

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 9, 2014 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Ulrich

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION: School Board Recognition Week

Mrs. Burns recognized the Board of Education and acknowledged the important role they play in ensuring the best educational programs for our students. Mr. Gellar accepted a plaque on behalf of all the Board members and thanked Mrs. Burns.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Melissa Muma, English, effective September 25, 2014 (High School).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RETIREMENT: Donna Palminteri, effective October 18, 2014 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RECALL: Susan Lombardi, effective October 18, 2014 (Regular Substitute approved at 9/11/14 BOE Meeting) (High School; replacing Donna Palminteri).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Lorraine Carleton, Library Paraprofessional, effective October 10, 2014 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing E. Kazemier {retired}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CLERK TYPIST, CONFIDENTIAL (daily rate): Patricia Gesele, effective October 31, 2014.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/hr.): *Lisa Dolan, effective October 10, 2014; *Susan Taheng, effective October 10, 2014.

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE PARAPROFESSIONAL (\$9.75/hr.): *Janine Allegretto, effective October 10, 2014; *Angelina Archer, effective October 10, 2014; *Lisa Dolan effective October 10, 2014; Daniel O'Connor, effective October 10, 2014; Kristen Patterson, effective October 10, 2014; *Christine Rosati, effective October 10, 2014; *Susan Taheng, effective October 10, 2014; Janine Terrible, effective October 10, 2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS 2014-2015: Francine Ahearn, Social Worker, .5 section/full year**.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2014-2015: HIGH SCHOOL: Academic Decathlon (Jr. Brainstormers), Noreen Matthews; Academic Decathlon (Brainstormers), Kevin Murphy; Audio-Visual Club Director, Frank Franzone; Business & Marketing Honor Society, Joanne Macrelli & Patricia Stack (shared); Coordinator (One Act Plays), Elaine Longo; Costume Director (All Productions), Ann Hecht; Creativity Action Service, James Farnworth & Virginia Scudder (shared); Director, Flag Team, James Kraus; Director, Musical Play, David Kaufman & Jennifer McKenna (shared); Director, Senior Play, Jennifer McKenna; Distributive Education Club of America, Diana Saadat; Drama Coordinator, James Kraus; Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Victoria Newell; Foreign Language Honor Society, Andromache Baritis & Maria Kaminsky (shared); Freshman Class Advisor, Jennifer Colonna; Freshman Class Advisor, Diana Saadat; Future Business Leaders Club, Monica Krawczyk & Joanne Macrelli (shared); Gay-Straight Alliance, Thomas Vitti; Junior Class Advisor, Noreen Matthews; Junior Class Advisor, Kevin Murphy; Literary Magazine, David Gershfeld; Mathletes, James Como; Mathletes, Craig Michel; Mathletes, Nancy Yost; Mock Trail, Shawn Wallace; National English Honor Society, Barbara Krollage; National Honor Society, Edward Jablonski; Newspaper, Kathleen Chinkel & Joanne Macrelli; Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, David Gershfeld & Linda Gifford; Pit Director (Musical), David Kaufman; Research Program, Mary Kroll; S.A.D.D., Karen Testa; School Store, Diana Saadat; Science Olympiad, Jessica Levings & Linda Tong; Senior Class Advisor, Linda Gifford; Senior Class Advisor, Jennifer McKenna; Sets Director (All Productions), James Kraus; Sophomore Class Advisor, Nicole Cifelli; Sophomore Class Advisor, Alexandra Dolce; Student Senate, Edward Jablonski; Student Senate, David Moglia; Tri-M Music Honor Society, David Kaufman; Yearbook, David Gershfeld & Linda Gifford (shared).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2014-2015: BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL: Costume Director, Maura Maynard; Drama Director, Justin DeMaio; Drama Director Camille Persico; Geography Club, John Kennedy & Tara Probert (shared); Health Club, Theresa Holland; Home & Careers Club, Deborah Harris; Homework Club, Theresa Robertson; Mathletes (Grade 7), Lisa Braat; Mathletes (Grade 8) Jeanine Conaghan; Music Director, Justin DeMaio; National Junior Honor Society, Louis Lu; Newspaper, Jesse Fawess; Peer Tutoring, Jessica Ennis; Peer Tutoring, Mitchel Luquer; Photographer, Mitchel Luquer; School Store, Denise Cain; Science Olympiad (Grades 6,7, & 8), Renee Avelli, Lynn Larsen, Thomas Larsen & Andrea Miller (shared); Sets Director, Timothy Van Wyen; Student Council, Elizabeth Burgalassi; Student Council, Camille Persico; Yearbook, Robyn Southard.

