

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**May 14, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

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

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., followed by the pledge.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Planning Session.

**RECOGNITION**

Citizenship Awards:

Elementary - *Connor Musborn*  
Middle School - *Joseph Sausa*  
High School - *Allyson Paduano*

Literary Magazine Spectrum / *David Gershfeld, Advisor*  
*Elizabeth Aubin, Sarah Perniciaro, Lena Seltzer, Bridget Squitire*

Teachers' Appreciation Week ~ May 4-8, 2015  
*Joseph Dixon, Shawn Wallace*

National School Nurse Day ~ May 6, 2015  
*Laurie Farrell-Luquer, Karen Arigoni*

SCOPE Support Staff Service Awards  
*Debra Massaro, Dottie Rabin*

**PERSONNEL**

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): Tara Probert, Social Studies, effective April 17, 2015 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Alicia Sepulveda, Mathematics, effective April 1, 2015 (High School).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RESIGNATION: Ellen Thalhamer, effective May 18, 2015 (High School).

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): RETIREMENT: Karen Santangelo, Security Aide, effective June 30, 2015 (High School).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): TERMINATION: Michael Oliveto, Custodial Worker I, effective May 1, 2015 (Paul J. Bellew).

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): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): Gage Alder, effective May 15, 2015.

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): SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75 per hour): Karen Compitello, effective May 15, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$115 per diem): Joan Eberlin, effective May 15, 2015; Patricia Fogarty effective May 15, 2015; Holly Giovi, effective May 15, 2015; Dina Legland, effective May 15, 2015; Laurene Lopez, effective May 15, 2015; Katherine Panaro, effective May 15, 2015; \*Megan Volpini, effective May 15, 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: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Danielle Cohen, effective May 15, 2015; Lori DiMuccio, effective May 15, 2015; Nancy Gilmore, effective April 27, 2015; Shannon Maloney, effective May 15, 2015; Brady Wilkens, effective May 15, 2015.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Danielle Cohen, effective May 15, 2015; Lori DiMuccio, effective May 15, 2015; Nancy Gilmore, effective April 27, 2015; Brady Wilkens, effective May 15, 2015.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that Beach Street students attended a field trip to Philadelphia and Udall students went to Boston. An ASL (American Sign Language) Idol fundraising event took place at the high school, raising \$3,267.10 for the American Society for Deaf Children. Brian Taylor, Director of Science & Technology, and three science teachers from various grade levels attended a workshop from which feedback will be used by the SED to write STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) standards this summer. An MST (Math, Science and Technology) Fair was held at Bayview Elementary School. The Physical Education Department is getting ready for field day at the various elementary buildings. Courses are being developed for the Little Lions Preschool Program.

## REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 5/12/2015. Items reviewed included the March treasurer's report, March payroll summary and claims audit report. Warrants, March financial statements, scholarship donation from Jostens, 2015-2016 bid extensions and health service contracts for Bay Shore UFSD and Westbury UFSD were reviewed. Mrs. Duffy discussed state aid that was received and representatives from Preferred Meal Systems held a presentation on an alternative way to administer the food services program (which would not be cost-effective for the district at this time).

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 4/22/15. The committee had a First Reading of the following policies: No. 3210 Visitors to School; No. 3220 Public Expression at Meetings; No. 3231 Complaints and Grievances by Employees; No. 3232 Complaints and Grievances by Students; No. 3251 Parental Involvement; No. 3272 Advertising in Schools; No. 3280 Public Use of School Facilities; No. 3290 Operation of Motor-Driven Vehicles on District Property.

A second reading of the above policies will take place at the next meeting.

\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 5/14/2015. Items reviewed included the professional development plan, IB enrollment, World Language Honor Society inductees, and the summer investigation program for elementary school students, which will take place July 6 through July 30.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 5/12/2015. Items reviewed included the continued difficulties encountered mounting the new high school score board, a donation of safety netting by the Youth Lacrosse League, placement of a gazebo on district property near the library, and continued discussions about potential bond proposition items.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 5/14/2015. CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month and student placements were reviewed; the special education staff are completing annual reviews.

