

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 23, 2025 – Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Bedell

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting called to order 7:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tussie shared, with deep sadness and a heavy heart, the news of the passing of Catherine Schupak, a cherished member of our school community. Catherine was a dedicated Special Education Teaching Assistant at Udall Road Middle School who made a lasting impact on many children. She served our students, staff, and families with kindness, compassion, and dedication. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Catherine Schupak.

Mr. Tussie reiterated what was discussed earlier this evening at the PTA Council meeting regarding a social media post about the possibility of 5th grade moving to the middle schools. He stated that the district has received over 100 emails and letters from concerned parents. As indicated in the district's response, there are no immediate plans to make a decision like this. Student enrollment was discussed at the December 12th Board of Education meeting, where it was noted that spacing at the elementary buildings is a real concern. This is why the Pre-K program is being moved to the South Shore Children's Center at Westbrook which is a significant step toward addressing current space needs. As a result, the district is in good shape for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Tussie shared that an enrollment study is planned for next year, which has already been built into the budget. Once the results of the study are received, the district will be able to collectively discuss possible plans and their implications. Dr. Romanelli has said that increased enrollment in the schools is a positive development. Mr. Tussie also noted that ongoing discussions about how to best utilize existing structures to meet the needs of students are a normal and necessary part of district operations. The focus is always on looking ahead to ensure continued success.

Mr. Tussie assured families that no changes regarding the 5th grade are planned for the upcoming school year. He also emphasized that if such a change were ever to occur, families would be notified well in advance, most likely during their child's third-grade year.

Mr. Tussie stated that over the past four years in his role as school board president, both the board and the administrative team have remained committed to keeping the public informed at every step from budget planning and policy updates, to board meeting discussions. He emphasized that all decisions are made openly, with clarity, accountability, and integrity. Meetings are open to the public, and relevant documents are readily accessible. Board members are always prepared to listen to the community. Mr. Tussie encouraged anyone with questions to continue reaching out through phone calls, letters, or emails, assuring that a response will be provided as promptly as possible.

Foundational Literacy:

Dr. Romanelli expressed great pride in the fact that Foundational Literacy has become a real area of strength in the district. It has been a real focus over that past few years, and the work has strengthened our program. Every day, hard work is dedicated to ensuring that no students fall through the cracks in terms of reading and literacy. Dr. Romanelli showed a video narrated by Mrs. Morrison, who has been instrumental in this work.

Dr. Romanelli gave a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Musso, Director of Foundational Literacy, Mrs. Morrison, and all the teachers in the district who are working hard on this program. He emphasized that the district is fully dedicated to ensuring that every student in West Islip learns to read and achieves success throughout the program.

Student Representative Report:

The student representatives were unable to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Tussie stated he is very appreciative for all the work that the students do.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Athletics:

Girls Varsity Basketball All County ~ Courtney Xippolitos  
Girls Varsity Basketball All County Academic ~ Courtney Xippolitos, Makenna Gagliardi  
Varsity Wrestling All County ~ James Rogler  
Girls Varsity Winter Track All County ~ Adilia Trim  
Boys Varsity Winter Track All County ~ Gavin DeVito  
Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving All County ~ William DeWitt, Colin Stueber, Braden Felix,  
Brady Tyler, Brendan O'Regan  
Varsity Cheerleading All County ~ Gianna Guadagnino, Riley Bedell

DISCUSSION

Proposed Regular Meeting, Planning Session and Committee Meeting dates ~ 2025-2026 School Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve consent agenda A-1, T-2, T-3, CL-1, CL-2, CL-3, CL-4, CL-5, CL-6 and Other as listed:

ADMINISTRATIVE

**A-1**

RESIGNATION

Justin Arini, Director of Counseling  
Effective July 1, 2025  
(High School)

TEACHERS

**T-2**

CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)

Kathleen Albretsen, Guidance  
Effective August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026  
(Beach Street)

**TEACHERS, continued**

**T-3**

**RESIGNATION**

Elizabeth Daddi, World Languages  
Effective July 1, 2025  
(High School)

**Abolishment of Positions**

***Be it resolved,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2025, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the English area (2 full-time positions), Library Sciences area (3 full-time positions), Physical Education (2 full-time positions) and Social Studies (2 full-time positions) of classification; and*

