

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 8, 2021 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. McCann, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. Maginniss (arrived 8:00 p.m.), Mr. Tussie
ABSENT None
ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor
ABSENT: None
ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

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 March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2021 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

BASEBALL: Shawn Rush, Varsity Coach; Richard Zeitler, Assistant Varsity Coach; Joseph LaCova, J.V. and Varsity Volunteer. SOFTBALL: John T. Denninger, Assistant Varsity Coach. BOYS TRACK: Jeremy Robertson, Varsity Coach; John Lavery, Assistant Varsity Coach; Daniel Fannon, Varsity Volunteer Coach. GIRLS TRACK: Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Vincent Melia, Assistant Varsity Coach. BOYS LACROSSE: Thomas Corcoran, Varsity Coach; Kyle Kerrigan, Assistant Varsity Coach; Dave Rubano, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Sean McAleavey, J.V. Coach; Michael Delgado, Assistant J.V. Coach. GIRLS LACROSSE: Joseph Nicolosi, Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach; Thomas Powers, J.V. Coach; Stacy Piropatto, Assistant J.V. Coach; Annelise Muscietta, J.V. Volunteer Coach. BOYS TENNIS: George Botsch, Varsity Coach; James Dooley, J.V. Coach. GIRLS GOLF: Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach. UNIFIED BASKETBALL: Ryan Foley, Coordinator; Erin Bies-Harris, Assistant Coordinator.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2021 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

BASEBALL: Kevin Osburn, 7-8 Udall Coach; Frank Franzone, 7-8 Beach Coach. SOFTBALL: Tara Annunziata, 7-8 Udall Coach; Daniel Sliwowski, 7-8 Beach Coach. BOYS TRACK: Kevin Murphy, 7-8 Udall Coach; Christopher Salerno, 7-8 Beach Coach. GIRLS TRACK: Kathryn Dranoff-Waters, 7-8 Udall Coach; Lindsay Morgan-Valentino, 7-8 Beach Coach. BOYS LACROSSE: Greg Schmalenberger, 7-8 Udall Coach; Dennis J. Coleman, Assistant Udall Coach; Sal Galasso, 7-8 Beach Coach; Anthony Pellati, Assistant Beach Coach. GIRLS LACROSSE: Kelly Weisenseel, 7-8 Udall Coach; Kristie Ferruzzi, Assistant Udall Coach; Kristen Doherty, 7-8 Beach Coach; Katherine Schweitzer, Assistant Beach Coach. BOYS & GIRLS SWIMMING: Thomas Bruder, 7-8 Udall/Beach B&G Coach; John (Jack) Luquer, Assistant Udall/Beach B & G Coach. BOYS TENNIS: JoAnne Orehosky, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison shared that the New York State Education Department will administer the following Regents Examination in June 2021 to comply with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA): English Language Arts, Living Environment, Earth Science and Algebra I. Students enrolled in these courses are expected to take the corresponding Regents Exam in school on the date it is administered. If a student fails an exam, they will still get credit for the course if they are passing the course. Mrs. Morrison advised that taking the exams provides students with practice in regard to the Regents testing process and staff with insights related to the effectiveness of the district's instructional programs. The August 2021 Regents administration is canceled.

AP exams will be administered digitally starting on or about June 1 based on the AP's Session 3 schedule. Individual assessment (IA) for each course will take the place of IB exams.

Session 1 only of the ELA 3-8 and Math will be administered, and will not include field test questions, will be reduced in length and are all multiple choice.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting held on 4/7/2021. Items reviewed included the IB/AP, FLAC, Regents and Grades 3-8 exam administrations; an adjustment to the CSIP requirement; the Pre-K and Little Lions programs; and printers in elementary classrooms.

Finance Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting held on 4/7/2021. Items reviewed included the February treasurer's report and extra-curricular report; March payroll summary; February financial statements; February claims audit report; March system manager audit report; payroll certification forms; donation; surplus; contracts, and bid extensions. Mrs. Pellati advised that the enacted budget was released on April 6, 2021 and the district is analyzing the impact to West Islip.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 4/7/2021. Two representatives from BBS discussed building generator costs for Beach Street and District Office, and shared that the Manetuck generator project finished. The high school warehouse garage door needs to be replaced and BBS will provide specs. The P.J. Bellew bathrooms are complete. The committee discussed and approved an Eagle Scout project.

The committee also discussed the Maser School and will engage with the community to investigate its options. There are presently two potential short-term leasing possibilities being considered.

