

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 14, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Smith and Mr. Zotto (8:05 PM)
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia
ABSENT: None
ATTORNEY: Thomas M. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM.

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

Motion was made Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 Regular Meeting and May 29, 2012 Planning Session.

The following students were recognized: Valedictorian – Teresa Oszkinis, Salutatorian: Eric Metodiev, National Merit Scholarship Winner: Caitlin Cawley, Citizenship Awards – April: Olivia Gmelch, Ryan McSweeney and Faith Yusko, Citizenship Awards – May: Gianna Spadolini, Vincent Petraglia, Julianne Ognibene and Kevin McCorvey. Thirst Project: Ariana Pietaro, Joseph Barbera, Lauren Potak, Stephanie Rakiec, Julia Santo, Jake Ulrich, Joseph Cairo, Veronica Henry, Brenda Murphy, Joseph Priolo III, Craig Nelson and Nick Secor, PTA Award of Excellence in Photography: Jana Mazzella

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Jeanne Dowling, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services; effective June 15, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Anthony Bridgeman, Principal; effective July 27, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Bernadette Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; effective August 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Daniel Marquardt, Principal; effective August 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Andrew O'Farrell, Principal; effective August 17, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2012, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Elementary Principal area (2 positions¹) of classification. The following employee to be

terminated, effective June 30, 2012, according to applicable provisions of law: Rhonda Pratt, Elementary Principal.”

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Jennifer Kouroutis, Special Education; effective September 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: *Joanne Macrelli, Business; effective September 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution:

“Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2012, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Art area (2 positions [1 full time, 1 part-time .4]), the Dance area (1 part-time position .8), Elementary area (6 positions), the World Language area (2 positions), the Physical Education area (2 positions), the Music area (1 position) of classification. The following employees be terminated, effective June 30, 2012, according to applicable provisions of law: Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Dance (.8) George Botsch, Physical Education; Michelle Bownes, Art (.4) Vanessa Salubro, World Language; Pamela Cirasole, Music; Karyn Storan, Physical Education; Kristin Foster, Elementary; Maureen Umstatter, Elementary; Kevin McLoughlin, Elementary; Timothy Van Wyen, Art; Shane O’Neill, Elementary; Michelle Vecchione World Language; Stacey Rennie, Elementary; and Amy Wheeler, Elementary.”

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Tonimarie Paladino, Special Education; effective August 29, 2012 to August 28, 2014.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Ryan Foley, Special Education; effective August 29, 2012 to August 28, 2015.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Amy Wheeler, Special Education; effective August 29, 2012 to August 28, 2014.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED SCIENCE TEACHER: *Brian Daniels, Science; effective August 29, 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: *Kristyna Acerno, Technology Integration Specialist (.6) {District-wide}; Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

¹ Elementary Principal position held by Dawn Morrison reassigned to Manetuck due to retirement of Mary Anderson

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *George Botsch, Physical Education (.5); Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

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: *Edward Jablonski, Social Studies (.6); effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *Shanan Mauro, Health (.6); Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *Timothy Van Wyen, Art (.9); Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *Michelle Vecchione, World Language (.6); Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

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: *Melissa Barone, Counseling; Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Jeremy Johnson, Reading; Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Diana Massaro, Family & Consumer Science; Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

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: *Maureen Umstatter, Special Education; Effective August 29, 2012 to June 30, 2013.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2012, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Teaching Assistant area (5 positions) of classification. The following employees be terminated, effective June 30, 2012, according to applicable provisions of law: Donna Cummings, Christine Ferretti, Donna Saliba, Susan Lombardi and Eleni Sipola."

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolutions:

"Whereas, the Board of Education abolished several civil service positions, in the Paraprofessional area, including six part-time School Monitors, by resolution dated February 9, 2012 and

Whereas, the Board of Education has decided only to abolish four part-time School Monitors positions referenced in that February 9, 2012 resolution

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the abolishment of two of the six part-time School Monitors positions as referred in the resolution dated February 9, 2012."

"Whereas, the Board of Education abolished several civil service positions, in the Paraprofessional area, including two full-time School Monitors and 2 full-time School Teacher Aides, by resolution dated February 9, 2012 and

Whereas, the Board of Education has decided only to abolish two full-time Paraprofessional positions referenced in that February 9, 2012 resolution

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby rescinds the abolishment of two of the four full-time Paraprofessional positions as referred in the resolution dated February 9, 2012."