***Be it further resolved,** that, in accordance with Education Law §3013, the following employees are hereby excessed effective June 30, 2025 from their respective positions and placed upon a preferred eligible list of candidates for appointment to a vacancy that then exists or that may thereafter occur in an office or position similar to the one from which such employee has been excessed:*

Danielle Blaise, Library Sciences  
John Denninger, Physical Education  
Kristen Doherty, Physical Education  
Beth Fiorini, Social Studies  
Daniel Gschwind, Social Studies

Patricia Hinchman, Library Sciences  
Jaclyn Jacobs, English  
Denise Lamattina, Library Sciences  
Danielle Rufrano, English

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

**TA-1**

**RESIGNATION**

Kate Trizzino, Teaching Assistant  
Effective May 2, 2025  
(Oquenock)

Liam McGarvey, Teaching Assistant  
Effective June 28, 2025  
(Paul J Bellew)

**CIVIL SERVICE**

**CL-1**

**RESIGNATION**

Michelle Colletti, Cafeteria Aide  
Effective April 8, 2025  
(Oquenock)

Katherine Keller, Network & Systems Technician  
Effective April 26, 2025  
(High School)

Vivian Naja, School Nurse  
Effective June 30, 2025  
(Districtwide)

**CL-2** **TERMINATION**

Sandy Olsen, Paraprofessional  
Effective April 10, 2025  
(Manetuck)

**CL-3** **SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANT COOK** (\$19.61/hr.)

Laura Doyle, effective April 24, 2025

**CL-4** **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL WORKER I** (\$16.50/hr.)

Diane Mahoney-Paredes, effective April 24, 2025

**CL-5** **SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER** (\$16.50/hr.)

Theresa Jahn, effective April 24, 2025

**CL-6** **SUBSTITUTE SENIOR COOK** (\$25.15/hr.)

Jessica Rega, effective April 24, 2025

**OTHER**

**ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2025**

Graham Corbett (Lifeguard) \$25/hr.

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2024-2025**

MANETUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Manetuck Gardening Club, Kristen Foster and Melissa Torres-Gallegos (shared)

**PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE TERMINATION**

Kaya Konopa, effective June 30, 2025  
Kaylee Martin, effective June 30, 2025  
Scott Mattered, effective June 30, 2025  
Samantha Murray, effective June 30, 2025  
Jake Rossi, effective June 30, 2025

**REGENTS REVIEW 2024-2025**

Italian  
Jaquelyn Vaysman

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** (\$130/\$150 per diem)

Kathleen Sapanski, effective April 24, 2025  
Robert Staudigel, effective April 9, 2025

OTHER, continued

**FALL 2025 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES**

**FOOTBALL**

Steve Mileti, Varsity Head Coach  
Michael Bellacosa, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Joseph LaCova, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Stephen Fasciani, J.V./Varsity Volunteer Coach  
John T. Denninger, Head J.V. Coach  
Scott Mattera, Assistant J.V. Coach  
Matthew Colhoun, Volunteer J.V. Coach

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Edward Jablonski, Head Varsity Coach  
Ioannis Giannikakas, Volunteer/Assistant Varsity Coach  
Lindsay Valentino, J.V. Coach

**BOYS SOCCER**

Dennis Mazzalunga, Head Varsity Coach  
Alex Giordano, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Nick Pfeiffer, J.V. Coach

**GIRLS SWIMMING**

Tanya Carbone, Varsity Coach  
Daniel Gschwind, Assistant Varsity Coach

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

MaryAnn McGrade, Varsity Coach  
Caitlyn Leibman, Assistant Varsity Coach

**GIRLS TENNIS**

George Botsch, Varsity Coach  
Norm Wingert, J.V. Coach  
Amie Crisera, Varsity Volunteer Coach

**FIELD HOCKEY**

Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach  
Riley Wallace, J.V. Coach

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Kevin Murphy, Boys Varsity Coach  
Michelle Studley-Broderick, Girls Varsity Coach

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

John Schrank, Varsity Coach  
Matthew Sullivan, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Frank Franzone, J.V. Coach

