

ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 6, 2021 – West Islip High School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. followed by the pledge.

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to newly elected trustee, Debbie Brown and incumbent trustee, Richard Antonello.

Mr. McCann opened the meeting requesting a motion to amend Policy No. 1320, which prohibits the designation of President or Vice President to a first year trustee. Mr. McCann served as Vice President for the 2020-2021 school year as a first year trustee. Mr. McCann requested that Policy No. 1320 be amended.

The following residents wished to speak regarding Policy No. 1320:

Kevin O'Connor, 695 Sandra Lane - Mr. O'Connor served on the Board previously and felt a revision should go through the proper procedures: a review by the Policy Committee, a first reading, a second reading, and then approval. Mr. O'Connor spoke about Policy No. 1510 that states that the agenda with such a proposed revision shall be distributed to Board members no later than the Friday before the regular meeting. Mr. McCann is violating both Policy No. 1320 and Policy No. 1510 by asking for an amendment of Policy No. 1320. Mr. McCann explained that there are multiple ways to amend a policy and provided the history of how this change request came about.

Mrs. LaRosa objected to changing Policy 1320 under such unconventional circumstances due to the precedent it would set for the future in terms of diminishing the Board's ability to govern using the district's written policy manual. She suggested the Board instead send the proposed revision to the Policy Committee and allow the policy to go through the normal policy change procedure. Mrs. LaRosa raised a concern about the violation of Open Meetings Law by four of the Board members who held a text discussion about the policy change.

Mrs. Ruth Mineo - Mrs. Mineo informed the Board that she is not against changing the policy but is concerned about the disregard for policy, procedure, integrity and transparency that the Board trustees demonstrate. Mr. McCann stated that he tried to get the policy amendment on the agenda.

Julie Cannistra, 143 Gladstone Avenue - Mrs. Cannistra asked why the Planning Session agendas are not posted to the district website. Mrs. Cannistra feels the policy change does not have to be done at the meeting tonight.

Anthony DiMino, 1664 Fairfax Avenue - Mr. DiMino asked Mr. Tussie if there would be other emergency policy changes and the protocol to be followed for change.

Roy Tarantola, West Islip - Mr. Tarantola spoke and expressed that a first year Board member should not be President and that Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss and Mr. Antonello should be the only Board members eligible.

Mrs. LaRosa asked Attorney Thomas Volz how a change to Policy No. 1320 should be handled. Mr. Volz advised that the district needs a Board President to be appointed at the meeting to execute the policies of the district and to preside over the meeting.

Mr. Antonello advised that after consultation with the New York School Boards Association and his opinion is the modification to the policy makes sense.

A resident inquired as to why community members were not voting for President and Vice President and Mr. Volz referenced Education Law 1701, which provides for the Board to make those appointments.

Mr. Antonello called for a vote to amend Policy No. 1320.

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved, the Board of Education hereby adopts an amendment to Board Policy No. 1320, as presented, to prohibit the designation of either President or Vice President to a first-year trustee; and

Be it Further Resolved, pursuant to Policy No. 1410, the Board hereby waives the second reading of the amended Policy No. 1320 in order that it be effective immediately upon this first reading.

Richard Antonello asked for a motion to amend Policy No. 1320. In favor were Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Compitello, Mr. McCann and Mr. Tussie. Opposed were Mrs. LaRosa and Mr. Maginniss. The motion passed 5-2.

Mr. McCann opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year. Tom Compitello nominated Anthony Tussie for President and there were no other nominations. Mr. McCann called for a vote. In favor were Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Compitello, Mr. McCann. Opposed were Mrs. LaRosa and Mr. Maginniss. Mr. Tussie abstained. Motion passed 4-2.

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to President Tussie.

Mr. Tussie informed the audience that he will continue to be a man of his word and will make Board decisions for every stakeholder in the district.

Mr. Tussie nominated Mr. Antonello for Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Compitello seconded the nomination. Mr. Tussie called for a vote. In favor were Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Compitello, Mr. McCann and Mr. Tussie. Opposed were Mrs. LaRosa and Mr. Maginniss. Motion passed 5-2.

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to Vice President Antonello.

Mr. McCann explained that his wife is a teacher in the district and due to union negotiations that will take place this year; he chose not to take on the role of President or Vice President.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Board Committees/Liaisons at a later date.

Requests for membership on the following Board Committees/Liaisons were distributed to trustees; President Anthony Tussie will assign members accordingly.

Audit	Liaison to Council of PTA
Buildings & Grounds	Liaison to Health and Wellness
Education	Liaison to Special Education
Finance	Liaison to Student/School Board
Legislative Action	NYSSBA Convention Voting Delegate
Policy	NYSSBA Legislative Contacts
Public Relations	Islip School Boards Association
Safety and Security	

Building Inspections:

Bayview	Beach
Manetuck	West Islip High School
Oquenock	Westbrook
Paul J. Bellew	

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Mary Hock as District Clerk, Patricia Denninger (alternate) for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Deborah Falcon as District Treasurer and Mary Hock as Deputy Treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Board of Registration for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Anne Kuhlwillm; alternates - Rhonda Rauch, Rosemary Dowling.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to set amount of Treasurer's Bond at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to set amount of Claims Auditor's Bond at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Patricia Plompen as Claims Auditor for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Robert Nocella as Purchasing Agent for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Patricia Denninger as Records Access Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP as District Auditor for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Christine Kearney as Deputy Purchasing Agent for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC as Attorney/Legal Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Chief/School Physicians for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Dr. Marc Cimmino, Chief School Physician; Dr. Tracy Onal; Dr. Robert A. Smolarz; Dr. Leonard Savino; L. Atkinson, RPA; Dr. Costa Constantatos; Dr. Jorge Montes; Joseph Tommasino, RPA; Dr. Jennifer Mingione; Dr. Ira Woletsky (Pediatrician); Dr. Jack Marzec; Dr. Phil Schrank; South Shore Neurologic Associates; Dr. Sarita Duchatelier and Dr. Keith Chu Cheong, Pediatric Neurology; Dr. Gregory Puglisi; Dr. Eugene Gerardi; Dr. Richard