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

**Originally approved at the 9/23/2014 meeting as .25 section/full year

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2014-2015: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Activities (Grade 6), Pamela Diorio; Activities (Grades 7&8), Kristine Hagens; Art Club, Gregory Ziemis; Costume Director, Shane O'Neill; Current Events Club, Deborah Pulitano; Drama Director, Justin DeMaio; Drama Director, Shane O'Neill; Geography Club, Linda Ruggiero; Homework Club (Grade 6), Jeanette Merola; Homework Club (Grades 7&8), Patricia Massaro-Haff; Mathletes (Grades 7&8) Lawrence Sciarrino; Musical Director, Justin DeMaio; National Junior Honor Society, Kimberly Crouch; School Store, Staci Ansbach; Science Olympiad (Grades 6, 7&8), Brenda Mayo; Sets Design, Timothy Van Wyen; Student Council, Kristine Hagens; Student Council, Pamela Diorio; Yearbook, Alyssa Urbach; Yearbook Photographer, Michael Taranto.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATOR (\$400 per diem): Joann Hilbert, effective October 3, 2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Danielle Falci, effective October 10, 2014; *Suzanne Ferrara, effective October 10, 2014; Jennifer Geduldig, effective October 10, 2014; Jennifer Ranieri, effective October 10, 2014; John Schrank, effective October 10, 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014 FALL HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: CROSS COUNTRY: Michael DiStefano, Interim Girls Varsity Coach (replacing Kevin Murphy; approved at the September 23, 2014 BOE meeting).

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 PROGRAMS 2014-2015: LIFEGUARD \$10 per hour – Nicos Prokopiou.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Jennifer Geduldig, effective October 10, 2014; Jennifer Ranieri, effective October 10, 2014.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan spoke about new curriculum assessments, curriculum projects, writing proposals and protocols for program review. The RtI (Response to Intervention) Plan is fully in place for Grades K-5, a technology meeting was held on 10/9/14 regarding the district's infrastructure needs, and skill-based professional development and the uses of district data to improve instruction were discussed.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 10/7/14. Items reviewed included the June and August treasurer's report, extra-curricular reports for June, July and August, June and August payroll summary, internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, August financial statements, budget transfers, surplus of a small safe, math books and sewing machines, donations from Target and 2014-2015 Special Education contracts were reviewed.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held 10/7/2014. The committee discussed a timeline to review all district policies and when future meetings can take place. The Table of Contents and Policies 1110-1120 will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 10/9/14. Some of the items on which the committee was updated included the Local Assistance Plan for Oquenock, program reviews, the Response to Intervention Plan implementation and midyear and end-of-year assessments.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 10/7/14. Items reviewed included the damage resulting from heavy rains; status of insurance claims; floating a capital bond project for new roofs, floors and security upgrades; future rental possibilities; the renovation of the Maseria bathroom; a PTA donation of two benches at the high school; and the district's pest control needs.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 10/9/14. CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month, student placements and class instruction were reviewed.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting that was held on 9/22/2014. Items discussed included the committee's mission statement; Breast Cancer Awareness Day; a tee shirt design contest; the pre-prom meeting; alcohol, tobacco and drug concerns; local businesses selling products illegally to underage children; Parent University; and the triathlon. A newsletter focusing on living in a post 911 world, internet safety, social media, bullying and "over the counter" drug myths were also discussed.

