

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 28, 2017– Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady

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

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m. immediately following the Budget work session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Intermittent Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Lisa Martinolich-Tuozzolo, Assistant Principal, effective February 6, 2017 (High School).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Patricia Stack, Business Education, effective January 30, 2017-March 31, 2017 (High School).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kathleen Scrivani, Science, effective February 27, 2017 (Change of effective date {approved at the 1/24/2017 BoE meeting}) (High School).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Jennifer Wasserman, English, effective February 27, 2017 (High School).

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: Jennifer Fortune, Building Aide, effective February 13, 2017 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 6; replacing T. Cinquemani {resigned}).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Joan DiStefano, Custodial Worker I, effective March 1, 2017 (Oquenock; Step 1; replacing M. Logiudice, Jr. {resigned}).

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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Patricia Alcus, Principal Clerk, effective March 1, 2017 (District Office; \$62,707; change from Senior Clerk Typist {audit}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR SPRING 2017: Alyssa Marie Sobel (Volleyball) \$30/hr. (replacing M. DiCristo {approved at the 1/24/2017 BoE meeting}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2016-2017: High School: Musical Director, *Matthew Carlin.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2016-2017 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: SOFTBALL: Alexa Donofrio, Assistant Varsity 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: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Kevin Hartling, effective March 20, 2017, student teacher; Jacqueline Wiswall, effective February 10, 2017.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Kevin Hartling, effective March 20, 2017, student teacher; Jacqueline Wiswall, effective February 10, 2017.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the district's Smart Schools Investment Plan application remains in "Expenditure Review" status along with many other school districts waiting for NYSED approval. The district continues to move forward with the G Suite implementation and ongoing professional learning for teachers. Four middle school teachers are piloting G Suite in their classrooms. All middle and high school students now have a Google account under the West Islip domain. Superintendent's Conference Day will take place on Friday, March 10, 2017.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 2/7/17. Items reviewed included the December treasurer's report; December extra-curricular report; December payroll summary; December financial statements; claims audit report and January system manager audit trail report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, a Box Tops for Education donation and Health Services Contract for Uniondale UFSD.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 2/7/17. The committee is currently reviewing the Business policies (Section 5000).

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 2/7/17. Items reviewed included A permit request from Our Lady of Lourdes, a tenant request from Divine Rhythms, the footbridge remediation project, and an Easement Agreement with KeySpan to extended a residential gas line. Special cleaning is being done in all buildings due to the prevalence of the flu and stomach flu. The High School roof project will be done over two summers, ensuring a safe and timely installation.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 2/8/2017. Items discussed included CSE and CPSE recommendations, student placements and the budget process.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting held 2/8/17. Items discussed included the Mindfulness pilot program at Manetuck and Bayview, a volleyball tournament for sixth grade students on March 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and fifth grade students on March 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the printing of the winter newsletter and a “Shed the Meds” event that will be held on May 20 at the West Islip Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The committee is exploring a professional development opportunity focused on holistic nutrition as it relates to brain development as well as a mindfulness professional development opportunity for staff. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Paul J. Bellew.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer’s report for December was presented. Beginning balance as of 11/30/2016: \$20,047,238.66; ending balance of 12/31/2016: \$11,502,101.60.

Motion was made by Kevin O’Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfers 3351-3354.

Motion was made by Kevin O’Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Box Tops for Education - Manetuck - \$1,290.60.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2016-2017 Health Services Contract – Uniondale UFSD - \$2,058.45.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O’Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Easement Agreement with KeySpan Gas East Corporation d/b/a National Grid.

Motion was made by Kevin O’Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2017-2018 Student-Teacher Calendar.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that the Twelfth Annual PAWS Gala will take place on Friday, March 3, 2017 at Captains Bill’s. The honorees will be Kevin Murphy, Education Award and Joseph DeCarlo, Community Award. The SEPTA Bowling Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Mrs. Burns attended a Drug Awareness event with Dr. Bridgeman and 15 West Islip High School students at Islip High School on 2/27/17. Chris Herren, a NBA player, shared his personal story about his heroin addiction. This event is being considered for the district along with similar activities.

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

Mrs. Lori Koerner, 728 Milligan Lane, West Islip - Mrs. Koerner asked about the district's plan for accommodating students who refuse to sit for the New York State tests. Mrs. Burns advised Mrs. Koerner that she will be meeting with administrators and will share that information with parents once it has been determined. Mrs. Koerner also spoke about the importance of the social emotional component to education along with concerns about the many hours of homework her children have in middle school. Mrs. Burns encouraged Mrs. Koerner to make an appointment to speak with herself and Dr. Rullan regarding these matters.

Mrs. Carolin Paidoussis, 332 Kimberly Place, West Islip - Mrs. Paidoussis expressed concerns regarding the district's Attendance Policy. Dr. Rullan will be reviewing the results of a survey taken by faculty and staff regarding the policy and the Attendance Advisory Committee will review the results. Mrs. LaRosa advised Mrs. Paidoussis that her concerns have not gone unnoticed and work will be done to prepare a revised draft of the regulations.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 p.m. on motion by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

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