

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 13, 2014 – High School**

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

ABSENT: Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Vigliotta

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Mr. Maresca and several students from Oquenock Elementary spoke during "Invitation to the Public". Please refer to page three of the minutes.

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 February 25, 2014 regular meeting.

RECOGNITION:

Craig Nelson was recognized as a February News 12 Scholar Athlete.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Robyn Southard, Psychology, effective January 31, 2014 (Beach).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Kristina Moon, Reading, effective March 12, 2014 to June 4, 2014 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: Kristin Foster, Elementary, effective January 24, 2014 to June 30, 2014 (Oquenock; Step 11⁹; replacing J. Perrotto {deceased}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) CHANGE IN STATUS: Terrie Stork, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional, effective March 14, 2014 (Paul J. Bellew; change from a regular substitute cafeteria aide).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE) CHANGE IN TITLE: Robert Verito, Custodial Worker III, \$58,603.00, effective March 14, 2014 (Kirdahy/Westbrook; change from Custodial Worker II).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING: Tanya Carbone, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach (replacing K. Whalen approved at February 25, 2014 meeting); Mindy Renner, Assistant Udall /Beach Coach (replacing T. Carbone approved at February 25, 2014 meeting).

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Student Refusal to Take NYS Assessments* is now posted on the district website. Dr. Rullan also discussed literacy units for Grades 3-8 and the development of a five-year plan by the Professional Development Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/11/2014. Items reviewed included the January treasurer's report, extra-curricular report, payroll summary, internal claims audit report and systems manager audit trail. Warrants, January financial statements, budget transfers, health service contract for East Islip UFSD, donations of a used car transmission and drum set, special education contract for Career & Employment Options and three bids were also reviewed. Mrs. Duffy reviewed a Cafeteria Fund Revenue/Expense Analysis and Mr. Nocella gave an overview of the bid extension process for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year.

Education Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 3/13/2014. Items reviewed included protocol to address students who refuse to take NYS assessments, the testing locations for the English Regents on June 3, and teachers' responses to the professional development day survey.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 3/11/14. Items reviewed included facility usage fees, rental buildings, snow removal costs, new gym doors recently installed at Udall, a minor leak in the Udall boiler room, coil cleaning of duct work, repair of the electronic sign at the high school, and building usage and permits.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 3/12/14. Items reviewed included CSE and CPSE recommendations and placements, a hearing update and the contract with Career & Employment Options.

Health and Wellness/COMPASS Alliance: Bernadette Burns reported on the meeting that was held 2/26/2014. Items reviewed included the financial report and Wellness Weekend events. A free cardiac screening will take place on Saturday, March 15th from 9:00-3:00 p.m. for anyone 12-24 years of age. Additional information can be found on the school website. The committee discussed adding a "Bullying Awareness" section to all future newsletters. West Islip students collected the most jeans in the Town of Islip's "Jeans for Teens" fundraiser. The next meeting will take place on March 25th at 9:00 a.m. at Paul J. Bellew.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for January was presented. Beginning balance as of December 31, 2013: \$5,113,262.73; ending balance as of January 31, 2014: \$42,278,988.77.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3125 – 3126.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contract for Career and Employment Options.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Health Service Contract for East Islip UFSD for \$2,611.53.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation to High School Automotive Class of used car transmission valued at \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation to High School Music Department of drum set and cymbals valued at \$900.00.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Small Kitchen Equipment, Commodity Foods Direct Diversion and Large Kitchen Equipment.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the declaration of surplus equipment of three (3) Daktronics swimming touch pads.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WIASA to extend Terminal Pay Notice Date.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Budget Worksessions: March 18th, March, 25th and April 1st

Nominating Petitions for Board Trustee seats available at District Office on March 14, 2014/Due at District Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2014.

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

Mr. Maresca, 608 Pat Drive, West Islip, NY – Mr. Maresca wanted to know if ELA testing was elective or mandated. Mrs. Burns explained that these tests are mandated and there is not an opt out provision; they are part of the prescribed curriculum. Mr. Gellar also explained that the district must follow the laws and regulations of the state in regard to taking these tests. Mr. Maresca also wanted to know the district's procedure for opting out of state testing. Dr. Rullan advised Mr. Maresca that the district has posted *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Student Refusal to Take NYS Assessment* on the school website

Students from Oquenock Elementary – Allison O'Grady, Giovanna Fileti, Allyson Elberti, Grace Mineo and Katelynn Mack along with several others students complained about the protocols followed during the lunch periods at Oquenock Elementary. The students felt they were not treated respectfully and were unable to relax and talk with friends. Mrs. Burns assured all the students that she would speak with Mr. Maniscalco to ensure that the lunch and recess periods are a peaceful time for all students.

Mr. Michael Locorriere, 54 Davison Lane E., West Islip, NY – Mr. Locorriere expressed concerns regarding his son's chemistry teacher. Mrs. Burns explained that this was a personnel issue and required a private conversation. Mr. Gellar assured Mr. Locorriere that Mrs. Burns had briefed the board on the issue and it is being investigated and addressed.

Mrs. Kristina Delaney, 1026 Cassel Avenue, Bay Shore, NY - Mrs. Delaney had concerns regarding class size for the next school year. Mr. Gellar explained that adjusting class size is easier to restore than program cuts but it is still too early and there are too many variables before any decisions can be made.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:09 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution for employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 913 of Education Law.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss 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

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