Mrs. LaRosa advised that a community group should be commissioned so the district can hear more about the community's perspective.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held 4/7/2021. Items reviewed included the special education program, CSE and annual reviews, and remote learning.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for February was presented: beginning balance \$69,669,551.35; ending balance \$63,540,353.35.

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 4028-4042.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contracts/Agreements 2021-2022: Milestones in Homecare, Inc. Consultant Services Contract; Theralympic Speech, PLLC 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 the following surplus: Vehicle #503 – Ford truck VIN#1FTSF31FO3EA64509.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2020-2021 Health Service Contracts: Bay Shore UFSD - \$18,598.60; Brentwood UFSD - \$660.95.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2021-2022 Bid Extensions: #2001 Emerald Electric and Solar, Inc.; #2002 Dom's Lawn Maker, Inc.; #2003 – Cardinal Control Systems, Inc.; #1806 Long Island Geese Control; #2007 Winters Bros. Hauling of Long Island, LLC; #2010 Parkway Pest Services.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Donation from Christina Elefante and Janet Arnao - \$1700 – Manetuck for purchase of rock display for courtyard.

Motion was made by Peter McCann seconded by Anthony Tussie and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2020-2021 budget be increased by \$1,700.00.

DONATIONS

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$1,700.00 from Christina Elefante and Janet Arnao, which have been donated for the purchase of a rock display in the Manetuck Elementary School courtyard.

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 \$124,409,878.83 an increase of the \$1,700.00 donation from Christina Elefante and Janet Arnao for the Manetuck Elementary School.

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 Reorganizational Meeting ~ July 6, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at West Islip High School.

There was a discussion of 2021-2022 Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie Larosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2020-2021 Chief/School Physicians revised.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns congratulated the winter high school athletic teams that were awarded Top Sportsmanship Honors in their respective division. On Thursday, 3/25/2021, 74 students were inducted into the World Languages Honor Society, including 48 Spanish, 50 Italian and 11 ASL students. Mrs. Burns expressed how impressive this was especially given the challenges of the past year and congratulated all the students and staff. Mrs. Burns advised that for the fourth year in a row, West Islip was recognized by the NAMM Foundation as a "Best Community for Music and Education", celebrating school districts for their support and commitment to music education.

NOTICES/REMINDERS

The final Budget Workshop will take place on Tuesday, 4/13/2021, at 7:30 pm. at Beach Street Middle School.

A Mission Be Online Mindful Parent Workshop for West Islip High School students and parents will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All information is on the district website.

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

Mr. Don Marmo, 1317 Wilson Place, West Islip – Mr. Marmo had several questions regarding prospective tenants for the Masera School and asked how many discussions the board has had and if there were minutes to those discussions. Mr. Gellar advised that since those discussions are considered negotiations, they would be held in Executive Session. Mr. Marmo asked if the potential tenants would be making repairs, if they are

looking to lease by September, and if repairs have to be completed prior to leasing. Mr. Marmo also asked why Winkler Real Estate still had the Masera property listed on their website. Mr. McCann and Mr. Gellar advised that negotiations are still ongoing and explained that the district does not have the property listed anymore and Winkler Real Estate apparently did not remove the property from their website.

Mr. Marmo inquired about the Board's next steps if the prospective tenants do not work out. Mr. Gellar advised that the Board would open this up to the community for discussion but condominiums and apartments would not be considered.

Mrs. Alyson Ruane, 1500 Washington Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Ruane stated she was speaking on behalf of all fifth grade parents across the district and presented a petition with 330 names requesting that the district give the fifth grade students as close to normal graduation ceremony as can be given under the current circumstances. Mrs. Ruane advised that the fifth grade parents and students would like a traditional ceremony and not a car parade and are willing to work with the district to do more than last year. Mr. Tussie and Mr. Gellar advised that the Board would do what they can to give the students a special ceremony while abiding by the state guidelines.

Mrs. Michelle Alessi, 16 Skipper Drive, West Islip - Mrs. Alessi inquired about whether there is an option to the digital AP exams since her daughters took them last year and found taking them to be a stressful experience. Mrs. Morrison explained that the digital format is an AP procedure for this year.

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 8:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:17 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 resolution re: Recognition of Local 237 as agent for UPSEU.

RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF LOCAL 237 AS AGENT FOR UPSEU

Resolved, effective April 9, 2021, the Board of Education recognizes Local 237 as the collective bargaining agent for the Operations, Transportation and Food Service employees as reflected in the recognition clause of the contract between the District and UPSEU which expired June 30, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.