

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 9, 2022 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Compitello

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

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Tussie, Mr. Maginniss and Mrs. Burns recognized Mrs. LaRosa and thanked her for her 15 years of service to the district and for her advocacy efforts on behalf of the district and guidance through many challenges.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Tussie congratulated Mrs. Burns on her retirement and thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the district.

The following residents wished to speak on an Agenda Item:

Steve Gellar – Mr. Gellar thanked Mrs. Burns for her years of service to the district and to the children of West Islip, her contributions to the betterment of facilities and programs, and congratulated Mrs. Burns on her retirement. Mr. Gellar thanked Mrs. LaRosa for her 15 years of dedicated service on the Board and for her advocacy on behalf of the students and the district.

Kayla LaRosa – Mrs. LaRosa’s daughter spoke about her mother’s efforts on behalf of the district for the past 15 years and thanked her for her dedication to the students and community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Regular Meeting, the May 24, 2022 Planning Session, and the June 2, 2022 Special Meeting.

RECOGNITION

Class of 2022 Top Academic Leaders ~ *John Boniberger, Lily Colonna, Max Esposito, Oliva Marker, Emma Musial, Keirsten Nizen, Mark Peragine, Oliva Ramcke, McKenna Smith, Erin Thaxter*

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APOINTMENT: Donna Flynn, Assistant Principal, effective October 26, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APOINTMENT: Elisa Pellati, Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective July 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Kristen Amoia, Elementary, effective September 27, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Jami Ashley, Social Worker, effective August 29, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Rebecca Burleson, Special Education, effective August 29, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Caryn Drezner, World Languages, effective August 29, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Amanda Felix-Milks, Special Education, effective September 28, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Alexandra Kaulfers, Reading, effective October 12, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Meghan Schou, Health, effective August 29, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Kathryn Waters, Social Worker, effective October 14, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT'S: TENURE APOINTMENT: Michelle Edgley, Teaching Assistant, effective September 1, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RETIREMENT: Carla LaBombard, Science, effective June 25, 2022 (19 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Gogarty, Pre-K, effective August 29, 2022 to August 28, 2026. (Manetuck; Step 1; replacing Jordan Gauvain).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jeanette Lynch, Part-Time Food Service Worker, effective August 25, 2022 (High School; \$15.13/hr.; replacing Mary Jansons {resigned}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CL-1, CL-3, CL-4 and all items under Other of the 6/9/2022 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

**CIVIL
SERVICE**

CL-1

RESIGNATION

Andrea Imbo, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective June 25, 2022
(Oquenock)

CL-3

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$15.00/hr)

Elaine Napoleon, effective June 10, 2022

CL-4

SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$15.00/hr)

Andrea Imbo, effective August 30, 2022

OTHER

DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTING SERVICES 2022-2023

John Zuhoski, \$18,734

SUMMER SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMY

Theresa Robertson, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM 2022

Teachers

Cara Douglas	Karen McCarthy
Paige Fogarty	Shane O'Neill
Linda Gifford	Joyce Ronayne
Elizabeth Kelly	Daniel Sarfin

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$105 per diem)

Carla LaBombard, effective August 29, 2022

FALL 2022 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

FOOTBALL

Steve Milet, Varsity Head Coach
Frank Riviezzo, Assistant Varsity Coach
Mike Bellacosa, Assistant Varsity Coach
Joseph LaCova, Varsity Volunteer Coach
Seamus Burns, J.V./Varsity Volunteer Coach
Vincent Grabinsky, J.V./ Varsity Volunteer Coach
Mark DiCristo, Head J.V. Coach
John T. Denninger, Assistant J.V. Coach

GIRLS SOCCER

Nicholas Grieco, Head Varsity Coach
Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Varsity Coach
Lindsay Morgan-Valentino, J.V. Coach
Kylie Walsh, Varsity Volunteer Coach

BOYS SOCCER

Dennis Mazzalunga, Head Varsity Coach

GIRLS SWIMMING

Tanya Carbone, Varsity Coach

Meghan LaRocca-Schou, Assistant Varsity Coach

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

MaryAnn McGrade, Varsity Coach

Gina Calderone, Assistant Varsity Coach

GIRLS TENNIS

George Botsch, Varsity Coach

Norm Wingert, J.V. Coach

Amie Crisera, Varsity Volunteer Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach

JoAnne Orehosky, Assistant Varsity Coach

Kelly Weisenseel, J.V. Coach

FALL 2022 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

CROSS COUNTRY

Kevin Murphy, Boys Varsity Coach

Michelle Studley-Broderick, Girls Varsity Coach

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

John Schrank, Varsity Coach

Erin Harris, Assistant Varsity Coach

Matthew Sullivan, J.V. Coach

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Jim Klimkoski, Varsity Coach

Tara Annunziata, Assistant Varsity Coach

Kaitlin Palmieri, J.V. Coach

GOLF

Frank Rapczyk, Varsity Coach

KICKLINE

Jessica Cichy, Varsity Coach

CHEERLEADING

Dina Barone, Varsity Coach

Lauren Brady, Assistant Varsity Coach

Jillian Bohnaker, J.V. Coach

Jennifer Basile, Assistant J.V. Coach

Nicole Shaw, J.V. Volunteer Coach

FALL 2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

FOOTBALL

Scott Mattera, Head 7-8 Udall Coach
Kevin Konarski, Assistant 7-8 Udall Coach
Vincent Luvera, Head 7-8 Beach Coach
Charles (Kevin) Osburn, Assistant 7-8 Beach Coach

GIRLS SOCCER

Edward Jablonski, 7-8 Udall Coach
Colleen Reilly, 7-8 Beach Coach

CROSS COUNTRY

Vincent Melia, Udall Boys & Girls Coach
Joseph Nicolosi, Beach Boys & Girls Coach

FIELD HOCKEY

Kathryn Dranoff-Waters, 7-8 Udall Coach
Annelise Muscietta, 7-8 Beach Coach

TENNIS

Patrick Tunstead, Girls 7-8 Udall/Beach

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Avery Yurman, Music, effective June 30, 2022 (Manetuck/Oquenock.)

