

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 12, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tussie congratulated the Unified Basketball team for winning their first game of the season.

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 {amended}, the April 7, 2022 Regular Meeting, the April 12, 2022 Budget Adoption, and the April 27, 2022 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION

SCOPE ~ *Luann Dunne, Steve Gellar, Andrew O'Farrell*

WITA ~ *Joseph Dixon and Phil Kane*

Nurses ~ *Sharon Kerrigan and Christine Kerrigan*

Teamster Local 237 Clerical ~ *Luann Dunne and Annmarie Schneider*

Mr. McCann congratulated his wife on her retirement from the district and thanked her for touching so many lives.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 5/12/2022 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

TEACHERS

T-1 RESIGNATION
Christine McCann, Special Education
Effective July 1, 2022
(Beach Street)

T-2 REGULAR SUBSTITUTE
Catherine Schupak, Special Education
Effective May 17, 2022 through May 27, 2022
(Udall; Step 1A¹; Replacing Lindsey Kaufman {LOA})

CIVIL SERVICE

- CL-1 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT
Louis Serpico, Maintenance Mechanic III
Effective May 16, 2022
(Maintenance; Step 1; replacing R. Koeper {retired})

Sharon Berry, Custodial Worker I
Effective May 13, 2022
(High School; Step 1; replacing P. Merendino {retired})

Robert Smith, Custodial Worker I
Effective May 13, 2022
(Udall; Step 1; replacing J. Guarino {retired})

Jennifer Wormuth, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional
Effective May 13, 2022
(Manetuck; Step 1; replacing K. Zelaya {resigned})
- CL-2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE, unpaid
Lori Grimaldi, Cafeteria Paraprofessional
Effective May 2 through May 13, 2022
(Oquenock)
- CL-3 RETIREMENT
Joseph Guarino, Custodial Worker I
Effective April 30, 2022
(16.79 years)

Paula Merendino, Custodial Worker I
Effective May 13, 2022
(27.63 years)
- CL-4 RESIGNATION
Jenna Principato, Guard
Effective April 14, 2022
(District Wide)
- CL-5 CHANGE IN STATUS
Michelle Grover, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant
Effective July 1, 2022
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 14; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

Kim Hujik, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant
Effective July 1, 2022
(District Office; Step 7; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

Lorraine Kolar, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant
Effective July 1, 2022
(District Office; Step 14; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

Janet LoBiondo, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant
Effective July 1, 2022
(Bayview; Step 14; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

CHANGE IN STATUS (cont.)

Pamela Riker, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant

Effective July 1, 2022

(High School; Step 14; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

Annmarie Schneider, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant

Effective July 1, 2022

(Oquenock; Step 14; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

Catherine Widergren, 12-Month Senior Office Assistant

Effective July 1, 2022

(High School; Step 8; change from 10-Month Senior Office Assistant)

CL-6

CHANGE IN TITLE

Joan Distefano, Acting Head Custodian

Effective May 2, 2022

(Bayview; Step 5; replacing M. DeBatt {resigned}; change from Custodial Worker I)

CL-7

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVER (\$25.86/hr.)

Richard Giuliano, effective May 13, 2022

CL-8

SUBSTITUTE GUARD (\$22.80/hr.)

Carl Abenante, effective May 16, 2022

Joe Giannini, effective May 13, 2022

James Martinez, effective May 13, 2022

*Kenneth O'Brien, effective May 13, 2022

CL-9

SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$150.00 per diem)

Sarah Haseney, effective May 13, 2022

CL-10

SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$15.00/hr)

Brittany Parsons, effective April 25, 2022

OTHER

ADULT EDUCATION 2022-2023

Michelle Grover, Secretary (\$3,765/semester)

AUDITORIUM TECHNICIANS 2021-2022

John Kennedy

DRIVER EDUCATION 2022-2023

Tim Horan, Coordinator (\$1,865/semester)

Patricia Stack, Lecture Instructor (\$1,500/semester)

Lorraine Kolar, Secretary (\$1,355/semester)

ENRICHMENT SECRETARY 2022-2023

Lorraine Kolar, Secretary (\$831/semester)

ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS SUMMER 2022 (\$275 per session)

Justin DeMaio, (LEGOS I & II)

Danielle Dischley (Got Science I & II)

Matilda Duthrie (Creative Cooking I & II)

Michelle Edgley (Soak & Scrub, Blast Off!)

Ron Weber (Making Hot Air Balloons I & II)

INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM & FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMS 2021-2022

Lifeguard (\$15 per hour)
Ty Corbett

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem)

*Erin Spence, effective May 13, 2022 *Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

RESIGNATION

Melissa Davies, Permanent Substitute
Effective May 21, 2022
(Paul J. Bellew)

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Morrison attended the grand opening of Foto Frames, a mock business created by high school students in their Virtual Enterprise class, a new course offering for 2021-22. Due to its popularity, the high school will run two sections of the course in 2022-23.