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: *Jeanne Koeper, Administrative Assistant & District Clerk; effective October 15, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa , and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Sunshine Alessi, Part-time Food Service Worker; effective June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESS OF POSITION: *Lisa Spradley, Part-Time Clerk Typist; Effective June 30, 2012; (High School), Carole Hurd, Clerk Typist; Effective June 30, 2012; (High School), Tana Patti, Senior Clerk Typist; Effective June 30, 2012; (Udall), James Ferayorni, Custodial Worker I; Effective June 30, 2012; (Bayview), Michael Logiudice, Jr., Custodial Worker I; Effective June 30, 2012; (Westbrook), Daniel Trupia, Custodial Worker I; Effective June 30, 2012; (Kirdahy), Donna Cama, Cafeteria Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Bayview), Donna Iracane, Cafeteria Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Manetuck) ,Donna Moran, Cafeteria Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Manetuck) and Gina Prybyzerski, Cafeteria Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Oquenock).*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESS OF POSITION: *Jennifer Fortune, 2-hour Special Education Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Oquenock), Tracy Beier, Special Education Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (High School) and Catherine Georgio, Special Education Aide; Effective June 30, 2012; (Bayview).*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RECALL: *Carol Hurd, Part-Time Clerk Typist; effective July 1, 2012; (High School).*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Catherine Georgio, Special Education Aide; effective August 29, 2012 – June 21, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUE CUSTODIAN: *Bernard Maxwell and Alex Mirabella, effective June 25, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUE NURSE: *Patricia Capuano, effective September 4, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: EQUIPMENT/UNIFORM COORDINATOR 2012-2013: *Scott Craig, High School; Bob Kollar, Udall; Vincent Luvera, Beach and Denise Cain, Beach, (shared).*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Patricia Emert, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Terence Mulholland, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Doug Quednau, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Brendan Rutigliano, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Nicholas Saffioti, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Michael Samon, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; *Chris Tempera, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher; Patricia Yale, effective September 4, 2012, student teacher.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2012: *John Mullins, Director; Tim Horan, Assistant Director; John Denninger, Lead Counselor; Susan Burke, Clerical Support; SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2012 CAMP COUNSELORS: Tyler Bell, Kate, Beyer, Nicole Blair, Connor Braddish, Kevin Braddish, Colleen Burke, Alex Camesas, Alex Chirchilla, Becky Coleman, Shannon Coleman, Nicole Craig, Toniann Cintorino, Danielle Cintorino, Devan Crimi, Brooke DiPalma, Paige Engeldrum, Blair Engeldrum, Andrew Federico, Kevin Flaherty, Lorraine Hodgson, Christian Gonzalez, Matt Kirby, Danny Lyons, Lindsey Lyons, Maxine Mall, Tommy McKeon, Casey Michaelis, John Niesen, Steven O'Connor, Barbara Ryan, Kelly Reichert, Joshua Tonn, Brittany Walsh, Terence Wilkinson, Joe Wood and Nicholas Zotto.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ATHLETIC TRAINER – 2012-2013: *Nicole Perperis.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ATHLETIC TRAINER: *Kevin Kilkenny.*

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns discussed high school graduation rankings, common core learning standards, high school placement in the stock market games, PAW PRINTS – the high school newspaper and final exams and regents.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Smith reported on the meeting of June 12th where pertinent fiscal matters were discussed. The topics of payroll summary report, financial statements, the internal claims audit report, budget transfers and warrants were also addressed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Ulrich reported on the meeting which was held on June 12th where the following issues were discussed: upcoming bond issue projects, athletic lockers, storage buildings, building and field usage, traditional summer cleanup projects and the moving of furniture, supplies and materials.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting which was held on June 14th where updates were presented on the following: "Go Math", reading and writing workshops, APPR, professional development, Superintendent's Conference Day, the elementary report cards.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on June 12th. During this meeting annual reviews and transitional items were discussed.

BULLYING AWARENESS: Mr. Marquardt reported on the meeting which was held on May 14th where a student attended and spoke about bullying episodes he experienced in middle school. A "Mentor" program was discussed where high school students would be partnered with middle schools to develop a support system. Mr. Marquardt announced that they were awarded a PAWS grant.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 3/31/12 - \$35,593,198.07 and an ending balance as of 4/30/12 - \$27,843,439.96.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfers # 3007-3020.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Portable Two-Way Radio, Intercom, Audio Repair and Soundfield System, Printing, Refuse Removal, Gasoline for District Vehicles, Tree Pruning and Care Services, Boiler Breeching Repair Work, Maintenance Service for Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems, Maintenance Service and Monitoring for Fire Alarm and Security Systems and Athletic Uniforms.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: General Construction - Athletic Storage Buildings.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid extensions: Boiler Maintenance

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a donation from PAWS in the amount of \$11,288.85. (Oquenock - Smart Document Camera - \$2,097; High School Gymnasium Scoreboard - \$3,500; District - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program - \$5,691.85).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare surplus equipment – media blaster cabinet – technology department.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the extension of the legal services contract with the Law Offices of Thomas M. Volz, PLLC.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the extension of the MSG Varsity Agreement.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution nominating Fred Langstaff as NYSSBA Area 12 Director.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to accept the results of the Annual District Meeting held on May 15, 2012.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Graduation – Saturday, June 23, 2012.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Don Marmo, Craig Miller and Catherine Artusa.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:25 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:53 PM on a motion by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich 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 an attendance zone waiver for Talia D.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve an attendance zone waiver for Jessica T.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for a World Language Teacher (Elyse Patti-McDonald).

