

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 11, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor

ABSENT: Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Brady

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Pellati

ABSENT: Dr. Rullan

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2018 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

School Board Recognition Week ~ *West Islip Board of Education*

Mrs. Burns recognized and thanked Mr. Gellar and the Board trustees for their many contributions. Mr. Gellar accepted a certificate on behalf of all the Board trustees.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Christine Rosati, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 6, 2018 (High School).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *James Lorey, Maintenance Mechanic IV, effective November 5, 2018 (Maintenance; Step 1; replacing M. Beckerman {resigned}).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019:

HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Decathlon, Brainstormers, Kevin Murphy
Academic Decathlon, Jr. Brainstormers, Noreen Matthews
Art Club, Linda Marino
Audio-Visual Club Director, Frank Franzone
Band Music, David Kaufman
Business and Marketing Honor Society, Joanne Macrelli and Patricia Stack (shared)
Chamber Singers, Melissa Senatore
Coordinator, One Act Plays, Elaine Longo
Costume Director, Elaine Longo
Creativity Action Service, James Farnworth and Virginia Scudder (shared)
Director, Flag Team, James Kraiss
Director, Musical Play, Ryan Jensen
Director, Senior Play, Elaine Longo
Distributive Education Club of America, Diana Saadat
Drama Coordinator, James Kraiss
Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Victoria Newell
Freshman Class Advisor, James Dooley

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019, continued

Freshman Class Advisor, Colleen Reilly
Future Business Leaders Club, Monica Krawczyk and Joanne Macrelli (shared)
Gay-Straight Alliance, Nicole Perperis
Junior Class Advisor, Tara Annunziata
Junior Class Advisor, Alissa Nanda
Literary Magazine, David Gershfeld
Mathletes, James Como
Mathletes, Craig Michel
Mathletes, Nancy Yost
Mock Trial, Edward Jablonski
Music Director, Musical Production, Melissa Senatore
National Art Honor Society, Annette Musteric
National English Honor Society, David Gershfeld
National Honor Society, Dina Barone and Beth Crimi (shared)
Newspaper, James Grover
Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, Dawn DiVisconti and Christine Maniscalco (shared)
Pit Director, Musical, David Kaufman
Research Program, Lynn Larsen and Alexandra Nohowec (shared)
Robotics, Andrew Baranec
Robotics, Daniel Formichelli
School Store, Diana Saadat
Science Olympiad, Jessica Picone and Linda Tong (shared)
Senior Class Advisor, Brian Haldenwang
Senior Class Advisor, Diane Munno
Sophomore Class Advisor, Kristie Ferruzzi
Sophomore Class Advisor, Kelly Weisenseel
Student Senate, Edward Jablonski
Student Senate, David Moglia
Students for the Environment Club, Kelly Sepe
Thirst Project Club, Paola Nilsen
Tri-M Music Honor Society, Ryan Jensen
World Language Honor Society, Andromache Agramonte and Paola Nilsen (shared)
Yearbook, Dawn DiVisconti and Christine Maniscalco (shared)

BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art Club, Jill Culver
Costume Director, Maura Maynard
Diversity Club, Fran Ahearn
Drama Director, Justin DeMaio
Drama Director, Shane O'Neill
Games Club, John Kennedy
Geography Club, John Kennedy
Helping Hands Club, Kathleen Crowley
Homework Help Club (Grade 6; Fall), Theresa Robertson
Homework Help Club (Grade 6; Spring), Theresa Robertson
Homework Help Club (Grade 7), Christine McCann
Mathletes, Grade 7, Elizabeth Kelly
Mathletes, Grade 8, Jeannine Conaghan
Music Director, Justin DeMaio
National Junior Honor Society, Christine McCann and Theresa Robertson (shared)
Newspaper, Danielle Rufrano (shared)
Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 6/7, Kathleen Crowley
Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 8, Mitchell Luquer
Photographer, Mitchell Luquer
School Store, Denise Cain

CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019, continued

Science Olympiad, Kristie Ferruzzi
Science Olympiad, Andrea Miller
Set Director, Justin DeMaio
Student Council, Caryn Drezner
Student Council, Janine Lalia
Yearbook, Theresa Robertson

BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DaVinci Art Club, Louise Stephenson
Drama Director, Justin DeMaio
Getting Google-y Club, Joanne LaDuca
Leadership Club, Denise Campasano

DISTRICTWIDE

Combined Band, All District, James Kraiss
Combined Chorus, All District, Melissa Senatore
Combined Orchestra, All District, Ryan Jensen
Director, Chamber Orchestra, Beach/Udall, Lynnette Fawess
Director, Jazz Band, Beach, Stephen Smith
Director, Jazz Band, Udall, Lu Ann Peskanov
Director, Jazz Ensemble, James Kraiss
Director, Jazz Lab, David Kaufman
Director, Marching/Pep Band, James Kraiss

MANETUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Community Service Club Grades K-2, Kerri Ierardi and Susan Marullo (shared)
Math Club, Grades K and 1, Christine Chocko
Video Yearbook, Kristyna Acerno
Yoga Club, Karen Sessa-Jarosik

OQUENOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Art Club, Janet Wolfe
Fitness Club, Melinda Monahan and Deborah Throo (shared)
Kindness Club, Lisa Brush
Number Crunchers Club, Nicole Cagno-Angerame

PAUL J. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Drama Director, Fran Coiro and Shane O'Neill (shared)
Geography Bee Club, Linda Canonico and Karen McCarthy (shared)
Mindset Club, Darlene Squillante
Project Happiness, Amanda Harvey and Carrie Yuli (shared)

