

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 4, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith (7:50 PM),
Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.

Mr. Simon gave a presentation to the audience providing an analysis of the physical plants for all elementary schools.

Board discussion ensued regarding school closures.

The following people spoke during an "Invitation to the Public" – Robert Maresca, Marcelle Crudele, Ann Marie Lombardi, Kristy Carlson, Ruth Mineo, Linda Millet, Martina Scheben, Amy Dowdell, Andrea Gebler and Diane Larkin. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:10 PM on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 PM on a motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Koeper

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District Clerk

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~ PLANNING SESSION ~
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 26, 2012 – Beach Street Library/Media Center

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich
and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM, followed by the Pledge.

The Audit Committee heard a presentation by R.S. Abrams on the Independent Auditor's Report for year ended June 30, 2011.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the report and the related District's Corrective Action Plan.

The Audit Committee heard a presentation by Cullen and Danowski on the Internal Auditors Report.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the reports dated November 23, 2010, December 19, 2011 and January 6, 2012 and accepted the related District's Corrective Action Plans.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Anne-Marie Dunn, Special Education; effective January 12, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Rita Manetta, Special Education; effective January 20, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Lindsey Simonton, Special Education; effective January 17, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: *Erica Martinelli, Foreign Language; effective January 31, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Tracy Beier, Special Education Aide; effective January 19, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): TERMINATION: *John Testa, Maintenance Mechanic III; effective January 27, 2012.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): CHANGE IN TITLE: *Paul Coppola, Custodial Worker *I; effective January 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): CHANGE IN TITLE: *Brian Malone, Custodial Worker *I; effective January 16, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE/INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR: *Kathleen Sapanski; effective January 23, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2012: *Susan Batar, Excel; Lenny Butler, Community CRP, First Aid; David Conroy, Circuit Training; Steve Cottral, About Boating Safety; Kim Crichton, Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga, Fitness Mix; Marie Cuttonaro, French; Mike Dalia, Tai Chi for You; Jennifer Friaglia, Zumba; Phyllis Hintze, Ballroom Dancing; Vera Kavanaugh, Drawing/Watercolor; Bruce Lieberman, Defensive Driving; Frank Olish, Volleyball; Robert Watts, Introduction to Guitar/Piano; Roberta Woolsey, Aquacise.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENE INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Donna Brogan, International Cooking, Storybook Cooking; Maureen Cauffield, Work Games; Lorrie Clifford, Babysitting, Hand Sewing; Ed Ermanovics, Air Propelled Race Cars, Dragster Design and Construction; Debra Magee, American Girl Power; Lila Schmidt, Creative Dramatics, Drama.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Jamie Gibson, student teacher; effective January 19, 2012; Blake Weigand, student teacher; effective January 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve an Audit Engagement Letter with Cullen and Danowski, LLP for Review of Payroll – Roles and Procedures.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution regarding a Special District Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2012.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution regarding the Legal Notices for the Special Meeting of March 27, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:03 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:45 PM on motion by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM on motion by Scott Brady seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Koeper

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District Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Thomas M. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. LaRosa, on behalf of the Board of Education and Mr. Simon, on behalf of the district, thanked Dr. Parvey for her service and wished her well as she begins her employment in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

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

Motion was made Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

The following students were recognized for sports accomplishments: Girls Varsity Gymnastics All County: Paula Pecorella and Victoria Scuteri; Girls Varsity Soccer – All County: Brooke Kerrigan and Taylor LaRose; All County and All State: Amanda Martinez; Boys Varsity Soccer – All County: Sean Sepe and Phil Denara; All County Academic: Dan Morley; Girls Varsity Cross Country–All County: Jess Ball and Julie Laudenschlager; All County Academic: Julie Laudenschlager and Annie O’Connell; Boys Varsity Volleyball – All County: Brian Monaghan; Girls Varsity Volleyball – All County: Erin Byrnes and Marisa Ejups, All County Academic: Rebecca Ragusa; Girls Varsity Tennis – All County: Brianna Frame and Samantha Sienkiewicz; Girls Varsity Swimming – All County: Bridget Whalen, Andie Cuiffo, Julia English and Devon Berdolt; Varsity Football – All County: Pat Ryan, Anthony Santo and Nick Aponte; and Varsity Field Hockey - All County: Kate Beier.

