

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**December 10, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Ulrich

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Dr. Rullan

ABSENT: Mrs. Duffy

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Gellar announced the results of the Bond Proposition Vote: “Yes” Votes - 876 “No” Votes - 361.

RECOGNITION:

Ride for Life – *Oquenock Elementary School, Paul J. Bellevue Elementary School and West Islip High School*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Reanna Fulton, Special Education, effective January 1, 2016 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Vanessa Daige, ESL, effective November 16, 2015 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Beth Fiorini, Social Studies, effective December 4, 2015 (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): Virginia Mullins, Counselor, effective November 30, 2015 through March 4, 2016 (High School).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto 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): Kristine Ryan, Special Education, effective December 8, 2015 through March 15, 2016 (High School).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Eleni Sipola, effective December 21, 2016 through February 8, 2016 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$115 per diem): Lorraine Burke, effective December 11, 2015; Marenn Cole, effective December 11, 2015; Christianne Lennon, effective December 11, 2015; \*Marilyn Walsh, effective December 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present, with the exception of Mike Zotto, voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: TERMINATION: Anthony Botsch, Guard, effective November 16, 2015 (District Wide).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$9.75 per hour): \*Rose Bacchi Rinaldi, effective December 11, 2015; \*Kristin Barba, effective December 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$9.75 per hour): \*Anne Marie Bello, effective December 11, 2015; Elizabeth DaSilva, effective December 11, 2015; Maryanne DiLeo, effective December 11, 2015; \*Nicole Fariello, effective December 11, 2015; Tara Longo, effective December 11, 2015; Heather Miller, effective December 11, 2015; Sasha Napoli, effective December 11, 2015; \*Pamela Rose, effective December 11, 2015; Ann Marie Shannon, effective December 11, 2015; \*Shari Strauss-Kay, effective December 11, 2015; \*Johanna Yeung, effective December 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS 2015-2016: John Hulsmann, Science, substitute/pro-rated stipend, effective November 30, 2015; Robyn Southard, Psychologist, substitute/pro-rated stipend, effective November 23, 2015; Teresa Stecker, Psychologist, substitute/pro-rated stipend effective November 23, 2015.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2015-2016 LATE WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: GIRLS BASKETBALL: Nicholas Grieco, 7-8 Udall Coach; Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Beach Coach. WRESTLING: Nicholas Gennaro, 7-8 Udall Coach; Peter Gonzalez, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30 per hour): Erica Bucking, effective December 11, 2015; Stephanie Clark, effective December 11, 2015; Sarah Jagiello, effective December 11, 2015; Dina Marrazzo, effective December 11, 2015; Heather Peterson, effective December 11, 2015; Dawn Rencken, effective December 11, 2015; Lawrence Simon, effective December 11, 2015; Roseann Violetto, effective December 11, 2015; Shanna Volpe, effective December 11, 2015; Joan Zangerle, effective December 11, 2015.

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 (\$115 per diem): \*Alison Brookmeyer, effective January 11, 2016, student teacher; Michael Fodera, effective January 11, 2016, student teacher; Rebecca Franckowski, effective January 20, 2016, student teacher; Alyssa Gulino, effective January 25, 2016, student teacher; Heather Jensen, effective December 11, 2015; Amanda Luciano, effective December 11, 2015; Gavin Lorenzana, effective January 11, 2016, student teacher; Deanna Nappo, effective December 11, 2015; Dawn Rencken, effective December 10, 2015; Lawrence Simon, effective December 11, 2015; Matthew Stitt, effective March 14, 2016, student teacher; Shanna Volpe, effective December 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): \*Alison Brookmeyer, effective January 11, 2016; Anthony Cristallo, effective December 11, 2015; Michael Fodera, effective January 11, 2016; Rebecca Franckowski, effective January 20, 2016; Alyssa Gulino, effective January 25, 2016; Gavin Lorenzana, effective January 11, 2016.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan spoke about the literacy program at the middle schools, Response to Intervention, high school attendance and the IB second year essay. Dr. Rullan also spoke about three high school students participating in Partners in Science at Brookhaven, 50 high school students attending the Best Artist Program at Heckscher Museum of Art, four elementary students selected to showcase artwork at the annual NYS School Boards Association's Convention, eight students receiving musical honors at the All-State Festival and an elementary student who was honored at the NYSSMA Electronic Music Competition. Dr. Rullan wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 12/8/15. Items reviewed included the October treasurer's report; October extra-curricular report; October payroll summary; claims audit report; and November's System Manager Audit trail report. Warrants, October financial statements and approval of donation from Ahold Financial in the amount of \$1,746.90 were also discussed.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 12/8/15. The committee reviewed a number of policies, including Attendance Policy No. 7110. The committee is considering changes that will address chronic absences; concerns will be addressed and the committee will be reviewing the policy again next month.

Audit Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 12/8/15. R.S. Abrams reviewed and summarized the results of its annual audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Cullen & Danowski reviewed and summarized the results of its Risk Assessment Update Report.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 12/10/15. Items discussed included after school professional development, new teacher workshops, the grading advisory committee and Regents Review for Algebra/Trigonometry, which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 12/15/2015 to 1/21/2016.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 12/8/15. Items discussed included the soccer club adding an additional storage container, finalization of camera installations at the schools and boiler inspections, which were completed and passed.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 12/8/15. Items discussed were placements for the month and everything was in order. Ongoing discussion took place regarding the need for a transitioning resource person for high school lifeskill students.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that was held on 11/24/2015. Some of the items reviewed were 40 social host signs to be displayed in the spring, student immunization information which will be included in the newsletter, a "mindfulness" pilot program under consideration and a push in program for health classes regarding the ramifications of drug and alcohol abuse. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at P.J. Bellew.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for October was presented. Beginning balance as of 9/30/15: \$34,630,692.35  
ending balance as of 10/31/15: \$20,393,015.79.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 budget transfers 3264 – 3270.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 donation from Ahold Financial to Bayview Elementary in the amount of \$1,746.90.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2015 Planning Session.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve acceptance of the results of the Bond Proposition vote held on November 17, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bond Resolution.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: rejection to Bid #1199 Roof Repairs.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: payroll certification.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience about the just released Common Core Task Force recommendations. Recommendations were made regarding assessments, transparency in developing standards and assessments, and addressing the needs of students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

Mrs. Burns wished everyone a joyous and festive holiday season.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

OTHER ITEMS:

Mrs. LaRosa congratulated the High School Varsity Cheerleaders for their participation in the UCA Pocono Regionals.

Mrs. LaRosa also congratulated Mr. Gellar who will be receiving the Outstanding Community Award from PAWS.

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

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:25 p.m. on motion by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m. on a motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

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.