

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 6, 2021 – West Islip High School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting called to order at 9:12 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Dara Depouli, School Counselor, effective August 31, 2021 to August 30, 2024 (High School; Step 1A¹, new position).

In order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Education Law § 3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years and if a classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Lynn Larsen, Science, effective June 30, 2021 (High School).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Bridget Reilly, Special Education, effective June 30, 2021 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Nicholas Accovelli, World Languages, effective August 31, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (Beach; Step 1A¹; replacing Elizabeth Daddi {LoA}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Alexandra Ragin, School Counselor, effective August 31, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (High School; Step 1A¹; replacing Amanda Sparrow {LoA}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Lisa Spradley, Part Time Office Assistant, 12-month, effective July 1, 2021 (District Office; Step 12; change from Part Time Office Assistant, 10-month).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: William Delaney, Custodial Worker III, effective July 7, 2021 (High School; Step 4; change from Custodial Worker I).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Laura Arabito, Health Aide, effective June 26, 2021 (High School).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Joseph Camelliri, Custodial Worker I, effective July 10, 2021 (Kirdahy).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: John Rizzotto, Custodial Worker I, effective June 30, 2021 (Kirdahy).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$15.00/hr.): Joshua Fernandez, effective July 7, 2021; Nicholas Santo, effective July 7, 2021.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER EDUCATION 2021-2022: Lorraine Kolar, Secretary \$1,329/semester.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM 2021: Summer Investigations Aide: Florence Burns.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SCHOOL 2021: Christopher Salerno, Algebra 1; Nicholas Conrey, Biology; Michael Fusaro, Earth Science, Mary Claire Yoder, English 9; Amelia Virga, English 10 & 11; Amanda Schilling, Foundations of Advanced Math; Amanda Schilling and Nancy Yost, Geometry; Edward Jablonski, Global History 9 & 10; David Moglia, Substitute.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2021: Camp Counselors (\$14 per hour): Joe D'Angelo; Julia Schmidt.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience of the following:

- Summer Enrichment (K-12) opportunities are posted on the district website.
- Summer school started on July 6; nine courses are offered based on the needs of the students.
- Summer Investigations program started on July 6 for K-4 students. Grade level literacy and math skills are supported via weekly themes.
- Regents Exams were administered for English, Algebra I, Earth Science and Biology/Living Environments.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - *continued*

- South Shore Children’s Center of West Islip was selected as the community based organization to partner with the school district for UPK. Twenty-eight students were placed in South Shore Children’s Center based on a need for before and after school care, which will be at the parent’s expense.
- The Pre-K placement lottery took place on July 2. Each elementary school in the district filled forty Pre-K spots. Those who did not fully register by the May 21 deadline was placed on a waitlist.
- A letter was sent to the school community on June 16 and is posted on the district website informing them of the formation of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. Mrs. Morrison noted that the district follows the New York State Learning Standards and has not and does not plan to teach Critical Race Theory.
- Students in grades K-8 were assessed in the areas of literacy and math three times this past school year using the Aims Web Update. The data obtained were utilized to assess student progress, identify instructional gaps, and to make future program decisions for students.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 7/6/2021. Items reviewed included facility summer improvement projects; fencing; the high school pool; and the Masera irrigation system. A committee will be formed regarding the Masera property and all options will be discussed.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held 7/6/2021. Items reviewed included special education services, classifications and placements.

Policy Committee: Anthony Tussie reported that an annual review took place on the following policies: No. 5412/Purchasing Procedures; No. 5421/Procurement of Good and Services; No. 5610/Insurance; No. 5623/Use of School Owned Materials and Equipment; No. 5683 Districtwide Safety Committee; No. 6150 Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances {School Personnel}; No. 7320 Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (Students).

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer’s report for May was presented: beginning balance \$65,194,415.13; ending balance \$59,794,671.40.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund transfers 4071-4082 and Capital Fund transfers 4070-4080.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contracts/Agreements 2021-2022: Center for Developmental Disabilities Consultant Services Contract; Greenburgh North Castle UFSD Consultant Services Contract; Capital Markets Advisors, LLC Service Agreement.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus: Miscellaneous books – WIHS, Beach and Udall.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2021-2022 Requests for Proposal: RFP#553 Bagels; RFP#543 Bread; RFP#538 Coffee with Equipment; RFP#534 Dairy; RFP#551 Drinks without Equipment; RFP#523 Frozen; RFP#527 Grocery; RFP#532 Ice Cream with Equipment; RFP #550 Meat; RFP#535 Paper, Disposables and Cleaning Supplies; RFP#540 Snacks Compliant; RFP #541 Snacks Non-Compliant; RFP#565 Direct Diversion.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions: Scholarship donation from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials - \$500 – WIUFSD; Donation from Special Olympics of New York, Inc. - \$750 – WIUFSD.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Increase to Budget 2021-2022 - \$750.00.

DONATIONS:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$500.00 from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials, which has been donated in recognition of a deserving graduating student to be selected by the District.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$750.00 from Special Olympics of New York, Inc., which have been donated for the purchase of athletic supplies and equipment for the Unified Basketball Program at the High School.

RESOLUTION: INCREASE 2020/2021 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation budget for the 2021-2022 school year to be increased to \$127,502,318, an increase of the \$750.00 donation from Special Olympics for the West Islip High School.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Prices Meals or Free Milk 2021-2022 (resolution in supplemental file).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SmartWeb Consultant Services Agreement 2021-2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: destruction of unused Masera Sale Proposition ballots and full ballot booklets (resolution in supplemental file).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that moving up ceremonies for fifth and eighth grade students and high school graduation was held in all buildings. Mrs. Burns thanked the administration and staff for making the send-off for the seniors memorable.

Mrs. Burns advised that 14 out of 15 students earned the IB Diploma, a success rate of over 90%.

The district awaits guidance from the state regarding COVID protocols for the fall.

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

Diane Sepe, West Islip - Mrs. Sepe asked about the district's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy and how the curriculum would be revised, if need be.

Lisa Curley, 4 Finley Place, West Islip - Mrs. Curley extended her best wishes to Mrs. Brown for becoming a trustee and expressed concern about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and health curricula.

Mr. Frank Bacchi, 9 Church Lane, West Islip - Mr. Bacchi had questions about the placement of Universal Pre-K students.

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Mr. Don Marmo, 1317 Wilson Place, West Islip - Mr. Marmo thanked Mrs. Pellati and her staff for responding to his inquiries and expressed concerns about the lottery system for those who wish to serve on the Masera Advisory Committee. Mr. Marmo had questions about Board candidates receiving contributions from the West Islip Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Kathryn Abbatiello, 562 Kime Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Abbatiello spoke about the Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity curriculum and the importance of preparing students to value perspectives.

Mrs. Cassandra Sottile, 803 Tanglewood Road, West Islip - Mrs. Sottile thanked the Board for its letter to New York State and shared her concerns about the possibility of the COVID vaccine being mandated for children.

Mrs. Claudia Worley, 403 Howells Road, West Islip – Mrs. Worley had questions regarding the Universal Pre-K Program and the Request for Proposals that were considered.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:34 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Desmond Poyser as Director of Technology, effective 7/26/2021 to 7/25/2025.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello 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.