

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 5, 2022 – West Islip High School

PRESENT: Mr. Tussie, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Ms. Kelly, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. McCann

ABSENT: Mrs. Brown

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Vigliotta

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Tussie announced that the NYS Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) conducted an audit of financial management for the district for the period July 1, 2017 through October 31, 2021. The Board formally approved the district's response and Corrective Action Plan to the Report of Examination at the June 21 Planning Session meeting. The OSC draft report is considered confidential until it is officially released by the OSC.

Mr. Tussie advised that there would be a short overlap of Dr. Romanelli and Mrs. Burns until Dr. Romanelli officially takes over as Superintendent.

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 16, 2022 Special Meeting and the June 21, 2022 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 ADMINISTRATIVE: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Dr. Paul Romanelli, effective August 1, 2022 to August 14, 2022, Per Diem Rate

Mr. Tussie thanked all the candidates who applied for the Superintendent position and congratulated Dr. Romanelli and District Wise Consultants for all their hard work on behalf of the district.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Dr. Paul Romanelli, effective August 15, 2022 to August 14, 2025, \$240,000 (2022-2023).

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: Danielle Carihfield, Art, effective August 29, 2022 to August 28, 2026 (Paul J. Bellew & Manetuck; Step 1A¹, Replacing Annette Musteric {retired}).

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 T-2, T-3, TA-1, CL-1, CL-2, CL-3, CL-4 and Other of the 7/5/2022 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

T-2 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED)
Brittany Probst, Mathematics
Effective August 29, 2022 to August 28, 2025
(High School; change in effective date from August 29, 2022 to August 28, 2026)

T-3 REGULAR SUBSTITUTE
Grixon Moreira, World Languages
Effective August 29, 2022 through June 30, 2023
(Beach; Step 1A¹; Replacing Elizabeth Daddi {LoA})

Megan Rooney, Special Education
Effective August 29, 2022
(Manetuck; Step 1A¹; replacing Deanna Johnson {LoA})

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-1 TENURE APPOINTMENT(AMENDED)
Michelle Edgley, Teaching Assistant
Effective September 2, 2022
(change in effective date from September 1, 2022 to September 2, 2022)

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1 CHANGE IN TITLE

Joan Distefano, Custodial Worker I
Effective June 27, 2022
(Oquenock; Step 5; change from Acting Head Custodian)

Robert Verito, Acting Head Custodian
Effective June 27, 2022
(Bayview; Step 10; change from Custodial Worker III)

CL-2 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT
*Eva Gonzalez, Contingent Account Clerk
Effective July 18, 2022
(District Office; Step 1; replacing D. Farewell {Benefits})

CL-3 RESIGNATION

Mary Ellen McElwee, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective June 22, 2022
(Udall)

Mary Morici, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective June 30, 2022
(Bayview)

Kristen Wilson, Cafeteria Aide
Effective June 25, 2022
(Paul J. Bellew)

CL-4

SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$15.00/hr)
Mary Ellen McElwee, effective August 30, 2022

OTHER

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

Catherine Brudi, English 9
Giavanna Donarumia, Global 10
Edward Jablonski, U.S. History
Michael Maneri, English 9

SUMMER RECREATION CAMP COUNSELORS 2022 (\$15 per hour)

Jake McEnaney
Julia O'Sullivan

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that summer school started at the high school and the district is still in the process of registering students for Regents Review Classes. The Summer Investigations Program started for Grades 1-5 and the summer programs for Grades 6-8 will start on August 1 and run for two weeks. Mrs. Morrison spoke about the June Regents Examination administration.

Mr. Tussie informed the audience that the teacher's contract was approved for one year. The teachers received a 2% increase in salary and will be giving back 1% toward health insurance.

Special Education Committee: Mr. Tussie advised that the Board accepted the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education Recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated.

Policy Committee: Mr. Tussie advised that the Board conducted an *Annual Review* of 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 \$73,770,089.29; ending balance \$82,341,321.24.

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 4204-4208.

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: Base Bid #GC-1 Masonry {WIHS – warehouse}, Base Bid #GC-2 Masonry {WIHS – open courtyard}, Base Bid #GC-3 Masonry {Beach – rotunda}, Base Bid #GC-4 Masonry {Bayview}, Base Bid #GC-5 Masonry {PJ Bellew}, Base Bid #GC-6 Masonry {all schools}, Base Bid #MC-1 Mechanical {Beach}.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to Requests for Proposal: RFP #595 Bagels, RFP#581 Bread, RFP #590 Coffee with Equipment, RFP #575 Dairy, RFP #591 Dishwasher Cleaning Supplies, RFP #579 Frozen, RFP #578 Groceries, RFP #572 Ice Cream with Equipment, RFP #571 Meat, RFP #570 Paper, RFP #576 Snacks Non-Compliant, RFP #574 Snacks – Smart.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contracts: Da Vinci Education & Research, LLC Consultant Services 2022-2023; East Moriches UFSD Summer Instructional Services 2022-2023; Hempstead UFSD Health /Services 2021-2022 - \$950.00; Milestones in Homecare, Inc. Consultant Services 2022-2023; Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. – The Martin C. Barell School Special Education 2022-2023; Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. – The Martin C. Barell School Consultant Services 2022-2023; Tender Age Pediatric Therapies Consultant Services 2022-2023.

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 Maloya Metal Fabrication and Manufacturing – Bins, shelves, posts valued at \$1,000 – WIHS.

Donation:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a pallet of plastic storage bins, steel shelves and shelf posts valued at approximately \$1,000.00 from Maloya Metal Fabrication and Manufacturing, which has been donated to the West Islip High School Engineering and Robotics Lab.

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 resolution re: Section 103-a of the Public Officers Law authorizing the West Islip Board of Education to authorize the use of videoconferencing to conduct its public meetings.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: renaming of the Udall Road Middle School driveway *Hal Anderson Way*.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: WITA Memorandum of Agreement - Negotiated Agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Burns welcomed Dr. Romanelli to the West Islip School District. She advised that the district has held all moving up ceremonies and the high school graduation ceremony. Mrs. Burns expressed her appreciation to the administration and the staff for ensuring the students had a memorable sendoff.

Mrs. Burns advised that the administrative team, clericals and facilities personnel are preparing to welcome students back to school in August. Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that there will not be a Planning Session meeting in July; the next Board meeting will be on August 11.

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

Claudia Worley - Mrs. Worley inquired about the status of addressing mental health issues for students, lunch program, and air conditioning in the schools.

Valerie Rivera - Mrs. Rivera complimented those involved in organizing the high school graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Rivera spoke about the effect her board candidacy had on her family. She expressed her disappointment with the President of the West Islip Teachers Association, who called her husband’s teacher union (in another district). Mrs. Rivera thought this was unprofessional and not necessary and if there was a problem, WITA should have taken it up with her.

Mrs. Rivera also shared that her son was captain of the varsity baseball team and was the only team member who did not have his name or picture in the yearbook. Mrs. Rivera sent several e-mails to teachers and the principal but never received any acknowledgement or response.

Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022

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 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver – Student V. G.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver – Student A. D.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. on a motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.