

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 12, 2020 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mrs. LaRosa

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Appointment of Sean McAleavey, Director of Security

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

West Islip Association of School Administrators ~ Andrew O'Farrell and Eric Albinder

On behalf of the district, Mrs. Burns thanked the administrators for their extraordinary leadership and dedication to the children of West Islip, especially under the difficult circumstances of the pandemic. A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Mr. O'Farrell and Mr. Albinder in recognition of the important work administrators do and their commitment to the district.

Veterans' Day ~ Thomas Compitello, Reanna Fulton and Jack Maniscalco

On behalf of the district, Mrs. Burns and Mr. Gellar recognized and thanked Thomas Compitello, Reanna Fulton, Jack Maniscalco, and all veterans in the district and community for their dedicated and extraordinary service to our country.

PERSONNEL:

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 (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Jennifer Colonna, World Languages, effective October 15, 2020 – October 28, 2020 (High School/Beach).

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 (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Heather Enright, English, effective October 19, 2020 – October 21, 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 TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Ryan Foley, Special Education, effective October 20, 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 TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Josephine Hassett, Physical Education, effective October 19, 2020 – October 23, 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 (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Siobhan Kelly, English, effective November 2, 2020 – November 13, 2020 (Beach Street Middle School).

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 (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Nancy Silvestrini, Family Consumer Science, effective October 20, 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 TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid) (Pursuant to FEPSLA): Amanda Sparrow, Guidance, effective November 16, 2020 - December 1, 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: RESIGNATION: Mary Cameron, Building Aide, effective January 3, 2021 (Manetuck).

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: Su Jordan, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective November 12, 2020 (Udall).

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: Mary Cameron, Contingent Office Assistant, effective January 4, 2021 – March 26, 2021 (Manetuck; Step 1; replacing R. Mineo {12-Month Senior Office Assistant}).

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: Kimberly Creitz, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 9, 2020 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing M. Grippo {resigned}).

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: Christina Curley, Special Education Aide, effective November 13, 2020 (Udall; Step 1; replacing C. Guimaraes {Security/Receptionist Para}).

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: Elizabeth Jardeleza, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective November 13, 2020 (Udall; \$15.13 hr.; replacing J. LeBarr {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: Su Jordan, Health Office Aide, effective November 13, 2020 (Udall; Step 1; replacing W. Khokhar {resigned}).

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: James McPhail, Bus Driver, effective November 30, 2020 (Transportation; Step 7; replacing B. Liroso {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: Onur Oztimurlenk, Network & Systems Technician, effective November 13, 2020 (District Office; \$55,000 {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: Lorraine Carleton, Senior Account Clerk, effective January 4, 2021 (District Office; Step 3; change from Account Clerk; replacing M. Quattrocchi {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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Ruth Mineo, Senior Office Assistant,

effective January 4, 2021 (Manetuck; Step 6; change from 10-month Office Assistant to a 12-Month Senior Office Assistant; replacing D. Rabin {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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Richard Ogburn, Custodial Worker III, effective November 13, 2020; High School; Step 10; change from Custodial Worker I; replacing J. Ingrassia {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: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid) (pursuant to EFMLEA): Mary Perez, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 2, 2020 – December 23, 2020 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$14.00/hr.): Yumei Guo, effective November 13, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem) Jade Lawrence, effective November 6, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2020-2021: Mentor (\$1,020 stipend, pro-rated) Robin Caputo (Kelly O'Hara, PreK).

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$66.71/hr.): Jake Myerson, effective November 13, 2020.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INTRAMURAL STAFF 2020-2021: Laura Arabito; Ryan DeLuca; Philip Kane.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mrs. Morrison advised that Superintendent's Conference Day took place on November 3, 2020. Staff members took part in three, self-selected Ed Camp style professional development sessions. Seventeen session topics were available for staff members, including exposure to new technology platforms, information related to effective instructional practices in the virtual and/or COVID-19 classroom environment. Mrs. Morrison thanked the 31 teachers and administrators who facilitated the sessions.