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Abolishment of Position:

***Be it resolved,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2022, a professional position in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Speech area (1 full-time position).*

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that New York State mandates screening for kindergarten students to ensure students are equipped with the foundational skills necessary to be successful. A ParentSquare message has been sent out to all parents and guardians regarding the district's kindergarten screening process.

Plans for the Summer Investigation Program and summer school are underway. Information regarding the courses being offered will be determined after the Regents Exams.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 6/7/2022. Items reviewed included the Regents Examination Special Appeal process, cancellation of the U.S. History Regents, Academic Intervention Services for 2022-2023, elementary literacy, the High School Virtual Enterprise Class, professional development 2022-2023, and the Parent Academy program 2022-2023.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 6/7/2022. Items reviewed included the April treasurer's report, April extra-curricular, April payroll summary, April financial statements, May internal claims audit report, May system manager audit report, payroll certification forms, donation, bids and contract.

Mrs. Pellati shared that the internal auditors, Cullen & Danowski, are on site this week to test in the area of Information Technology. Mrs. Pellati provided a draft copy of the district response to the draft OSC Audit Report on Financial Management. The corrective action plan was discussed with the Board.

Buildings and Grounds: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting that took place on 6/7/2022. Items reviewed included construction projects, bids and schedule, disc platform location at Udall, resident request to remove trees, renaming of district property, PV solar roof projects, tennis court resurfacing, Barberry turf field recarpeting, sound systems at Beach and Udall, security window film, and door swipes/frames.

Special Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 6/8/2022. Items discussed included an update to special education placements. Mrs. Brown advised that she toured the special education classes at Paul J. Bellew and Manetuck.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for April was presented: beginning balance \$83,259,408.83; ending balance \$73,770,089.29.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 4185-4197 and Capital Fund budget transfers 4183-4192.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to the Approval/Rejection of Bids 2022-2023: Approval of Base Bid #GC-8 Ceiling Replacements {all schools}; Approval of Base Bid #EC-8 Electrical {all schools}; Approval of Base Bid #GC-1 General Construction {WIHS, Bayview}; Rejecting of Base Bid #GC-2 General Construction/Electrical/Mechanical {WIHS}; Rejection of Base Bid #MC-1 Mechanical {Manetuck, Oquenock}; Approval Base Bid #PC-1 Plumbing {WIHS and Bayview}; Rejection of Base Bid #EC-1 Electrical {WIHS, Bayview, Manetuck, Oquenock}.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve contract: Donna Geffner, Ph.D., CCC-SP/A Consultant Services Contract 2021-2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution: Donation from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials \$500 – WIUFSD.

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, to be awarded to High School students selected by the District.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Ronald Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the results of the Annual District Meeting held on May 17, 2022.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Ronald Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution: re: Emergency Use of Herbicide (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Counsel Services Agreement and Labor Counsel Services Agreement.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Smartweb, Inc., Consultant Services Contract 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve District Plan for Special Education 2022-2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution to bid jointly on Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Cullen & Danowski, LLP Engagement Letter for Risk Assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Teamsters Local 237 Operations Memorandum of Agreement re: Juneteenth {June 20, 2022}.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns congratulated Mrs. Pellati, Mrs. Flynn the educators awarded tenure by the Board of Education.

Mrs. Burns advised that West Islip theater art students participated in the Teeny Awards hosted by the Islip Arts Council; three students won awards for their performances in *Cinderella*. Eight spring varsity teams earned the New York State Public High School Athletic Association award for maintaining a 90 or better average; 45 spring athletes earned honors.

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that she looks forward to attending graduation for the Alternative School, the recognition ceremony for IB graduates, and the high school graduation ceremony on June 24 at 6:00 p.m. The rain date for the High School is June 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Burns encouraged residents to check the calendar on the district website for end-of-year and summer activities. Due to construction work going on throughout the district, some programs have been moved. Mrs. Burns wished everyone a good summer.

Mr. Tussie congratulated Mrs. Burns, Mrs. LaRosa, the academic leaders, those who received tenure and the retirees.

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

Veronique Wallrapp – Mrs. Wallrapp expressed concerns regarding school safety, herbicide application, the monitoring of school cameras, school playgrounds located on main roads and the progress on air conditioning in schools.

Doreen Hantzschel – Mrs. Hantzschel expressed good wishes for Mrs. Burns and Mrs. LaRosa. Mrs. Hantzschel asked to go on the record that she supports armed guards in schools. She thanked the high school teachers and principal for the incredible senior year her son experienced, praised the Music Department and thanked the Board of Education for listening to her concerns.

Laura Vetere – Mrs. Vetere expressed her congratulations to all and inquired about the Superintendent Search, armed security guards and security systems.

Ruth Mineo – Mrs. Mineo thanked Mrs. Burns and Mrs. LaRosa for all that they have done on behalf of the students and the district.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Debbie Brown and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approved Memorandum of Agreement to carry over 1.75 days for Employee P.L.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. on a motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann 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.