

AMENDED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 10, 2020 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. McCann, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa
Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Tussie

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED): Kristen Kelly, Assistant Principal, effective September 21, 2020 to September 20, 2024 (High School; change start date from September 29, 2020).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie 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): Meghan Linderman, Family and Consumer Science effective September 1, 2020 – December 9, 2020 (High School).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Jodie Abelson-Sommer, Elementary, effective September 1, 2020 – September 15, 2020 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Laura Hill-Primiano, Music, effective September 8, 2020 - September 21, 2020 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): (Pursuant to EFMLEA): Laura Hill-Primiano, Music, effective September 22, 2020 – November 27, 2020 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve RESIGNATION: Melissa Gallagher, Pre-K, effective September 29, 2020 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED): Marie Averso, Bus Driver, effective August 14, 2020 (Transportation; change start date from September 1, 2020).

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED): *Leif Gunderson, Bus Driver, effective August 14, 2020 (Transportation; change start date from September 1, 2020).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Yesenia Campos, Bus Driver, effective August 14, 2020 (Transportation; change start date from September 1, 2020).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT(AMENDED): Kevin Kazda, Special Education Aide, effective August 31, 2020 (Paul J. Bellew; change start date from September 1, 2020).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jennifer Gallagher, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 1, 2020 (Oquenock; Step 1; replacing M. Parro {retired}).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Wendy Khokhar, Health Office Aide, effective September 17, 2020 (Udall; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Kilroy-Laino, Health Office Aide, effective August 31, 2020 (Manetuck; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Karina McCormack, Special Education Aide, effective September 1, 2020 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing L. Donnelly-Parsons).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Catherine Schupak, Special Education Aide, effective August 31, 2020 (Udall; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Lisa Saake, Health Office Aide, effective September 1, 2020 (Bayview; Step 8; change from Special Education Aide).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Christine Boschi, Health Office Aide, effective August 26, 2020 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Danielle Gick, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective September 1, 2020 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Christine Palumbo, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective August 26, 2020 (High School).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Jo-Ann Brodsky, Senior Office Assistant, effective December 31, 2020 (37 years).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Debra DiCristo, Special Education Aide, effective September 25, 2020 (26 years).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Barbara Lirosi, Bus Driver, effective December 26, 2020 (24 years).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Marianne Quattrocchi, Senior Account Clerk Typist, effective December 31, 2020 (34 years).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Dorothy Rabin, Senior Office Assistant, effective December 31, 2020 (21 years).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993): Sasha Napoli, School Monitor, effective September 1, 2020 – November 6, 2020 (High School).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Theresa Macario, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 1, 2020 to June 25, 2021 (High School).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2020:

Jake Caramico (Bitcoin Revoulution) \$30/hr.
Kim Crichton (Yoga, Stretch, Body Sculpt) \$35/hr.
Jennifer Friaglia (Zumba) \$35/hr.
Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30/hr.
Evan Levy, (Social Security Planning) no fee to West Islip
Sophia Stokkeland (Art Class) \$30/hr.
Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$30/hr.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): *Linda Aims, effective September 9, 2020; *Lisa Chianese, effective September 10, 2020; *Jennifer Most, effective September 9, 2020; *Michael McCabe, effective August 31, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2020-2021: Karen McCarthy, Coordinator.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2020-2021: Daniel Marquardt, Co-Coordinator; Paulina Zarokostas, Co-Coordinator.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS 2020-2021 (AMENDED): Brian Cameron, Physical Education 0.5 section/Fall 2020 and Spring 2021; Joseph Nicolosi, Physical Education 0.5 section/Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2020 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS SOCCER: John Cuiffo, 7-8 Udall Coach.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mrs. Morrison advised that the 2020-2021 school year got off to a great start. Students and staff are transitioning well to new classroom and building procedures. The focus for K-12 students for the next few weeks is to acclimate them to the school environment and provide them with opportunities to get to know their teachers and each other, and to prepare them with the practices and procedures that would be initiated if the district was required to switch to purely remote learning. Academics and assessment of grade level subject area skills will commence once students and teachers have had time to settle into the new school year.

Mrs. Morrison thanked the administrative team, teachers, nurses, secretaries, custodial workers, and all other staff members that worked tirelessly to ensure the district was ready for opening this year.

K-6 virtual classes will start on Monday, September 14, 2020. Information was provided to parents/guardians of K-6 learners regarding the name of each grade level teacher and the process for picking up 1:1 devices from District Office. K-6 virtual teachers were provided with curriculum and technology professional development.

