *Toni Marie Goldberg, Senior Office Assistant
 Effective October 15, 2024
 (High School; Step 1; replacing Rosemary Reichert {reassigned})
- CL-3** **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (unpaid)
 (Pursuant to NYS Civil Service Law)
- Maria Crafa, Cafeteria Aide
 Effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025
 (Manetuck)
- CL-4** **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**
- *Kyra Pitagno, Paraprofessional
 Effective September 30, 2024
 (Bayview; Step 1; replacing Lisa Saake {retired})
- Sara Reed, Part-Time Food Service Worker
 Effective September 25, 2024
 (Manetuck; \$16.54/hr.; replacing Kim Landhauser {reassigned})
- CL-5** **RESIGNATION**
- Pyper Ahrens, Paraprofessional
 Effective September 27, 2024
 (Paul J. Bellew)
- CL-6** **RETIREMENT**
- Lisa Saake, Paraprofessional
 Effective September 23, 2024
 (17 years)
- CL-7** **GUARD II** (\$24.20/hr.)
- *Nicholas Monaco, effective September 25, 2024
- CL-8** **SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER**
- Jonathan Brett, effective August 30, 2024
- CL-9** **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN**(\$16/hr.)
- Michael Parsons, effective September 25, 2024
- CL-10** **SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL**(\$16/hr.)
- Maureen Pike, effective September 25, 2024
 Lisa Saake, effective September 25, 2024

**Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

OTHER

AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2024-2025

Bruce Bockstruck	Arthur Machowicz
Justin DeMaio	Joseph Senatore
Jesse Fawess	Melissa Senatore
Ryan Jensen	John Simeone
David Kaufman	Michael Taranto
James Kraiss	Ronald Weber

CONCERT HALL MANAGERS 2024-2025

James Kraiss, High School
John Kennedy, Beach Street Middle School
Michael Taranto, Udall Road Middle School

CLUBS/ADVISORS 2024-2025

DISTRICTWIDE

Combined Middle School Band, David Kaufman
Combined Middle School Chorus, Melissa Senatore
Combined Middle School Orchestra, Ryan Jensen

HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Decathlon, Brainstormers, Kevin Murphy
Academic Decathlon, Jr. Brainstormers, Noreen Matthews
Art Club, Linda Marino
Audio-Visual Club Director, Ronald Weber
Band Music, David Kaufman
BNL Stem Coders, Mary Kroll
Chamber Singers, Melissa Senatore
Chess Club, Christine Maniscalco
Coordinator, One Act Plays, Elaine Longo
Costume Director, All Productions, Elaine Longo
Creativity Action Service, Edward Jablonski and Virginia Scudder (shared)
Director Flag Team, James Kraiss
Director High School Drum Line, James Kraiss
Director High School Jazz Ensemble, James Kraiss
Director Marching / Pep Band, James Kraiss
Director Musical Play, Ryan Jensen
Director Senior Play, Melissa Senatore
Distributive Education Club of America, Diana Saadat
Drama Coordinator, James Kraiss
Environmental Club, Brian Haldenwang
eSports, Frank Franzone
Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Shawn Wallace
Freshman Class Advisors, Frank Franzone and Patricia Stack
Future Business Leaders Club, Meghan Linderman
Gay-Straight Alliance, John Koroneos
Jazz Lab, David Kaufman
Junior Class Advisors, Dara DePouli and Alexandra Ragin
Literary Magazine, David Gershfeld

OTHER,
continued

CLUBS/ADVISORS 2024-2025, continued

HIGH SCHOOL, continued

Mathletes Sr. High, Danielle Davis and Nancy Yost
Mathletes Jr. High, Craig Michel
Mindfulness Club, Meghan Schou
Mock Trial, Daniel Gschwind
Music Director, Musical Production, Melissa Senatore
National Art Honor Society, Maria Cristantello
National English Honor Society, Erika Nolan and Tina Schaefer (shared)
National Honor Society, Dina Barone and Beth Crimi (shared)
National Math Honor Society, Tara Annunziata and Alissa Nanda (shared)
National Science Honor Society, Kathleen Scrivani
Natural Helpers Club, Brandon Cohen
Newspaper, Dawn DiVisconti
NYS Business and Marketing Honor Society, Frank Franzone and Patricia Stack (shared)
Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, Dawn DiVisconti
Pit Director, Musical, David Kaufman
Power Lift Club, Michael Fusaro
P.S. I Love You Club, Edward Jablonski and David Moglia (shared)
Robotics, Andrew Baranec and Daniel Varney
S.A.D.D., Alexandra Ragin
School Store, Diana Saadat
Science Olympiad, Jessica Alvarez
Senior Class Advisors, Noreen Matthews and Kevin Murphy
Sets Director (All Productions), Michael Taranto
Sophomore Class Advisors, Kaya Konopa and Kaylee Martin
Student Senate, Edward Jablonski and David Moglia
Students with HEARTT Club, Virginia Scudder
Thirst Project Club, Kristie Ferruzzi
Tri-M Music Honor Society, Ryan Jensen
World Language Honor Society, Katlyn Colace and Anna Domingo (shared)
Yearbook, Robyn Southard