The following coaches and teams were recognized for sportsmanship awards: Coach Michelle Studley – Varsity Girls Cross Country; Coach DJ Mock-Dorman – JV Field Hockey; Coach Nick LaGiglia – JV Football; Coach Shanan Mauro – Udall Football; Coach Ed Pieron – Varsity Boys Soccer; Coach Dennis Mazzalonga – Udall Boys Soccer; Coach Natalie Rubcewich – Varsity Boys Volleyball; Coach Frank Franzone – JV Boys Volleyball

The following students were recognized for citizenship awards: - September - Dean Hawkins, Marissa McAllister, and Matthew Brady; October – Karleigh Daniels, Lexie Peters and Nikki Zuaro; November – Ty Carpinello, Sheila Flaherty and Bhrett Gorrasi.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION – *Dr. Magda Parvey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary; effective January 17, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Carolyn Ryan, English; effective December 8, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Nancy Silvestrini, Family and Consumer Science; effective January 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Robyn Southard, Psychologist; effective December 6, 2011 to March 2, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *Deanna Nicolosi, Special Education .5; effective December 15, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Alissa Ferrucci, Mathematics; effective September 1, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Tonimarie Paladino, Special Education; effective September 1, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Nalan Rosenberg, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective December 23, 2011.*

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: CHANGE IN TITLE: *Paul Coppola, Custodian Worker I; effective December 12, 2011.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: *Paul Coppola, Acting Maintenance Mechanic II/Groundskeeper I; effective December 28, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: *Peter Natale; effective January 13, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2011-2012: *Christina Bivona, Mathematics; effective January 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2011-2012: *James Grover, Occupational Math; effective January 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012: *Amy Rosenthal, Music – Combined Chorus – All District.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012: *Justin DeMaio, Music – Musical Production Director.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 HIGH SCHOOL COACH: *Reanna Fulton, Cheerleading - Assistant Varsity Coach.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 HIGH SCHOOL COACH: *Michelle Jantzen, Cheerleading- Interim/Substitute Assistant Varsity Coach.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN: *Kevin McLoughlin; effective November 15, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INTERIM ATHLETIC TRAINER: *Kevin Kilkenny.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR: *Lauren DeBlasi, Justin Gendusa and Amanda Williams; effective January 13, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Sara Barker; effective January 27, 2012; Melanie Brasor; effective January 27, 2012; Steven Campbell; effective January 30, 2012; Victoria Catanzaro; effective January 19, 2012; Meredith Chinkel; effective January 27, 2012; Ryan Foley; effective December 8, 2011; Danielle Horrocks; effective December 19, 2011; Chelsea Hudson; effective December 19, 2011; Steven Ieronimo; effective January 27, 2012; Amanda Milks; effective January 27, 2012; Michelle Monteleone; effective January 19, 2012; Krenare Osmani; effective January 19, 2012; Melissa Rizzo; effective January 30, 2012 and Kimberly Towers; effective December 12, 2011..*

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Parvey mentioned that second grade teachers participated in common core training for math and fifth grade teachers participated in common core training for reading. Dr. Parvey also addressed the board, staff members and residents present and thanked them for welcoming her to the West Islip school community and for the experiences she has gained while being on staff.

Mrs. Burns spoke common core standards on the secondary level. She also discussed the new evaluative tool that will be put into place for teachers and administrators. Mrs. Burns also mentioned the upcoming high school's "P.S. I Love You Day" regarding bullying and suicide awareness and encouraged all to become involved. Mrs. Burns also congratulated Dr. Parvey and thanked her for their working relationship and wished her success and happiness in her new position.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Smith reported on the meeting of January 10th where the following items were addressed – treasurer’s report, payroll summary report, financial statements, internal claims report, system manager audit trail; budget transfers; warrants; proposed donations; health service and special contracts. Also, discussion ensued with regard to changes in state aid for special education maintenance costs for students in residential settings.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Brady reported on the meeting January 10th where discussion revolved around damage to the brick façade at the high school, a request from a television network to film landscape scenes within the district; screening the athletic fields near Barberrry with landscaping and summer bond work.

POLICY: No meeting was held.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting of January 12th where the following was discussed – new course offering – Pre-Calculus for the secondary level; staffing and scheduling; successful parent attendance at the information program held regarding the IB program; and continued and enhanced Smartboard training.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on January 12th where CSE and CPSE reviewed monthly student placements, change in state aid regarding residential placements and possible implication concerning the 2012-2013 budget.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS/COMPASS COALITION: Mr. Zotto discussed the upcoming plans for the 5k Fun Run and also spoke about continued awareness and community vigilance in the war against drugs.

BULLYING AWARENESS: Mr. Marquardt reported on the meeting which was held on January 9th and mentioned that the committee is finalizing signage to promote anti-bullying efforts. Parental resource materials including literature will be forthcoming.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 10/31/11 – \$19,717,249.24; ending balance as of 11/30/11 – \$12,007,561.64.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfer # 2973 for the 2010-11 school year.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Fundraising Event → Special Education - \$4,790; Box Tops for Education → P.J. Bellew – 780.21; and West Islip Little League → High School Athletic Fields (Removable Outfield Fence) - \$5,200.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contracts with the East Islip School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$3,602.90 and with the Bay Shore School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of &9,830.80.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Special Education Contract with the Huntington School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Richard Simon discussed the process that has taken place during the past ten months to investigate and evaluate school closures. He thanks all involved and commended the efforts. He asked the community to be mindful and respectful when announcing the outcome of the process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the closing of Westbrook Elementary School, except Scott Brady, Ron Maginniss and Bob Ulrich who voted against.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the closing of Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School, except Mike Zotto and Annmarie LaRosa who voted against.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Stacy Barbieri, Peter Quinn, Marcelle Crudele, Doreen Hantzschel, Maria Stepkowski, Robert Maresca, Christine Pellegrino, Catherine Artusa, Ned Pilchman and Kim McCandless. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:11 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a memorandum (retirement incentive) with WIASA.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution requiring a transportation proposition which would increase the mileage requirement by one-half mile for all students in grades 6-12.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

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District Clerk

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PUBLIC PARTICPATION LOG

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2012

Ms. Stacey Barbieri, 41 Sylvan Court, West Islip; Mrs. Barbieri spoke about elementary school principal assignments.

