

**PLANNING SESSION**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 17, 2023– Beach Street Middle School Media Center**

PRESENT: Mr. McCann, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Marks

ABSENT: Mr. Tussie (attended Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. only)

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Romanelli, Mrs. Pellati, Mrs. Morrison, Mr. Cameron

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: None

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Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m. on motion by Christina Marks, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve all the following personnel items as listed below:

**PERSONNEL**

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

**TA-1**                    **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (unpaid)  
(Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-  
12-week continuous medical coverage)

Kierstin Bacchi, Pre-K  
Effective October 5, 2023 through December 28, 2023  
(Bayview)

**TA-2**                    **PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED)**

Maureen Pike, Pre-K  
Effective September 1, 2023  
(Paul J Bellew; change in step from Step 1 to Step 2)

Kathleen Slayback, Special Education  
Effective October 18, 2023  
(Beach; change in step from Step 1 to Step 2)

**CIVIL  
SERVICE**

**CL-1                    CHANGE IN TITLE**

Teri Brett, Special Education Aide  
Effective October 10, 2023  
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; change from Cafeteria Aide; new position)

William Delaney, Head Custodian  
Effective October 3, 2023  
(High School; Step 6; change from Acting Head Custodian; replacing Ralph Fabrizio, Sr. {retired})

**CL-2                    PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

Johanna Amantia, Cafeteria Aide  
Effective October 10, 2023  
(Bayview; Step 1; replacing Teri Brett {reassigned})

Colleen Guimaraes, Office Assistant  
Effective October 23, 2023  
(District Office; Step 1; new position)

**CL-3                    RESIGNATION**

Colleen Guimaraes, Security/Receptionist Para  
Effective October 21, 2023  
(Udall)

**RESIGNATION**

Brittany Nelson, Cafeteria Aide  
Effective October 11, 2023  
(Manetuck)

**CL-4                    SUBSTITUTE GUARD (\$23.73/hr.)**

\*Robert Massucci, effective October 18, 2023

*\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

**OTHER**

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2023-2024**

**BEACH (AMENDED)**

Mushu Fan Club, Lisa Cosgrove and Patricia Hinchman (shared)  
(change in Advisor from Lisa Cosgrove)

National Junior Honor Society, Theresa Robertson and Christopher Scharf (shared)  
(change in Advisor from Theresa Robertson)

School Store, John Lavery and Robin Napolitano (shared)  
(change in Advisor from John Lavery)

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2023-2024, continued**

**OTHER**

**DISTRICTWIDE**

Director, Chamber Orchestra, Beach, Vincent Melia  
Director, Chamber Orchestra, Udall, Lynnette Fawess  
Director, High School Drum Line, James Krais  
Combined Elementary Chorus, Melissa Senatore  
Combined Elementary Orchestra, Ryan Jensen  
Director, Jazz Band, Beach, Stephen Smith  
Director, Jazz Band, Udall, LuAnn Peskanov  
Director, Jazz Ensemble, James Krais  
Director, Marching/Pep Band, James Krais

**HIGH SCHOOL (AMENDED)**

Director Flag Team, James Krais  
(change in Director from Victoria Kavitt)

**MANETUCK**

Art Club, Sophia Stokkeland  
Community Service, Kerri Ierardi and Robin Caputo (shared)  
Drama Club, Kathleen Finn  
Kindness Club, Christine Chocko  
Leo Building/Maker Club, Beth Havranek and Kelly O'Hara (shared)  
Manetuck Makers, Kristyna Acerno  
Mindfulness Club, Tara Campbell  
Safety Patrol Club, Greg Schmalenberger

**OQUENOCK**

Art Club, Janet Wolfe  
Enrichment Club, Lisa Brush  
Fitness Club, Melinda Monahan  
The Makerspace Club, Michelle Bonkov and Tammy Dragelin (shared)  
Math Crunchers, Nicole Cagno-Angerame  
The STEM Club, Ava Catapano  
The Thinking Caps, Grace Bolin and Nicole Devine (shared)

**PAUL J BELLEW**

Art Club, Danielle Carihfield  
Chromebooks & Coding Club, Tiffany Kallman  
Drama Club, Shane O'Neill and Karen McCarthy (shared)  
Environmental Club, Liam McGarvey  
Geography Club, Cara Stern and Karen McCarthy (shared)  
Mathemagicians, Melissa Dolan  
Mindfulness Club, Darlene Squillante and Kelly Minicozzi (shared)  
Origami/Craft Club, Mollie Healey  
Spanish Club, Kristen Amoia  
Yoga Club, Jade Lawrence  
Young Innovators, Alysha Cannon

**OTHER**

**UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Geography Club, Kristen Finnegan and Janet Renganeschi (shared)

**UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL (AMENDED)**

Activities Grade 6, Thomas Louden  
(change in Advisor from Kristine Hagens)

Activities Grade 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens  
(change in Advisor from Thomas Louden)

Yoga Club, Kristen Finnegan  
(removed from list of clubs)

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** (\$130 per diem)

Nancy Corso, effective October 18, 2023

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT** (\$105 per diem)

Nicole Bruckner, effective October 25, 2023

**INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM, FAMILY SWIM PROGRAM & SWIM TEAMS 2023-2024**

**Lifeguards**

Katie Clark  
Kori Sansone

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve AllShifts Consultant Services Contract ~ October 18, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and Release - Student A.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: State Environmental Quality Review Act ~ SEQRA Resolution ~ Kitchen renovations at West Islip High School, Beach Street Middle School and Udall Road Middle School.

**SEQRA RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) Replacement of the dishwasher in the kitchen of Cafeteria A/B (Main Kitchen), replacement of the 3-compartment sink in the kitchen of Cafeteria C (Café) at the West Islip High School; (2) Renovations to the cooking and dishwashing areas in the kitchen of the Beach Street Middle School; (3) Replacement of the dishwasher and 3-compartment sink in the kitchen of the Udall Road Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

**WHEREAS**, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10)); and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies...other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(31)); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1)(2)(10) and (31) of the SEQR Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: State Environmental Quality Review Act ~ SEQRA Resolution ~ Expansion of the existing pool at West Islip High School.

#### **SEQRA RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) Expanding the existing 5-lane pool to a new 6-lane pool including all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and construction requirements at the West Islip High School; and

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

**WHEREAS**, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10)); and

**WHEREAS**, the purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies...other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(31)); and

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1)(2)(10) and (31) of the SEQR Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: receipt of the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

Resolution

*Be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District acknowledges receipt of the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Recommend the Board of Education of the West Islip School District approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2023 submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.

Resolution

*Recommend the Board of Education of the West Islip School District approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Independent Auditors's Report for the year ended June 30, 2023, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus Items: Books, Professional Collection - Oquenock Elementary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly 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.