OQUENOCK

Art Club, Janet Wolfe
Board Game Club, Kelly Parson and Sue Cosentino (shared)
Garden Club, Lisa Brush and Ava Catapano
Jigsaw Puzzle Club, Joanna Grimm and Annmarie Katzer (shared)
Makerspace Club, Michelle Bonkov and Tammy Dragelin (shared)
Thinking Caps, Grace Bolin and Nicole Devine (shared)

UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Activities Grade 6, Thomas Loudon
Activities Grade 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens
Art Club, Gregory Ziems
ASL Club, April Virga
Backyard Games, Brian Cameron
Beautification Club, Suzanne O'Connor

OTHER,
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CLUBS/ADVISORS 2024-2025, continued

UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Book Club, Denise Lamattina
Chess and Game Club, Thomas Loudon
Costume Design Director, Shane O'Neill
Current Events, Deborah Pulitano
Drama Directors, Justin DeMaio and Shane O'Neill
Health Club, Tricia Milet
Homework Club, Amy Harvey
International Club, Kristina Rocco
Mathletes Grade 7 & 8, Alyssa O'Connor
Musical Director, Justin DeMaio
National Junior Honor Society, Danielle Dischley and Linda Tong (shared)
School Store, Caryn Drezner and Denise Lamattina (shared)
Science Olympiads Grade 6, 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens
Set Design, Justin DeMaio & Shane O'Neill (shared)
STEAM Club, Nicole Costa
Student Council Grade 6, Thomas Loudon
Student Council Grade 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens
Study Skills, Janet Renganeschi
Ukelele Club, Pamela Cirasole
Yearbook, Amy Harvey
Yearbook Photographer, Michael Taranto

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem)

Kate Trizzino, effective September 25, 2024

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$105 per diem)

Maureen Pike, effective September 25, 2024

SWIM PROGRAM AND SWIM TEAMS 2024-2025

Lifeguards

Teagan McGuire
Alyssa Romanelli
Kiera Singer

MENTOR PROGRAM 2024-2025

Mentors

Wendy Loddigs (Jamie Doherty, Counseling)
Carrie Wagner (Christine Breslin, Elementary)
Kerri Ierardi (Kevin Judge, Elementary)
Kimberly Kennedy (Regina Hartnett, Elementary)
Jane Murray (Sophia Mastrangelo, ENL)
Vanessa Daige (Jacqueline Turcios-Bonilla, ENL)
Rebecca Silva (Jessica Sanders, Psychologist)

OTHER,
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CLUBS/ADVISORS 2024-2025, continued

MENTOR PROGRAM 2024-2025, continued

Mentors

Celia Field (Alyssa Lutz, Special Education)
Stephanie Glennon (Jessica Schilling, Special Education)
Lindsay Simonton (Jillian Ruffo, Special Education)
Erin Power (Nicolette Dardis, Speech)
Andromache Agramonte (Jaden Mule, World Languages)

APPROVAL:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the West Islip UFSD District Emergency Response Plan (2024-2025).

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the District Goals and Objectives (2024-2025).

Dr. Romanelli discussed the updates to the District Goals and Objectives 2024-2025, which are structured around five key areas:

- Governance ~ the language changed from Board member training to ongoing training since there are no new Board members this year; form strategic partnerships to advocate for budget reform at the state level with particular focus on the foundation aid formula.
- Community ~ expanding equity experiences for all students and staff; hosting different District events; Dr. Patrick Kiley-Rendon is leading the charge to re-designing our website.
- Instruction ~ further development of our Profile of a Graduate work to define attributes in all subject areas; evaluate grading practices; refining course offerings; develop mastery learning.
- Facilities ~ exceeding the recommended security standards ensuring a safe and secure learning environment for all students and staff; rethinking instructional spaces that support 21st century learning.
- Technology ~ develop a District statement on Artificial Intelligence; implement NYS Computer Science and Digital Fluency Standards; technology competencies across all grade levels.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2024-2025 contracts: Kids First Evaluation & Advocacy Center, Inc. Consultant Services 2024-2025 and Locust Valley Central School District Special Education Services 2024-2025.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus item: Amplifier ~ Paul J. Bellew Elementary.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: funding for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 from Unassigned Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve – an amount not to exceed \$100,000; to the Capital Reserve II – an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; to the Workers’ Compensation Reserve – an amount not to exceed \$400,000; to the TRS Reserve sub-fund – an amount not to exceed \$600,000.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District hereby authorizes funding for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 from Unassigned Fund Balance as follows:

- *To the Capital Reserve – an amount not to exceed \$100,000*
- *To the Capital Reserve II – an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000*
- *To the Workers' Compensation Reserve – an amount not to exceed \$400,000*
- *To the TRS Reserve sub-fund – an amount not to exceed \$600,000*

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2023-2024 Reserve Plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District adopts the 2023-2024 Reserve Plan.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Davis
District Clerk

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