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Jim Klimkoski, Varsity Coach  
Tara Annunziata, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Kaitlin Palmieri, J.V. Coach

**OTHER, continued**

**FALL 2025 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES, continued**

**GOLF**

Frank Rapczyk, Varsity Coach

**KICKLINE**

Emma Lehle, Varsity Coach

**CHEERLEADING**

Lauren Brady, Varsity Coach  
Olivia Gmelch, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Marissa McCandless, J.V. Coach  
Sophia Clark, Assistant J.V. Coach  
Dina Barone, J.V./Varsity Volunteer Coach

**FALL 2025 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES**

**FOOTBALL**

Seamus Burns, Head 7-8 Udall Coach  
Vincent Grabinsky, Assistant 7-8 Udall Coach  
Vincent Luvera, Head 7-8 Beach Coach  
Charles (Kevin) Osburn, Assistant 7-8 Beach Coach

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Alessia Tocco, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Colleen Reilly, 7-8 Beach Coach

**BOYS SOCCER**

Antonino Ruopoli, 7-8 Udall Co-Coach  
Christian Hannan, 7-8 Udall Co-Coach  
Kelly Minicozzi, 7-8 Beach Coach  
Emily Gillen, Volunteer Beach Coach

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Vincent Melia, Beach/Udall Boys & Girls Coach

**FIELD HOCKEY**

JoAnn Orechosky, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Megan Rooney, 7-8 Beach Coach

**GIRLS TENNIS**

Brian Cameron, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach

**CHEERLEADING**

Nickole Aponte, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Kaylee Martin, 7-8 Beach Coach

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve consent agenda T-1:

**TEACHERS**

**T-1**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)**

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

Danielle Crihfield, Art  
Effective May 5, 2025 through June 13, 2025  
(Paul J Bellew and Manetuck)

**CURRICULUM REPORT**

Mrs. Morrison stated that Udall Road Middle School recently held its annual International Festival. This yearly event celebrates diverse cultures represented throughout our school community. The students had the opportunity to travel around the world through an international scavenger hunt, exploring tables filled with artifacts, displays and information about various countries, all of which reflect the rich cultural backgrounds of our own students. One highlight of the event was the parade of nations featuring incredible student-made floats that showcased different countries in creative and meaningful ways.

Prior to the April break, the students at Udall Road Middle School welcomed the Mobile Museum of Tolerance as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade English curriculum. This immersive experience brings history to life, educating students about the story of Anne Frank and the importance of tolerance, empathy, and standing up against injustice. Throughout this interactive exhibit and thought-provoking discussions, students had a unique opportunity to connect past lessons to present day issues, fostering a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Mrs. Morrison congratulated the students and their teachers who participated in the Long Island Business Teachers Association annual contest, which was held at West Islip High School. Cindy Lin earned first place, Vincent Maffetone placed fourth, and Nicholas Olsen placed fifth. This year's contest had 232 students from 17 school districts registered, and West Islip proudly had three students place in the top five.

Math week was celebrated throughout the district the week of April 7<sup>th</sup> where students engaged in math puzzles, utilized math to create designs, applied math to their favorite sporting events, and learned a special property about their favorite numbers. Celebrate Education is a yearly event that takes place in May to showcase the amazing learning experiences and opportunities taking place throughout our classrooms. This year Celebrate Education will take place on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Students will be present at the event to give various demonstrations. Information regarding times and locations will be sent out over the coming days.

Mrs. Morrison congratulated all of our student musicians and their band teachers who took part in the district's annual Jazz Night. The event showcased an outstanding array of jazz styles, including terrific improvisation solos by many of our talented students.