Mrs. Morrison spoke about the Seal of Biliteracy, a recognition given to students who have attained a high level of mastery in two or more languages by high school graduation. This year, 11 Seniors are seeking to attain the Seal. College Day was celebrated districtwide on May 2 to honor the post-graduate plans of all high school seniors, whether college or career bound next year.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting held 5/10/2022. Items reviewed included the New York State Math Test (grades 3-8), IB/AP exams, Foundations training, curriculum review K-12 for the 2022-2023 school year, and elementary literacy.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 5/10/2022. Items reviewed included the March treasurer's report, February and March extra-curricular activity, March payroll summary, March financial statements, April internal claims audit report, April system manager audit report, payroll certification form, a donation, surplus, bids and contracts. Mrs. Pellati advised that the auditors, R.S. Abrams, will be onsite to do interim audit testing.

Mrs. Pellati discussed the need for additional server storage for the district cameras and advised that the cost was an unplanned expense but a necessary investment. The purchase will be made in the current school year using budgeted debt service funds that will not be due until the 2022-23 school year as result of the delay of the EPC Solar project and NYSED approval.

Mrs. LaRosa advised that a budget presentation took place prior to the Finance Committee meeting and is available for residents to view on the district website.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 5/10/2022. Items reviewed included an update on constructions projects, including the district office security entrance, Paul J. Bellew parking lot expansion, and pool expansion proposal. The committed considered the soccer club's request to relocate the disc platform at Udall. The district was informed that the West Islip Library rooftop air conditioner will be replaced. The parking lot at Westbrook is to be repaved and the final PV solar roof project has begun at Beach Street Middle School.

Special Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 5/11/2022. Items discussed included CSES recommendations and outside placements.

Policy Committee: A second reading took place for the following policies: No. 3282 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms, No. 5324 Capital Project Change Orders, No. 5520 Extra-Classroom Activities Fund, No. 7122.2 Release Time for Students, No. 7218 Class Ranking/Weights of Grades. Mr. Tussie asked for a motion to approve these policies.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following policies: No. 3282 Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms, No. 5324 Capital Project Change Orders, No. 5520 extra-classroom Activities Fund, No. 7122.2 Release Time for Students, No. 7218 Class Ranking/Weights of Grades.

Safety Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held 4/12/2022. Items reviewed included cameras/servers, door strikes (Beach Street Middle School), ScholarChip (high school), high school bathrooms, solar panel inspection, exterior signage, vape incidents, visitor procedures, and anonymous alerts.

Health and Wellness Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting held 5/11/2022. Items reviewed included the financial report, Spring into Wellness Event, Health and Wellness senior scholarships, motivational/inspirational posters; Color Run confirmed for 10/16/22. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 9/20/22 at 9:30 a.m. at P.J.Bellew.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for March was presented: beginning balance \$76,868,338.42, ending balance \$83,259,408.83.

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 4163-4179 and Capital Fund budget transfers 4165-4182.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2022-2023 Bids: #2201 Electrical Repair and Services; #2202 Tree Pruning and Care Services; #2203 Maintenance Service for Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems; #2204 Maintenance, Service and Monitoring of Fire Alarm and Security Systems; #2205 Removal of Unwanted Geese and Waterfowl; #2206 Printing; #2207 Refuse Removal; #2208 Athletic Uniforms; #2209 Gasoline for District Vehicles; #2211 Elevator Maintenance and Service; #2212 Sheet Music and Instructional Material.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve contracts: Amityville Health Services Contract 2021-2022 - \$862.77; The Eden II School for Autistic Children Consultant Services Contract 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus: Imperial double ovens {2} - 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: Donation from Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. - \$2,000 WIUFSD.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc., which have been donated in recognition of the Section XI Championship won by the high school boys varsity team, to be awarded to students selected by the District.

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 Eastern Suffolk BOCES Classroom {1} Use Agreement July 5 - August 12, 2022 and Eastern Suffolk BOCES Classroom {5} Use Agreement July 5 - August 12, 2022.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns advised that the West Islip School District has been recognized for the fifth year in a row by the NAMM Foundation as one of the country's best communities for music education. Mrs. Burns congratulated Mr. Brian Buonomo, who has been recognize for his work with the 2022 STEM Star Award.

Mrs. Burns advised that all end of school year events will be held. The first Unified basketball home game will take place on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at the high school. Mrs. Burns encouraged everyone to attend Celebrate Education, which will include musical performances, artwork and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the planetarium and the district's new technology room.

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

Keith Muller – Mr. Muller spoke about an incident at Manetuck Elementary and feels students are at risk.

Doreen Hantzschel - Mrs. Hantzschel voiced her concerns regarding New York State Senate Bill No. S2584A regarding sex education curriculum.

Ruth Mineo - Mrs. Mineo requested clarification regarding the Regents administration for the current school year.

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 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 9:13 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:47 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Mrs. LaRosa stated that unofficial board meetings have taken place among Board trustees without proper notice to the public, in violation of NYS Open Meeting Laws and West Islip School District policy. Mrs. LaRosa stated she will be filing a complaint with the NYS Commissioner of Education. Mrs. Brown stated that Mrs. LaRosa broke the Board's Code of Conduct by bullying other trustees. Mr. Antonello denied Mrs. LaRosa's accusations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 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.