Two 90 minutes virtual parent workshops have been scheduled with *Mission Be* to provide parents with an array of tools to reduce stress levels for themselves and in their homes. An elementary session will take place on December 1 from 6:30-7:45 p.m. and secondary will take place on December 8 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Parents will be notified of the workshops via ParentSquare shortly.

Grades K-5 parents and guardians are invited to join a virtual informational session on Google Classroom from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on November 18, 2020. An overview of what Google Classroom is and how students are using it in the classroom and at home will be provided. Parents have been notified of this workshop via ParentSquare.

Mrs. Morrison congratulated Manetuck Elementary School for recently being awarded the New York State Regional PARP Award for Suffolk County for the 2019-2020 school year. School counselors at Beach Street are pushing into the sixth grade classes this week and next to discuss, promote and engage students in Growth Mindset lessons/activities. Student engineers at Oquenock recently designed catapults to launch Halloween candy, marshmallows and candy pumpkins outside for socially distanced learning experience. The Engineering Department at the high school recently explored and created prototypes for West Islip branded floor drains.

Mrs. Morrison congratulated high school freshman, Sophia Stehlik, who was recently selected as a winner in the 2020 NYSSMA Young Composers Honors Concert.

The guidance department, social worker, librarian and administrative team at Udall Road Middle School created advisory lessons for student engagement upon arrival to school each day.

Mrs. Morrison thanked the administrators, students, teachers and parents for the great things happening all seven buildings throughout the district.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education Committee: Rich Antoniello reported on the meeting that took place 11/10/2020. Items included the high school students return to school on Wednesdays effective 10/21/2020; the cancellation of January 2021 High School Regents Examinations due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; the lack of a decision regarding the June and August 2021 Regents examinations and the Grades 3-8 State assessment program; and CTE Program approval by NYSED for Early Childhood Education, Business Management, Accounting, Finance and Marketing. The Secondary Curriculum Council will meet on December 15 to review curriculum development/course proposals for the 2021-2022 school year. November 10 was the last day of the first marking quarter at the secondary level and December 4 is the last day of the first trimester at the elementary level.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 11/10/2020. Items reviewed included the September extra-curricular report; October payroll summary; September financial statements; October claims audit report; October system manager audit report; payroll certification forms; surplus items; resolutions; contracts; change order; and BOCES multi-year Service Agreement for Xerox copiers. Mrs. Pellati discussed the lease renewal with BOCES for the two classrooms at Paul J. Bellew. The lease will be renewed for an additional two years with an increase in line with the Consumer Price Index. A discussion also took place regarding Bus Patrol, which will be installing stop-arm cameras on district and Suffolk Transportation buses.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 11/10/2020. Items included a bond update: bathrooms are finalized and the high school bathroom is almost complete; the high school rear door is delayed; the planetarium demo is complete and the renovation should be completed in February; the pool is open and lifeguard classes are in session; the blinds installation is underway; new air conditioning for the IT area will be installed; the Udall family and consumer science room is almost complete; there will be an extension of the SCC contract since bond work is ongoing; and outdoor permits are being issued for the current season to community groups.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held 11/12/2020. Items included a review of the special education services throughout the district.

Audit Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 10/20/2020. R.S. Abrams and Company reviewed the financial statements, discussed reserves and internal controls. There was one recommendation from 2019-2020 school year to be addressed and all other prior recommendations were implemented.

Health and Wellness Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 10/13/2020. Items reviewed included financial report; the positive response to the Color Fun Virtual Event; the Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser that took place 10/23/2020; the upcoming Newsletter; coordinating virtual presentation date for Kevin Alter – Virtual “Addicts Diary”; and exploring the possibility of the DOH speaking about COVID-19. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 11/17/2020, at 10:00 a.m. (virtually).

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer’s report for October was presented: beginning balance \$66,491,986.32; ending balance \$55,979,584.81.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 3961-3981 and Capital Fund transfers 3962-3978.