Mrs. Morrison shared that EMS Week is celebrated each year to recognize and honor the incredible dedication, skill, and compassion of our emergency medical services professionals. This year, EMS Week will take place from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>. From paramedics and EMTs to dispatchers and support staff, these heroes respond to and support our community during our most critical moments. Mrs. Morrison took the opportunity to thank all of the EMS workers in our community. In recognition of their important work, elementary students have been learning about the role of EMS workers and have written thank-you notes. Mrs. Morrison will present these notes to Mr. Bedell, who, as an EMT himself, will enjoy them and share them with our friends at the West Islip Fire Department and other local agencies that support our emergency services.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that was held on 3/25/2025. Items reviewed included high school fire alarm project is still underway and should be completed quickly; district office security vestibule has been completed on time and on budget; Beach Street and the High School kitchen renovations; and Beach Street and Paul J. Bellew fire alarm bids; various HVAC projects. Two AED devices have been permanently installed, one outside between the restrooms at Paul J. Bellew near the athletic fields and the other located by the Barberry field. These devices, stored in heated cases, are under camera surveillance to ensure they can be utilized year round. The little league fields at Oquenock were cleaned up with the compliments of the West Islip Little League; large dry erase boards were installed in all the Paul J. Bellew kindergarten classrooms; Manetuck will be having 12 electronically operated windows installed in the gymnasium for ventilation and to eliminate crank system failures; extermination at the high school was completed with great results.

Safety Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that was held on 4/8/2025. Items reviewed included extra security that has been added for after hours; camera system repairs; 5<sup>th</sup> grade ID cards will be printed and ready for students on day one; capital project will be on the budget vote for the community to vote on regarding the keyless lock project at the High School; the Town of Islip will be installing a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Paul J. Bellew walkway.

Health & Wellness Committee: Grace Kelly reported on the meeting that was held on 4/8/2025. Items reviewed included the success of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball tournament; two \$500 scholarships will be awarded at the West Islip High School Scholarship Awards night on 6/12/2025; mental health sub-committee preparing materials for the May Mental Health Awareness Week; 2<sup>nd</sup> annual glow run will take place on 11/5/2025 at 6:30 p.m. with information to follow; middle school wellness days including the strategies and notifications to minimize germ transmission.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting that was held on 4/10/2025. Items reviewed included elementary literacy program; three pilot programs aligning with science and reading. A final decision regarding which program will be used for the upcoming year will be made next month; grades 4 & 5 work study professional development; middle school course modifications; New York State diploma exemption assessment.

Finance Committee: Grace Kelly reported on the meeting that was held on 4/10/2025. Items reviewed included treasurer's report; February's school district funds, payroll summary and financial statements; extra-curricular funds for January & February; March's internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail; payroll certification for 3/5/25, 3/20/25; review of warrants; approval of budget transfers; approval of resolutions; approval of donations; approval of contracts; approval of lease agreements; approval of base bid.

Policy Committee: James Cameron reported on the meeting that was held on 4/10/2025. Items reviewed included revisions for first readings of Sexual Harassment Policies 6121 Sexual Harassment, 6121.1 Sexual Harassment of Employees, 6121.1-R Sexual Harassment of Employees Regulation, 6121.1-E Sexual Harassment of Employees Exhibit, 7551 Sexual Harassment of Students, 7551.1-R Sexual Harassment of Students Regulation, 7551.1-E Sexual Harassment of Students Exhibit, Remove 3231 Complaints and Grievances by Employees, Remove 3232 Complaints and Grievances by Students. Mr. Cameron stated that recent changes to sexual harassment policies in New York State schools have been driven by several key reasons, reflecting a broader effort to improve safety, accountability, and support for students and staff. Some of the main reasons include aligning with state and federal laws, increasing awareness and transparency, promoting a culture of respect and safety. This also provides the opportunity to identify efficiencies within our policy manual, as demonstrated by the recent updates to Policies 3231 and 3232 Complaints and Grievance by Employees and Students respectively.

Additional items reviewed included Instruction (Series - 4000) (Section 8000 in our current manual) finalized crosswalk from old manual to new recommendations; remaining sections of our new policy manual to be reviewed by the Board of Education and NYSSBA, and finally by legal counsel prior to first reading; student policies (series--5000); fiscal management (series--6000); personnel policies (series--9000). Tentative Future

Policy Committee Meeting Dates for the 2025-2026 school year are 10/21/25, 11/18/25, 12/9/25, 1/20/26, 2/24/26, and 6/16/26.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the third reading of Policy 1140 Ex-Officio Student Member of the Board and Policy 5684 Extreme Heat Condition days.