Gold; Island Gastroenterology Consultants, P.C; Emergency Medical Technician Coverage for Athletic Events: Robert Mallimo, Richard Naeder, Kristine Ostrem, John Mileski, Steven Mirrone, Sean O'Hara.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Newspapers Designated to Carry Legal Notices for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Babylon Beacon, Islip Bulletin and Newsday.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Depositories Designated for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: J.P. Morgan Chase, HSBC, NYCLASS, Empire National Bank, People's United Bank, N.A.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education/Alternates/Secretaries for the 2021-2022 school year (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve reappointment of District Team – New Compact for Learning for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Luann Dunne, Teamsters Local 237 Clerical; Jamie Triail, Teamsters Local 237 Operations; Michelle Herzing, PTA – Elementary; Karen Mushorn, PTA – Middle School; Laurie Mallimo, PTA – High School; Student Senate Representative, WIHS Student; Student Senate Representative, WIHS Student; Bernadette Burns, Superintendent; Rhonda Pratt, WIASA – Elementary; Andrew O'Farrell, WIASA – Middle School; Kristen Kelly, WIASA – High School; Karen Desz, WITA – Elementary; Michele Holt, WITA – Middle School; Joseph Dixon, WITA – High School.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Health and Wellness Alliance Committee Members for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Julie Cannistra, Angie Carpenter, Tom Compitello, Marcelle Crudele, Arlene Devoe, Emma Francesca, Erin Harris, Barbara Henke, Tim Horan, Tara Howe, Christine Kearney, Jessica Kelly, Kristin Kelly, Sharon Kerrigan, Meghan LaRocca, Annmarie LaRosa, Jennifer Mantione, Anne Marshall, Shanan Mauro, Peter McCann, Rich McCay, Tricia Mileti, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Camille Newsom, Priscilla Olsen, Jessica Olsen-Hock, Nicole Perperis, Rhonda Pratt, Carrie Russo, Ariana Stubbmann, Lynn Summers, Dr. Marc Cimmino - Chief School Physician.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of the following resolution and appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2021-2022 school year: WHEREAS, the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Pursuant to Sections 207, 3214, 4403, 4404 and 4410 of the Education Law, Part 200, amended January 2007, Section 200.2(e) states that "The Board of Education or trustees of each school district shall establish a list of: (1) The names and statement of the qualifications of each impartial hearing officer who is: (i) certified by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 200.1(x)(2) of this Part and; (ii) available to serve in the district in hearings conducted pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1). Appointment of impartial hearing officers pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1) shall be made only from such list and in accordance with the rotation selection process prescribed herein and the timelines and procedures in section 200.5(j) of this Part. Such names will be listed in alphabetical order. Selection from such list shall be made on a rotational basis beginning with the first name appearing after the impartial hearing officer who last served or, in the event no impartial hearing officer on the list has served, beginning with the first name appearing on such list. Should that impartial hearing officer decline appointment, or if, within 24 hours, the impartial hearing officer fails to respond or is unreachable after reasonable efforts by the district that are documented and can be independently verified, each successive impartial hearing officer whose name next appears on the list, shall be offered appointment, until such appointment is accepted. The name of any newly certified impartial hearing officer who is available to serve in the district shall be inserted into the list in alphabetical order (list included in supplemental file)."

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Lisa DiSibio as Data Protection Officer.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Dates/building site for the 2021-2022 Regular and Planning Session meetings of the West Islip Board of Education (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve date/time for 2022 West Islip High School Commencement Exercises - Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: District's participation in ECIA Title I Program and other federal programs for 2021-2022 and authorization for the Superintendent to apply for all federal funds for the 2021-2022 school year (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: designation of Superintendent to determine entitlement for attendance of the schools of the district (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators of teachers and building principals having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators and evaluators of teachers having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: certification of coordinators in accordance with the requirements of the Dignity for All Students Act (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: Chief Emergency Officer (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: standard work days for ERS employees (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Executive Director of Human Resources as Title IX Compliance Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Instructional Review Committee for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Dawn Morrison, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Andrew O'Farrell, Secondary Principal; Rhonda Pratt, Elementary Principal; To be named as appropriate, Program Director; Kristyna Acerno, Library-Media Specialist; Tina Schaefer, Secondary Teacher; Christina Kruer, Elementary Teacher; TBD, Community Member.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Patricia Denninger and Mary Hock (alternate) as person authorized to accept service re: subpoenas, lawsuits, etc. for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Board of Education as Audit Committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Cullen & Danowski, LLP as Internal Auditor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Cell Phone Usage as per Board Policy 5570 (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of the following resolution re: Attendance by Board Members at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops {Policy No. 2320}: BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Education of the West Islip UFSD designates the President of the Board of Education to authorize Board of Education member attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc. for the 2021-2022 school year.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.