

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 12, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Zotto
arrived 8:04 p.m.

ABSENT: None

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

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

Mrs. Burns requested an amendment to the January 29, 2015 Planning Session minutes from Kevin to Kenneth DiDonna as the 7-8 Udall Baseball Coach.

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 January 29, 2015 Planning Session as amended.

RECOGNITION:

Intel Science Talent Search Semi-Finalist ~ *Daniel Kelly*

Common Hope ~ *Advisors Noreen Matthews and Ann Hecht*
Cameron Ashe-Kollar, Madison Barany, Brett Boyle, Sean Denara, Hannah Kim, Fioriana Larche, Amanda Quinn, Anthony Raineri, Taylor Sorice, Renee Walters, Caitlin Yilmaz

Celebration of Life ~ *Albert Haldenwang, Thomas McTigue, Joseph Pfisterer, Al Zaret*

Mrs. Burns and Mr. Gellar thanked Timothy Horan for all his efforts maintaining the district's AEDs and congratulated him on his upcoming recognition at the PAWS Gala.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Scott Brady, 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): Ann Barry, English, effective February 2, 2015 through May 8, 2015 (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: Jennifer McKenna, English, effective September 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (High School).

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): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Diana Taveras, Custodial Worker I, effective February 23, 2015 (High School; Step 1; replacing Lawrence Armetta {retired}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): Bryan Wilkens, effective February 13, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2015 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS LACROSSE: Edward Montalvo, Assistant Udall Coach (replacing Robert Pitagno {approved at January 29, 2015 BOE meeting}); Robert Pitagno, Assistant Beach Coach.

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 TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Kelsey Krassner, effective February 13, 2015; Violande Mathis, effective February 9, 2015; Nicole Rodi, effective February 13, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Kelsey Krassner, effective February 13, 2015; Deana Velardi-Alejandro, effective February 13, 2015; Violande Mathis, effective February 9, 2015.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

A) Approval of Course Name Changes

Spanish	-	Introduction to Spanish
Pre-Calculus B	-	Pre-Calculus
Orchestra 9	-	Orchestra
Orchestra 10-12	-	Chamber Ensemble
Research 9	-	Skills in Science Research
Research 10	-	Biotechnology Research
Research 11	-	Advanced Research I
Research 12	-	Advanced Research II

B) Approval of New Course Proposals

IB Sport, Exercise and Health Science SL
Algebra II (Common Core)
Algebra II with Lab
English Gateway 9
English Gateway 10
Physical Education K-12
Advanced Photo/Video
IB Psychology HL
IB Pre-Calculus SL (formerly IB Math SL1 and IB Math SL2)
IB Math Studies Pre-Calculus (formerly Pre-Calculus A)
Math Studies Pre-Calculus (formerly Pre-Calculus A)

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve above course name changes and new course proposals.

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the APPR Plan for 2014-2015 will be approved later in the Board meeting. Dr. Rullan also spoke about the Parent Academy that was held on 2/4/2015 focusing on student assessments, the professional development half-day for faculty and staff on 2/27/15 and the Common Core English Regents that was administered at the high school during midterm week. Ninety-eight percent of students passed this Regents Exam and Dr. Rullan congratulated Karen Appollo and the English Department for their work on behalf of the students.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 2/10/2015. Items reviewed included the December treasurer's report, extracurricular report, December payroll summary and claims audit report. Warrants, December's financial statements, budget transfers and donation from Ahold Financial were also reviewed. Mrs. Duffy discussed recent notification that the district has moved from "moderate" to "susceptible" fiscal stress, and stated that residents have now received their property tax freeze checks, made possible by the district's adherence to the tax levy cap in formulating the current school year's budget .

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 2/10/2015. The committee had a Second Reading on the following policies: No. 1120 Board of Education Authority; No. 1130 Number of Members and Terms of Office; No. 1220 Board of Education Members: Nomination and Election; No. 1230 Reporting of Expenditures; No. 1320 Nomination and Election of Board Officers; No. 1321 Duties of the President of the Board of Education; No. 1330 Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education; No. 1334 Appointment and Duties of the Internal Claims Auditor; No. 1337 Duties of the School Physician(s); No. 1338 Board of Member Code of Conduct; No. 1410 Policy; No. 1510 Board Meetings; No. 1520 Special Meetings of the Board of Education; No. 1530 Public Notice of School Board and Committee Meetings; No. 1540 Voting Method; No. 1610 Annual District Meeting and Election/Budget Vote; No. 1612 Ballot Format; No. 1720 Minutes; No. 1721 Public Participation Log; No. 1730 Executive Session.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the above listed policies.