Special Education Committee: Christina Marks reported on the meeting that was held on 4/22/25. Items discussed Items reviewed included IEP, CSE and CPSE recommendations from respective committees and will be approved at this evening's meeting. Ms. Dowling discussed the success of the recent sensory walk at Paul J. Bellevue, which was held in celebration of Autism Awareness Month; 2025 Unified Basketball season; planning of districtwide activities to celebrate May's Mental Health Awareness.

Mrs. D'Amico, SEPTA President joined for the non-confidential portion of the meeting. Items discussed included the \$5000 grant that SEPTA was awarded which will be used to create a mural painting at the high school. SEPTA will be doing a test run of the May meeting via zoom.

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2024-2025 General Fund budget transfers # 4483-4485, 4488-4494, 4496-4497, 4499 and Capital Fund #4487, 4495-4498.

Motion was made Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contract: Commack UFSD Health and Welfare Services 2024-2025.

Motion was made Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve lease agreements:

1. The Bridges Academy Lease Agreement – Third Amendment – 2025-2026
2. WITA Lease agreement 6/1/2025 - 5/31/2026.

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

1. Donation from Ray Pawloski ~ 2014 Hexagon 4.5.4 SF Coordinate Measurement Machine ~ approximate used value \$24,900.00 to the West Islip High School Engineering Technology Department.
2. Donation from West Islip Soccer Club ~ \$5,100.00 to the West Islip High School ~ AED Devices, Cabinets and Installation.

### DONATIONS

*WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a 2014 Hexagon Coordinate Measurement Machine valued at approximately \$24,900 from Ray Pawloski, which has been donated to the Engineering Technology students of West Islip High School.*

*WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$5,100 from West Islip Soccer Club, to cover the cost of two AED devices and the installation of AED cabinets at the West Islip High School turf and the Barbary turf to serve both soccer club athletes and student athletes of West Islip Union Free School District.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: increase 2024-2025 budget related to the West Islip Soccer Club donation of \$5,100.

RESOLUTION: INCREASE 2024-2025 BUDGET

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorize the appropriation budget for the 2024-2025 school year to be increased to \$138,769,157.00, an increase of the \$5,100 donation from the West Islip Soccer Club for the West Islip Union Free School District.*

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve bid: Base Bid EC-3 Roland's Electric, Inc. \$863,875.00 Electric Construction - Beach Street Middle School and Paul J. Bellew Elementary School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: ESBOCES 2025-2026 Administrative Budget and Trustee Election.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Debbie Brown, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Adoption of the 2025-2026 School District Budget of \$141,439,000 and the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card.

RESOLUTION:

*WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District Board of Education is required to present a budget to the voters for the 2025-2026 School Year; now therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, that the Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year be adopted for a total of \$141,439,000; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that the 2025-2026 Property Tax Report Card is approved to be transmitted to the New York State Department of Education as so required .*

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve personnel for May 20, 2025 School Budget Vote and Election.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: re: RIC One Risk Operations Center ("ROC") Article 5 General Municipal Law Intermunicipal Arrangement (Education Law 2-d) 2024-2025 for Data Privacy Agreements and Related Exhibits.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2024-2025 Chief School Physicians, revised.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Special Education Committee of students as listed in the District's backup and authorizes the District to arrange for appropriate services.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and Release Student A.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Romanelli was pleased to announce that West Islip High School science teacher, Mr. Brian Haldenwang, has been named the 2025 Suffolk Section Teacher of the Year by the Science Teachers Association of New York State. The district is extremely proud of all the work Mr. Haldenwang does and looks forward to celebrating him in the coming weeks.

Earlier today, Dr. Romanelli attended the first-ever *Seniors vs. Seniors* event at Our Lady of Consolation, along with Mr. Moglia, Mr. Jablonski, and several high school students. He shared that it was a wonderful event and that it was heartwarming to see the students interact with the senior residents.

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

Diane Petito ~ Ms. Petito spoke about the enrollment numbers regarding Pre-K, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Petito also asked about lease agreements for our buildings and spoke about her focus for the possibility of creating a whole building into a Pre-K school.

Mr. Tussie recommended advocating to our local and state legislators for additional funding. He also noted that establishing a Pre-K school is not financially realistic or feasible at this time.

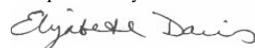
Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m. on motion by Grace Kelly, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by 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.