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: East Islip UFSD Special Education Services Contract and Nassau Neuropsychological Services Consultant Services Contract.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order: Laser Industries, Inc. - \$14,469.49 – WIHS.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the resolution related to the BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement for Xerox Copiers. (resolution included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the resolution: receipt of the Agreed-Upon Procedures Report dated October 6, 2020 from Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the resolution: approval of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Auditors' Agreed-Upon Procedures Report dated October 6, 2020, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Recommend that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District acknowledges receipt of the Agreed-Upon Procedures Report dated October 6, 2020 from Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Recommend the Board of Education of the West Islip School District approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the internal Auditors' Agreed-Upon Procedures Report dated October 6, 2020, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Recommend the Board of Education of the West Islip School District approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Independent Auditors' Report for the year ended June 30, 2020, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

DONATIONS:

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the donation of Makerbot 3D 5th generation printer - \$600.00 to WIHS and filament rolls from Deborah Brown.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a Makerbot 3D 5th generation printer and filament rolls valued at approximately \$600.00 from Deborah Brown, which has been donated to the West Islip High School.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the donation from Ahold Delhaize USA - \$1,157.33 – Manetuck.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve increase to budget 2020-2021 - \$1,157.33.

DONATIONS:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$1,157.33 from Ahold Delhaize USA, which have been donated for the purchase of supplies for the students of the Manetuck Elementary School.

RESOLUTION: INCREASE 2020-2021 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation budget for the 2020-2021 school year to be increased to \$124,407,903.33 an increase of the \$1,157.33 donation from Ahold Delhaize USA for the Manetuck Elementary School.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: Music stands at Oquenock; Tabletop drill at Beach Street; Miscellaneous IT equipment.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SEDCAR Contracts 2020-2021: ACDS, ACLD, Alternatives for Children, Brookville Center for Children's Services, Building Blocks Development Pre-School, Center for Developmental Disabilities, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot CSD of Islip, Developmental Disabilities, Eden II Programs, Green Chimneys School, Henry Viscardi School, Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc., Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Kids in Actin of Long Island, Inc., Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC, Leeway School, Little Angels Center, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Associates d/b/a All About Kids, Suffolk County Dept. of Social Services, The Hagedorn Little Village School, The New Interdisciplinary School, The Opportunity Pre-School, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Inc., Wood Services.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Notice of Special District Meeting.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WIASA MoA re: additional days.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2020-2021 Goals and Objectives.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns announced that the official ceremonies for the awarding of the Nation Blue Ribbon School Award honoring the high school is taking place on 11/12/2020 and 11/13/2020. The district will be celebrating this achievement during the recognition section of the December board meeting.

On Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. the district is presenting in collaboration with Good Samaritan Hospital a virtual seminar for parents, students, and faculty on mental and preventative health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Advanced registration is required and information is available on the district website. Mrs. Burns encouraged everyone to attend.

The district will be offering two mindfulness sessions in December and information will be sent home to parents within the next week.

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

Mr. William Kern and Mr. Anthony Iannone of the West Islip Swim Club asked the Board to consider opening the high school pool to the West Islip Swim Club. A written plan was distributed to the board with guidelines, protocols, and safety measures. Mr. Kern and Mr. Iannone expressed how they are more than willing to work with Mr. Bosse and will do whatever is necessary to use the pool. Mr. Gellar acknowledged their concerns and advised that the plan will be reviewed and given due consideration.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:21 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Mr. John Howard, 36 Penny Street, West Islip - Mr. Howard missed the "Invitation to the Public" portion of the Board meeting and asked the district clerk if he could address the board; Mr. Gellar agreed.

Mr. Howard asked why Mrs. Winkler was chosen as the broker for the sale of the Masera property and whether other brokers were considered. Mr. Gellar explained that Mrs. Winkler was originally chosen out of a group of three realty firms (Coach Realtors, Greiner Real Estate and Winkler Real Estate) to lease the district's rental properties. Due to her past track record and expertise in commercial real estate, it was decided Mrs. Winkler would be contracted for the sale of the Masera property.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve attendance waivers for student "A" and student "B".

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 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.