

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**September 8, 2016 – West Islip High School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: Mrs. LaRosa

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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A Moment of Silence took place to commemorate September 11, 2001.

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Gellar provided a summary of salary changes and updates to contracts for the assistant superintendents and Superintendent, as per the August 30 Planning Session minutes. Mr. Gellar also informed the audience that contracts were renewed for the district technology and security consultants.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2016 Planning Session.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Reanna Fulton, Assistant Principal, effective September 26, 2016 – September 25, 2020 (Beach Street; \$110,000 annual salary {pro-rated 2016-2017}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Rufrano, English, effective September 6, 2016 – September 5, 2020 (Beach Street/Udall Road; Step 1A<sup>1</sup>; replacing J. McKenna {resigned}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Kerrin West-Shank, Business Education (.6) effective September 6, 2016 (Beach Street; Step 1A<sup>4</sup>; {pro-rated}); replacing K. Allen {resigned}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Barbara Lirosi, Class II Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2016 (Transportation; Step 8; change from Class I Bus Driver).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS FALL 2016: Lenny Butler (Community CPR, First Aide) \$30/hr.; Jake Caramico (How Money Works) no cost to West Islip; Steve Cottral (About Boating Safety) no cost to West Islip; Kim Crichton (Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga, Fitness Mix) \$30/hr.; Mark DiCristo (Volleyball) \$30/hr.; Matthew Haszinger (Volleyball) \$30/hr.; Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30/hr.; Claudia Kavitt (Volleyball) \$25/hr.; Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving) no cost to West Islip; Jane Loehle (Aquacise) \$35/hr.; Joann Niesen (Volleyball) \$25/hr.; Alexandra Prieto (Zumba) \$30/hr.; Sally Stoll-Depompeo (Fiber Crafts) \$30/hr.; Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$30/hr.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM AND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAM 2016-2017: SUPERVISOR (\$40 per hour): Colleen Reilly; LIFEGUARDS (\$10 per hour): John Broderick, Olivia Forcino, Matt Shapiro.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATOR: Richard Zeitler, effective September 6, 2016 (Beach Street; \$500 per day).

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the opening of school went smoothly. Superintendent Conference Days took place on August 31 and September 1, 2016. Staff participated in training and professional development and prepared classrooms for the new school year. Dr. Rullan also spoke about current goals for the school year, including: Google Apps for Education, K-6 science program, advisory committees, graduation requirements, and college and career readiness.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 9/16/16. Items reviewed included the July treasurer's report, July payroll summary, claims audit report, warrants and July financial statements. Surplus items, donation from Ahold Financial Services for Beach Street and three Beach Street PTA donations were also reviewed. Mrs. Duffy reviewed the results of the refinancing of bonds from 2000 that were refinanced in 2005. The principal balance at 7/1/16 was \$18,020,000, and there were five years remaining on the issues. The previous interest rates were 5% to 3.75%, the new issues interest rates for the five years is 1.2% to 3.65%, resulting in a savings of \$947,093 over the next five years. The net savings after costs and adjustments to building aid revenue is \$214,915.

Education Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 9/8/2016. Items reviewed included results of the Regents Review program, professional development, and staff training on Google Apps for Education.

Audit Committee: Mr. Gellar reported on the meeting held on 8/30/2016. The Board of Education met with Cullen & Danowski, LLP and reviewed the District's Information Technology protocols. No major concerns were found and a Correction Action Plan will be prepared and approved by the Board for some minor issues.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 9/6/16. Items discussed included the bond projects and the fire sprinkler system installation at Westbrook. Other items discussed were lead testing results, the repair to the Bayview brick wall damaged in a recent auto accident, and the facility permit process.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 9/7/2016. Items discussed included the opening of school, CSE and CPSE recommendations and the hiring of a new Transition Coordinator.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Beginning balance as of 6/30/2016: \$20,456,826.53; ending balance of 7/31/2016: \$47,461,742.89.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfer 3326 for 2015-2016 and Budget Transfers 3314-3327 for 2016-2017.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: miscellaneous elementary science textbooks; 1994 International Bus #48 Vin #1HVBBPEN0RH557340.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Ahold Financial Services/Beach Street M.S. - \$2,169; Beach Street M.S. PTA/Beach Street M.S. - SCOPE program - \$300.00, Anti-bullying program - \$1,250, Assembly program - \$1,325.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gellar welcomed everyone back to the school year.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the opening of school was smooth. The district's technology plan was approved by the state and will be posted on the district website. The Smart Schools Investment Plan is in the process of being approved by the state. The athletic programs are in full swing and Mrs. Burns encouraged residents to attend the events and show their support. Mrs. Burns also thanked the administration, clerical and custodial staffs for their hard work preparing for the opening of school.

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

Mrs. Ariana Donovan, 117 Wilherm Lane, West Islip – Mrs. Donovan had questions and concerns regarding the playground bond project at Paul J. Bellew. Mrs. Donovan inquired about the completion date of the playground, basketball court use, playground access on weekends, security measures and a timeline of when bond projects would be completed. Mrs. Burns explained that projects are driven by the state approval process and district priorities. Access to facilities will be discussed in upcoming committee meetings.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor 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.

Meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m. on motion by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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