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve MENTOR PROGRAM 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR:

Coordinator (\$1,500 stipend)
Catherine Dolan-Stefanak

Mentor (\$1,000 stipend)
Anne Davis (Cara Douglas, Elementary)
Deborah Magee (Kathryn Dranoff, Social Worker)
Christine McCann (Marissa Villani, Special Education)

MENTOR PROGRAM 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, continued

Mentor (\$1,000 stipend)

Diane Munno (Daniel Formichelli, Science)

Nicole Perperis (Meghan LaRocca, Health)

Kristina Rocco (Flavia Cestaro, World Language)

Carrie Russo (Jami Ashley, Social Worker)

Nancy Silvestrini (Meghan Linderman, Business/Family and Consumer Science)

Lindsay Simonton (Rebecca Burleson, Special Education)

Tonimarie Young (Meaghan Johnston, Special Education)

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 EARLY WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS BASKETBALL: Robert Weiss, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Richard Antoniello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Stephanie Acierno, effective October 15, 2018; Erin Barto, effective October 12, 2018.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the district is sending 12 students from the middle and high schools to participate in the award winning 10th Annual Ambassador Program under the direction of the Town of Islip's Anti-Bias Task Force. This program addresses the issues of bias, prejudice, discrimination and bullying.

The voting for the West Islip Literacy Lion's name is in and Leo wins. On October 24, the district will be celebrating "We Love Books Day" in our elementary schools. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents are encouraged to share a special book with a good friend or family member.

The District is offering a Parent Academy to address a variety of topics. A K-2 Dimensions Math workshop took place this past Tuesday. Upcoming academies include Parent Mindful Education Workshops on October 17 and 18 and Parent Literacy Nights for K-1 parents in November. A brochure was e-mailed to parents and can also be found on the district website.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 10/9/18. Items reviewed included the June & July (revised) and August treasurer's report; August payroll summary; June financial statements; claims audit report and September system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, donation, surplus items, resolution, change orders and approval of special education contracts. Mrs. Pellati informed the committee that the external auditors have completed their fieldwork and the district is drafting year-end financial statements. Fund balance for 2017-18 was discussed and a fund balance analysis and reserve plan was provided to the committee.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 10/9/18. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation spoke to the committee to discuss the remedy proposed for Willetts Creek and Lake Capri due to the contamination by the Dzus Fastener site located at 425 Union Blvd., West Islip. This remedy will impact the Beach Street Middle School and West Islip High School grounds. A public meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m. at West Islip High School. A fact sheet is on the district website. Mr. Bosse presented a bond expenditure review and informed the committee that the bond projects are running under budget; the West Islip Soccer Club offered to donate electric to be run between the two turf fields; Divine Rhythms requested to lease another room at Westbrook; districtwide moisture problems are being investigated; a scoreboard will be installed on the new turf field by the end of the month.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 10/11/18. Items discussed were CSE/CPSE recommendations, student placements, tour of classroom settings and participation in a Section XI basketball program in the spring.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 10/11/18. A *First Reading* took place on Policy No. 6121 Sexual Harassment.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve waiving a second reading of Policy No. 6121 – Sexual Harassment and approved this policy.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for August was presented. Beginning balance as of 8/1/18: \$55,146,734.32; ending balance as of 8/31/18: \$49,246,514.51.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfers 3539-3556 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3546-3555.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Change Orders:

Change Order for Arrow Steel Window Corp. for Bayview Elementary	- \$2,955
Change Order for Arrow Steel Window Corp. for Manetuck Elementary	- \$5,310
Change Order for Arrow Steel Window Corp. for Oquenock Elementary	- \$6,785
Change Order for Arrow Steel Window Corp. for Udall Road Middle School	- \$4,475

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the surplus of headsets and miscellaneous library books; miscellaneous IT/AV equipment; Library Media Center chairs; and two $\frac{3}{4}$ size string basses.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Special Education Contracts: ACLD Kramer Learning Center and Long Island Select Healthcare.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions re: donation from Ahold Delhaize USA - \$1,913.88/Beach Street MS and an increase to Budget 2018-2019 - \$2,801.42.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve revised Chief/School Physicians 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Building Emergency Response Plans 2018-2019.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the district's new Facebook page is operational and featuring events and activities districtwide, including music, art and athletics.

The West Islip High School Marching Band participated in the 2018 Columbus Day Parade and earned Second Place recognition.

The following resident(s) wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel - Mrs. Hantzschel was concerned that her remarks at a prior Board meeting regarding armed guards were mischaracterized when presented in the minutes and wanted to clarify that she is not afraid of armed guards in schools, but people with guns. Mrs. Hantzschel shared her concerns about keeping God in schools and feels the high school should offer more Western Civilization classes; International Baccalaureate (IB) classes have a global mission statement that is negative to America. Mrs. Hantzschel objected to the three minute limit during the "Invitation to the Public" and suggested that speakers should not be required to give their home address. She also inquired about the status of hiring armed guards. Mr. Gellar advised that a new Director of School Safety was hired and the deliberation process will start shortly. Some Board members pointed out that providing an address when speaking at the Board meeting verifies residency in the district, but Mrs. Burns will consult with the school attorney.

Mrs. Marcelle Crudele - Mrs. Crudele had questions about the community service and involvement requirement for students and feels the policy sends mixed messages about the value of community service. Mrs. Burns explained how these experiences are important to the college acceptance process and was never meant to replace serving the community, but she will review the policy language and follow up with Mrs. Crudele.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Employee Agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m. on motion by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Paul Michaluk 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.