

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 7, 2022 – Beach Street Middle 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 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

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 March 22, 2022 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION

Athletic

Girls Varsity Basketball All County ~ *Kiarra Branigan, Brooke Patricola, Meghan Spence*

Boys Varsity Winter Track All County ~ *Rocco Carpinello*

Boys Varsity Winter Track All County Academic ~ *John Boniberger*

Boys Varsity Bowling All County ~ *Timothy Smith*

Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving All County ~ *Kevin Kohlhoff*

Girls Varsity Cheerleading ~ *Aneliese Ammirata, Cali Disbrow, Aine O'Brien*

Music

Alternate All-State Symphonic Band ~ *Drake Castonguay*

Alternate All-State Mixed Chorus ~ *Emma McDonald*

All-State Mixed Chorus ~ *Grace Mineo*

Alternate All-State Symphony Orchestra ~ *Emma Musial*

All-State Symphonic Band ~ *Mark Peragine*

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 4/7/2022 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

TEACHERS

T-1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid, pursuant to FMLA)
Lindsey Kaufman, Elementary
Effective April 25, 2022 through May 27, 2022
(Udall)

T-2 CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)
Elizabeth Daddi, World Languages
Effective August 29, 2022 through June 30, 2023
(Beach Street)

RESIGNATION

T-3

Monica Mangogna, Regular Substitute
Effective April 13, 2022
(Beach)

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-1

RETIREMENT

Claudia Kavitt, Computer
Effective July 1, 2022
(21 years)

Mary Kinsley, Special Education
Effective July 1, 2022
(21 years)

Jodi Marinello, Special Education
Effective June 25, 2022
(21 years)

TA-2

RESIGNATION

Jordan Gauvain, Pre-K
Effective April 15, 2022
(Manetuck)

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Angela Grucci, Cafeteria Aide
Effective April 8, 2022
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing D. Pizzuto {Permanent Substitute Teacher})

*Kate Klarikaitis, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective April 8, 2022
(Beach Street; \$15.13/hr; replacing C. D'Asaro {resigned})

*Stacey Madocks, Bus Driver
Effective April 25, 2022
(Transportation; \$25.86/hr; new position)

*Mary Ellen McElwee, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective May 16, 2022
(Udall; \$15.13/hr; replacing J. Taggart {terminated})

Elaine Napoleon, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective April 11, 2022
(Udall; \$15.13/hr; replacing C. Kuzmiak {Building Aide})

CL-2

RESIGNATION

Michael DeBatt, Head Custodian
Effective May 6, 2022
(Bayview)

CIVIL SERVICE, *continued*

Keiry Zelaya, Security / Receptionist Aide
Effective March 29, 2022
(Manetuck)

CL-3

RETIREMENT

Vivian Becker, Principal Account Clerk, Confidential
Effective April 30, 2022
(16.79 years)

CL-4

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$15.00/hr)

Ewelina Fedorushyn, effective April 8, 2022
Timothy Mackin, effective April 8, 2022
Scott Mott, effective April 8, 2022

CL-5

SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$15.00/hr)

Jennifer Wormuth, effective April 8, 2022

CL-6

SUBSTITUTE OFFICE ASSISTANT (\$383.29/per diem)

Patricia Denninger, effective January 1, 2023

CL-7

CHANGE IN STATUS

Melanie Steinweis, School Lunch Manager
Effective July 1, 2022
(District Office; \$75,138; change from Part-Time School Lunch Manger)

OTHER

HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$67.38/hr)

Theresa Gruick, effective April 8, 2022

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$150 per diem)

Shannon Culkin, effective April 25, 2022 through June 24, 2022

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem)

Ellen Bowen, effective April 8, 2022
*Brittany Parsons, effective April 8, 2022
Mary Roulette, effective April 8, 2022
Heather Sayler, effective April 8, 2022
Ashley Schmidt, effective April 8, 2022
Christine Sperzel, effective April 8, 2022
Cydney Wolff, effective April 8, 2022

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$105 per diem)

Ellen Bowen, effective April 8, 2022

SPRING 2022 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

BOYS TENNIS

Amie Crisera, Varsity Volunteer Coach

OTHER, continued

SPRING 2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

GIRLS LACROSSE

Briannagh Smith, 7-8 Udall Coach

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Catherine Brudi, Assistant Udall Coach

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that the Long Island Regional Forum took place on March 25, 2022. Dr. Bridgeman, Mrs. Flynn and two students from the high school participated. Grades 3-8 students took part in the two-day New York State ELA test, of which 45.9% of students took the tests compared to 36% last year. The New York State Math Test will be administered at the end of April. Regents Exams are scheduled to take place in June and August. Regents Review classes will be offered this summer in preparation for the August exams, and the district is exploring offering review classes in May/early June for the June exams. The U.S. History & Government exam aligned to the new framework will be administered on June 1 to all 11th grade students. June 1 will be a virtual school day for students in grades 9, 10, and 12.