Health and Wellness: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 4/29/15. Items reviewed included mailing of the "West Islip Cares" magnets and Social Host postcards to be mailed in May. The committee discussed the recent Unite for the Fight forum and Shed the Meds events, both were very successful. The West Islip Annual Kids' Triathlon will be held May 31, 2015. Registration can be done on line at [www.witrikids.com](http://www.witrikids.com); the deadline is Tuesday, 5/26/15. The committee is coordinating articles for the summer newsletter, and Narcan training will take place at the West Islip Fire Department in the fall. The next meeting will be on May 27, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in the P.J. Bellew cafeteria.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that was held on 5/12/15. Bully reform, survey on bullying, goals for next year, programs for grades K-12 and professional development for teachers were discussed.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for March was presented. Beginning balance as of 2/28/2015: \$39,914,575.41; ending balance as of 3/31/2015: \$47,381,924.10.

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 3191 – 3201.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Health Services Contracts for: Bay Shore UFSD - \$5,728.16 and Westbury UFSD -\$747.68.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve scholarship donation from Jostens to the West Islip High School in the amount of \$500.00.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bid Extensions for 2015-2016: Bid #1169 Endzone Sports; Bid #1173 Suffolk Auto Driving School, Inc.; Bid #1174 Emerald Electric and Solar, Inc.; Bid #1177 Stapleton Tree & Landscape Service; Bid #1178 Associated Audio Service; Bid #1181 Cardinal Control Systems, Inc.; Bid #1182 World Wide Security Group; Bid #1186 Long Island Geese Control.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution – Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program 2015-2016.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the date for the re-organizational meeting: July 7, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion of Board Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates for 2015-2016.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for Annual Meeting (School Budget Vote/Trustee Election).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the West Islip Nurses' Chapter of WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: Collective Bargaining Agreement July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that students have acclimated well to the new POS (Point of Sale) System in school cafeterias and that this system will increase efficiency in the cafeterias.

West Islip students participated in a ceremony unveiling a lending library in honor of Sandy Hook victim, Madeline Hsu. P.J. Bellew donated money for library books and the district Technology Department made a wood structure to house them. The Bellew band and a high school choral student participated in the ceremony at West Islip Beach.

Spring Athletics has had a very successful spring season. The Varsity Boys Track and Field team won the league championship. The girls' team came in second. Other post-season play includes:

Friday, May 15	Boys Lacrosse	4:00	Sachem East
Saturday, May 16	Baseball	2:00	Smithtown West
Monday, May 18	Softball	4:00	Walt Whitman/Wm. Floyd
Tuesday, May 19	Girls Lacrosse	4:00	North Babylon/Sachem North

The budget vote will be held on May 19, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Celebrate Education will run concurrently, including presentations or tables with Robotics, athletic booster clubs, PTA, PAWS, Relay for Life, districtwide art show and musical presentations.

## NOTICES/REMINDERS

Budget Vote ~ May 19, 2015 at West Islip High School from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mrs. LaRosa spoke about the recent Jazz Night and High School Orchestra concerts, which were outstanding. Mrs. LaRosa encouraged residents to attend the many spring concerts in May and June. Vocal Motion Friends and Family Night will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Residents who wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public”:

Mr. Brad Obloj, 7 Thadeus Lane, West Islip, NY - Mr. Obloj had concerns regarding high stakes testing. He feels common core is not tested or supported by research and that parents should not rely on these tests. Mr. Obloj also feels that over testing takes away from learning. Mr. Obloj would like the Board and the administration to take a stand against these tests. Mr. Gellar explained the Board’s limitations in this regard and actions already taken.

Mrs. Stacey Bressi, 11 East Court, West Islip, NY – Mrs. Bressi had some of the same concerns as Mr. Obloj regarding the high stakes testing. Mrs. Bressi was upset about a letter that went home to parents comparing the New York State tests to Iowa testing. Mrs. Burns explained that these tests help inform instruction, provide information about whether students are on track to successfully meet the standards, and help identify students that may need more support.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, and seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O’Connor 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.