School Board/Student Liaison Committee (2/5/2015): Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 2/5/15 with Udall Road Middle School Student Council members. Items discussed included fund raising events, the benefits of a nine-period day and better cafeteria food.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 2/10/2015. Items reviewed included school tours to inspect for potential bond items (some of which were rescheduled due to the weather), facility fees for the High School Performing Arts Center, the failing high school intercom system, roof leaks, recent snow removal and a potential gazebo at the library property.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 2/12/2015. Items reviewed included the APPR changes, Professional Development Plan recommendations, Parent Academy, RTI for Grades K-5 and universal screening.

Legislative Action Committee: A meeting did not take place but Mr. Gellar spoke about a legislative breakfast he attended on 2/7/15 with trustees, WITA members, some parents and Mrs. Burns. Some of the topics discussed included state aid, the GAP Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and decisions faced in crafting a budget for the upcoming school year.

The GEA letter writing campaign produced over 1,000 letters which will be forwarded to legislators over the next few days. Mrs. LaRosa spoke about a petition that is on Senator Phil Boyle's website asking the governor to stop GEA and to return money to the districts. The link for this petition will be posted on the district website.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 2/12/2015. CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month and student placements were reviewed; the special education staff is preparing for annual reviews.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that was held on 2/11/2015. Items reviewed included distribution of hotline magnets, a volleyball tournament to be held on March 6 and March 7, the June newsletter and the March 30th Substance Abuse Forum at Hauppauge High School. The next meeting will take place on March 11, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at P.J. Bellew Elementary School.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that was held on 2/3/2015 at which DASA training and the administration of a potential survey were discussed. The next meeting will take place on 5/12/15 at Beach Street Library at 4:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for December was presented. Beginning balance as of November 30, 2014: \$13,785,980.75; ending balance as of December 31, 2014: \$6,726,404.71.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers 3173 – 3182.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the donation from Ahold Financial to the West Islip UFSD in the amount of \$1,583.74.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the APPR Plan 2014-2015.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2015-2016 Student Teacher Calendar.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WIASA Memorandum of Agreement re: Collective Bargaining Agreement July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

PAWS Dinner Dance – March 13, 2015 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Honorees – John Mullins & Timothy Horan for Education Award
Maria Pecorale for Community Award

Budget Worksessions – February 24, March 3, March 17, March 24, April 1 {meetings to be held in the Beach Street Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.}. These dates will be posted on the school website.

Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election – Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Mrs. Burns spoke about the 2015-2016 Student Teacher Calendar. The number of days required to bring students into school for instruction requires school to start prior to Labor Day. The calendar will be posted on the school website.

The district has exhausted all snow days, therefore schools will be open on May 26, 2015.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

Residents who wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mrs. Christine Pellegrino, 23 Celano Lane, West Islip – Mrs. Pellegrino spoke about high stakes testing, the GEA, and Governor Cuomo's reforms, which are failing teachers and students. Mrs. Pellegrino stated the tests have a negative impact on students, take up too much time, and are not developmentally appropriate.

Mr. Jason Rivera, 408 Myrtle Avenue, West Islip – Mr. Rivera expressed concerns about the Bayview/Bellew winter concert, the Parent Academy, and the district's "opt out" procedures for testing. Mrs. Burns explained that the protocols are on the Curriculum page of the school website.

Mrs. Jessica Horvath, 1054 Celia Street, West Islip – Mrs. Horvath expressed concerns about the APPR and felt it did not represent all teachers in the West Islip community.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:04 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve re: Resolution/Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

Resolved that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District approved the Agreement and Stipulation of Settlement and Release with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation in full satisfaction of the cause of action in the Supreme Court and the claims in the Court of Claims; authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement; and authorizes the Law Office of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC to discontinue the actions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

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