Mrs. Morrison advised that one of the Pre-K classes at Bellew visited the STEM lab as a follow-up to a classroom lesson about the life cycle of flowers.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 4/5/2022. A cyber security update was provided, and the committee discussed vaping and cellphone usage, state testing, Regents review; and inclusivity activities for staff.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 4/5/2022. Items reviewed included the February treasurer's report; February payroll summary, February financial statements; March internal claims audit report; March system manager audit report; payroll certification forms; surplus; an RFP; bid extensions; and a contract. Mrs. Pellati discussed the School Lunch Manager position going from part-time 11-month position to a full-time 12-month position to accommodate increasing responsibilities.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 4/5/2022. Items reviewed included construction projects, Smart School funding, 2021 capital reserve projects, capital projects for the 2022 vote, the PJB parking lot expansion, establishing a second capital reserve, a request to add an awning at the Udall staff entrance, the 2022 Suffolk County marathon, and a Masera building tour.

Special Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 4/6/2022. Items discussed included CSE recommendations and outside placements.

Policy Committee: Anthony Tussie reported on the meeting held on 3/15/2022. The following policies had a First Reading: No. 3282 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms, No. 5324 Capital Project Change Orders, No. 5520 Extraclassroom Activities Fund, No. 7122.2 Release Time for Students, No. 7218 Class Ranking/Weights of Grades.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for February was presented: beginning balance \$84,258,519.56, ending balance \$76,868,338.42.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 4143-4162 and Capital Fund budget transfers 4144-4156.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2022-2023 Bid Extensions: #2101 Aurora Equipment Services, Inc., #2105 Ideal Fence Corp, #2108 Riddell All American, #2110 Fitzgerald's Driving School, Inc.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Request for Proposal #2200: Access 7 Services, Inc., Da Vinci Education & Research, Horizon Therapies/Horizon Healthcare, Kidz Educational Services, Little Angels Center, Inc., Metro Therapy, Inc., Milestones In Home Care, Inc., NSSA (Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism), Tender Age PY, Inc.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus: Miscellaneous food service equipment – West Islip High School and Paul J. Bellew.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve contract: Smithtown CSD Parentally Placed Special Education Contract 2021-2022.

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 Reorganizational Meeting ~ July 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at West Islip High School.

Discussion of 2022-2023 Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Chief/School Physicians 2021-2022, revised.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Affordable Care Act Administration Agreement 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Southern Westchester BOCES Resolution to bid jointly on Office and Classroom Furniture for the 2021-2022 school year (resolution in supplemental file).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns advised that on March 18, Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown and she met with Senator Boyle and Assemblyman Durso and shared issues of concern to the district. Mrs. Burns advised that specifics on the state budget are not yet available, but anticipated for the budget workshop on Tuesday, 4/12/22.

Mrs. Burns complimented the students and staff on their performance of the high school musical, *Cinderella*, as well as the Robotics Team for their work at the *FIRST* regional competition at Hofstra. Mrs. Burns attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting at which science teacher Brian Haldenwang, student-athlete Timothy Smith and the West Islip Soccer Team were honored. Honor Society inductions took place for World Language, Business Marketing and Art within the last week at the high school, and Mrs. Burns congratulated the students and parents for their achievements.

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

Keith Muller - Mr. Muller expressed concerns about school safety due to an incident at Manetuck Elementary School.

Danielle Baumann - Mrs. Baumann presented a workshop opportunity to the Board focusing on children's mindset and social and emotional learning while physical activity.

Doreen Hantzschel - Mrs. Hantzschel expressed concerned about New York State curriculum and cautioned parents to be observant. Mrs. Hantzschel advocated for the district to hold a National Day of Prayer. Mrs. Hantzschel suggested that board candidates make their political beliefs known to voters.

Claudia Worley - Mrs. Worley inquired about the status of the teachers' contract: if it expires in June 2022, if the Board is in negotiations, if the contract would be settled by the end of the school year, and if Mr. McCann (husband of teacher) and Mr. Compitello (retired teacher) would have input on negotiations. Mrs. Worley expressed concern that if Mr. McCann abstains, as stated, the community is deprived of representation at the bargaining table.

Laura Vetere - Mrs. Vetere inquired about the Superintendent search and asked if the application process could be extended so new board members could be involved.

Veronique Wallrapp – Mrs. Wallrapp inquired about capital reserves, the expense process, and the possibility of saving fund for future large projects (ex. air conditioning). Mrs. Wallrapp had policy questions and was directed to the district website.

Mr. Tussie reminded everyone that the final budget workshop would be on Tuesday, 4/12/2022 and that Nominating Petitions for Board Trustee seats are due at District Office on Monday, 4/18/22.

Mr. Tussie wished everyone a happy spring recess.

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 8:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:28 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 Attendance Waiver - A.D.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on a 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.