DASA Committee: Dr. Anne Rullan reported on the meeting that was held on 9/30/2014. Some of the items reviewed were DASA, the Code of Conduct, the importance of role models, student recognition, the character education curriculum, and community outreach and service.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for June and August was presented. Beginning balance as of July 31, 2014: \$7,338,120.27; ending balance as of August 31, 2014 \$4,931,967.65.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Budget Transfers 3155 – 3164.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Special Education contracts: Anderson Center for Autism 2014-15; Commack UFSD Summer 2014; Kings Park School District 2014-15 (District of Residence); Little Flower Outside Service Agreement Summer 2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Target/Beach - \$576.03; Target/Manetuck - \$1,315.63; Target/Paul J. Bellew - \$1,149.40; Target/West Islip High School - \$2,841.50.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the declaration of Surplus Material for the following items: Small safe at West Islip High School; *Advanced Mathematical Concepts* textbooks (81); *The Practice of Statistics* textbooks (42); Sewing machines at Udall #2 Model 4325C/ #13 Model 4325C.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar asked Mrs. Duffy to explain why the district is approving resolutions related to the Affordable Care Act at the Board meeting. Mrs. Duffy explained that the Affordable Care Act requires the district to determine a measurement period of time worked for full time and part time employees. The district can then determine employees eligibility for health insurance.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Transition Measurement Period for Ongoing Employees.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Standard Measurement Period for Ongoing Employees.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Measurement Period for New Variable Hour Employees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that a Parent Academy will be held at Beach Street Middle School on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Workshops will be presented on a number of topics for Grades in English Language Arts, math, and other areas, as well as secondary geometry and algebra.

Mrs. Burns spoke about the recent threats of violence to the district and explained that there is an ongoing investigation being conducted by the Suffolk County Police Department, and there is nothing to report at this time.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Mr. Gellar reminded the audience that Homecoming will be on October 25.
Red Ribbon Week is October 27 – October 31.

OTHER ITEMS: None

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

Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Artusa had concerns regarding safety and security for after school activities. The recent incident that took place caused confusion for her child and other children; parents found out about the lockdown incident on social media before notification came from the district. Mr. Gellar agreed that information should be provided but the district must ensure the safety of students and faculty first, obtain accurate information, and notify the parents. Mrs. Artusa also felt there should have been some follow up the following day to put students at ease. The district is in the process of reviewing the protocol in this regard.

Mrs. Artusa also had concerns about her child being pulled from her math class to attend a school assembly. Mrs. Burns explained that principals are cognizant of varying the periods in which students are pulled from classes for assembly programs. She will follow up with the appropriate administrators.

Mrs. Ruth Mineo, 1108 Namdac Avenue, Bay Shore – Mrs. Mineo wanted an explanation as to why Oquenock Elementary was considered a LAP (Local Assistance Plan) school. Mrs. Burns explained that the NYS results were based on ELA and math results from two years ago and the participation rate from the past school year. Oquenock did not meet the established criteria. A plan will be put together to correct this and will be submitted to the state.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Hantzschel wanted to know when the AIMSWeb screening will take place. Dr. Rullan explained that 98% of Grades K-5 were completed. Screening will also be conducted the last two weeks of January and May and results will be available to parents soon after.

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 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Paraprofessional Memorandum of Agreement for optional work days.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WISE Memorandum of Agreement for compensating time for employees who worked on 8/13/2014.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present with the exception of Scott Brady, voted in favor to approve an increase to sub-teacher pay by \$15 to \$115.00 per diem.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present, voted in favor to approve an increase to sub-nurse pay by \$15 to \$115.00 per diem.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 10:23 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:01 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor of a salary increase of 1.46% to the Superintendent of Schools effective October 1, 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve an amendment to extend the Superintendent's contract to September 30, 2018 and authorize the Board President to execute it.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m. on a motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

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