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 PM on a motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady 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

June 26, 2012 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa – (7:38 PM), Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith and Mr. Zotto
ABSENT: Mr. Brady and Mr. Ulrich
ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia
ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM with the pledge following.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Diana Massaro, Family and Consumer Science; effective January 3, 2012 through June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Jennifer Ruggirello, Music; Effective December 12, 2011 through June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) – the following resolution:

“Whereas, the Board of education abolished one Head Custodian position, by resolution dated May 8, 2012, effective June 30, 2012.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby changes the abolishment date of June 30, 2012 to July 13, 2012.”

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RECALL: *Tracy Beier, Special Education Aide; effective August 29, 2012.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Sharon Kerrigan, School Nurse; effective August 29, 2012.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: *Thomas Baldassarre, Joseph Becker, Gary Cassetta, Joseph Celans, Dennis Hirt, Ryan Piesati, Brian Samson and John Varley; effective June 27, 2012.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: *Suzanne Salus, School Cook Manager, effective June 29, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: **Christal Garry, effective September 5, 2012; *Kevin Melia, effective September 4, 2012; *Beverly Taracena, effective September 4, 2012.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2012: *Catherine Sullivan, Nurse.*

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP COUNSELORS: *Nicole Blair and Caitlin Cosentino.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPECIAL EDUCATION – ESY SERVICES SUMMER 2012: *Kathleen Finn, Speech Therapist; Erin Papadopulos, Consultant Teacher Direct; Debra Costantino, Job Coach; and Debra DiCristo, Job Coach.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution for the 2012-2013 Breakfast Program Exemption.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a special education services contract with West Babylon UFSD.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced price meals for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:41 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:59 PM on motion by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:02 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 PM on motion by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to change the retirement date of Louis Zocchia, Jr. to July 20, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM on motion by Ron Maginniss seconded by George Smith, 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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Education Committee meeting
June 14, 2012

Members: A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

I. Annual Professional Performance Review

Mrs. Burns updated the committee on the progress of the annual professional performance review as it relates to curriculum and instruction. She is working with a committee of teachers and administrators to update the district's observation form, to ensure that it is aligned with the New York State Teaching Standards.

II. Professional Development

- a. Since the last Education Committee meeting, all elementary teachers have received initial training in the Common Core Learning Standards in Math, as well as additional support training in the use of the *Go Math!* series. Kim Yaris has continued her work with teachers on the implementation of the Reading Workshop in the second grade classroom and the writing workshop in our first grade classroom.

Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade English, Reading, and Special Education teachers have received two sessions of professional development in the implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts. This training has been very well-received, and will be rolled out to more departments in the upcoming year.

At the middle and high schools, the instructional support teams have been working with Arlene Crandall, who has coached the teams and provided guidance on how to produce forms that capture information that will best guide the work of the building teams.

- b. The focus for Superintendent's Conference Days this year will be on the Common Core Learning Standards. While the elementary teachers will be given the opportunity to welcome students and set up their classrooms, the secondary staff will work on aligning their curriculum to the Common Core.

III. Elementary School Report Cards

Next year, the elementary schools will move to a trimester reporting schedule. This is in anticipation of revising the report cards for the 2013-2014 school year. Report cards must be revised so that the performance indicators that are measured are completely aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards.

There are many benefits available to students and staff on a trimester-based school schedule. In an elementary school setting, a trimester schedule allows more time between grading periods and gives students a chance for more growth before the next report card is sent home. The first trimester provides a longer acclimation period and gives young students a chance to be comfortable with the school routine before assessments must be completed for the first report card.

Trimesters give teachers and parents a greater chance of identifying and correcting areas of concern during the grading period.

IV. Graduation Rates

Earlier this week the State Education Department released high school graduation rates for the 2007 cohort, which is the Class of 2011. These data show that New York's overall graduation rate continues to rise slowly over time, but still, only 74% of students in the state graduated within four years. In West Islip, 96% of the Class of 2011 graduated on time, leading the Islip cluster of schools, and well ahead of the Suffolk and Long Island averages, which hovered around 86-87%. Additionally, 60% of students obtained a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, which means they have passed eight required Regents examinations. The State average is less than 31%, and the Suffolk County average is 44%.

A trimester schedule allows more time between grading periods and gives students a chance for more growth before the next report card is sent home. The first trimester of school provides a longer acclimation period and gives young students a chance to be comfortable with the school routine before assessments must be completed for the first report card. Trimesters give teachers and parents a greater chance of identifying and correcting areas of concern during the grading period.