Mr. Peter Quinn; 675 Tanglewood Road, West Islip; Mr. Quinn spoke about school finance/state aid and how this effects building closures.

Marcelle Crudele; 758 Tanglewood Road, West Islip; Ms. Crudele thanked the Board for the difficult task they were required to undertake and offered them her appreciate for their efforts.

Ms. Doreen Hantzschel; 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Hantzschel spoke about her desire to ensure a smooth transition for all during the coming months.

Ms. Maria Stepkowski; 705 Hyman Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Stepkowski thanked the Board for not closing Bayview. Ms. Stepkowski asked the Board how the building closures will affect special education class locations and asked when those locations will be determined.

Mr. Robert Maresca; 688 Pat Drive, West Islip; Mr. Maresca asked about the Board's hiring practices and what we currently have in place to attract qualified, capable and competent employees.

Ms. Christine Pellegrino; 23 Celano Lane, West Islip; Ms. Pellegrino inquired as to how class assignments will be determined and when will parents be notified. She also asked the Board to ensure that the programs Dr. Parvey has put into place be continued.

Ms. Catherine Artusa; 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip; Ms. Artusa said she was sorry to see Kirdahy closed. She commended the staff at Kirdahy and thanked them for their dedication to the students.

Mr. Ned Pilchman; 124 Oak Neck Lane, West Islip; Mr. Pilchman spoke about his displeasure with the decision to close two elementary schools. He felt one would have been sufficient.

Ms. Kim McCandless; 727 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip; Ms. McCandless thanked the staff at Kirdahy for ensuring the safety and nurturing of her children while they were at school and mentioned her displeasure with the decision to close the building.

Education Committee meeting January 12, 2012

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns, M. Parvey

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:25 p.m.

I. Curriculum Updates

Mrs. Burns shared that the Curriculum Council will be exploring the value of adding a Calculus course to the course offerings in mathematics at its next meeting. Currently, the district offers Pre-Calculus, but seniors who have completed their math sequence can only enroll in college-level Calculus courses at the high school. This is not a realistic option for all students.

As the first step in the scheduling process for next year, the High School Course Enrollment Handbook will be posted on the district website by the end of the week. Further information is forthcoming.

On Monday, January 9, over 200 parents attended an informational workshop presented by four of our current IB students, who talked about the program and the impact it has had on their learning. The number of students who participate in the program, particularly to earn IB certificates for individual courses, continues to grow.

II. Instructional Updates

Over the last two weeks, many of our district administrators attended workshops at BOCES that targeted the changes brought about by the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards. Additionally, all administrators have now completed two of a series of workshops that address the teacher observation process.

On Monday, January 9, Mrs. Burns and Dr. Parvey met with the APPR Committee to discuss how best to align the teacher observation document with the New York State Teaching and Learning Standards. The committee's next meeting is January 30.

Mrs. Huscilowitc is in the process of developing a schedule for continued SMART Board training this spring for all faculty.

Professional development in the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards in math was completed at the primary level, with second grade training conducted on January 10. Demonstration lessons for all primary

teachers K-2 will take place the week of January 23, 2012. Teachers at the intermediate level will begin Common Core Math training on February 28, 2012. Dr. Parvey shared information about work being completed by kindergarten and first grade teachers on a Reading and Writing Calendar. Once completed, the calendars will serve as a curriculum guide which will be posted for parents on the district website.

III. New York State Updates

The state has finally announced its testing dates for grades 3 through 8. The English Language Arts test will be administered on April 17 through 19. The math test will be offered on April 25 through 27. West Islip will once again participate in the regional scoring process, eliminating the need to close school for two or more days to score the tests in-house.

IV. Miscellaneous

Midterm exams will be administered at the high school January 18 through 20, and RCTs and Regents exams will be administered January 24 through 27.

The district is in the process of rolling out My Learning Plan, an online system designed for the planning, management, and reporting of professional development workshops and offerings. Newly certified teachers are required to complete 175 hours of continuing education over the course of five years, and the district is required to maintain this information. My Learning Plan will facilitate this process.

Earlier this week, the high school began to use School Messenger, the district's automated notification system, to alert parents to their child's absences, be it partial or full day. The hope is that a more efficient and timely method of communicating absences will result in better attendance at the high school level.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.