At the high school, ninth grade special class students are attending school in person four days per week and remotely from home on Wednesdays. Effective September 14, tenth grade special class students will return to the building four days per week and work remotely from home on Wednesdays. The schedule for the 11th and 12th grade special class students is under review.

Middle school and high school students approved for remote learning due to documented and approved COVID-19 circumstances will start their coursework next week. Approved high school students will partake in five days of virtual learning from home following their regular school schedule. Approved middle school students will partake in cohorted learning instructed by teachers after school hours.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting that took place 9/8/2020. Items included an opening day update; a discussion about Superintendent's Conference Days, in which teachers engaged in professional development regarding technology, transitioning students/staff back to school, social, emotional and team building practices, and understanding COVID-19; a K-6 Virtual Learning Model update; and information about remote instruction for middle and high school students with extenuating medical conditions.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 9/8/2020. Items reviewed included the June and July extracurricular report; August payroll summary; August claims audit report; August system manager audit report; payroll certification forms; surplus items; contracts and change order. Mrs. Pellati advised that the Internal Auditors have completed their fieldwork in the area of purchasing and has issued their Draft Agreed Upon Procedures Report that the District is reviewing. The External Auditors completed their fieldwork this week and the District will be finalizing the 2019-20 school year and writing the financial statements and completing the ST-3 State reporting.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 9/8/2020. Items included a bond update: the high school security booth has been completed; bathrooms districtwide are 95% complete; blinds, planetarium, high school pool and water fountains have been delayed. Bridges awning request is under consideration; PPE and COVID-related supplies have been provided to all staff and student areas. School building exteriors have been power washed, the grounds and custodial crews cleaned up trees, branches and debris from the August tropical storm, and generator projects at the high school and District Office should be completed shortly.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held 9/8/2020. Items included a review of the special education services throughout the district.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 3916-3932 and Capital Fund transfers 3923 – 3933.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2020-2021 contracts: Access 7 Services, Inc. Consultant Services; Bay Shore UFSD Special Education Services; Commack UFSD Special Education Services; Deer Park UFSD Special Education Services; East Moriches UFSD Instructional Service; Syosset CSD Special Education Services.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 health services contract: South Huntington UFSD- \$32,045.39.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: miscellaneous mathematics textbooks.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approved the following Change Orders: VSC Electric, Inc. – West Islip High School - \$9,400.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve District Emergency Response Plan.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ASK US First Amendment to Lease Agreement.

Mr. Gellar explained the terms of the Masera Elementary School property contract between Terwilliger & Bartone Properties, LLC and the district. The builder will build 100 rental units and 26 condos. The district will receive \$9,545,455.00, one million dollars of which will be donated to build a new field likely near Kirdahy and Bayview. Mr. Gellar advised that once the contract is approved, community forums will take place so residents can ask questions, see the plans and get to know the developer. Postcards listing the dates of the forums will be sent out and a maximum of 50 attendees will be allowed in the Beach Street auditorium and the forums will also be live-streamed. The dates of the forums are 10/7/2020, 10/13/2020 and 10/22/2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Beach Street, followed by a vote on November 17, 2020 at the high school. A postcard will be sent to residents informing them of the details.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present, with the exception of Peter McCann who abstained, voted in favor to approve Masera Contract of Sale.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that teachers and staff returned to school on September 1, 2020. Superintendent Conference Days took place for three days providing opportunities to acclimate to technology, building changes, and other issues.

Mrs. Burns thanked all staff for their efforts to ensure a smooth opening of school and expressed her pleasure that the students are back to school. Mrs. Burns advised that student enrollment is 4,009, a decline of 86 students - mainly from Beach Street and the high school.

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

Mr. Don Marmo, West Islip – Mr. Marmo had questions regarding the district's rental properties and asked about the current condition of Kirdahy and Westbrook, and whether they are in need of capital improvements. Mrs. Burns advised that they are in good shape, but due to the recent storm, the Westbrook roof needs to be repaired.

Mr. Marmo requested the gains and losses resulting from renting Kirdahy and Westbrook. Mrs. Burns will follow up with Mr. Marmo. Mr. Marmo also asked if there was non-payment of rent due to the pandemic, and was advised that tenants are up to date with their rent. He requested the lease terms and Mrs. Burns will provide them via email.

Mr. Marmo asked if there was criteria for selling these buildings and Mr. Gellar advised that there was not a current plan in place, but could be revisited if the district begins to lose money on the rentals.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie 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.