

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 12, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Athletic ~ All County

Boys Varsity Winter Track ~ *Gregory Bove, Kevin Cassidy*

Girls Varsity Basketball ~ *Peyton Ryan*

Varsity Cheerleading ~ *Katherine Penny, Taylor Penny*

Art ~ New York State Art Teachers' Association Legislative Student Art Exhibition

*Kira Cornibert, Ashley Greene, Jina Manfredlotti, Lorenza Vassallo*

SCOPE Service Awards

Administrator Service Award ~ *Wendy Duffy*

Teacher Service Award ~ *Anne Bean*

Support Staff Award ~ *Robert Nocella*

School Board Award ~ *Annmarie LaRosa*

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Kristin Timpson, Reading, effective April 4, 2018 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Tonimarie Young, Special Education, effective March 21, 2018 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE (unpaid): Maureen Umstatter-Sanchez, Special Education, effective August 29, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Beth Fiorini, Social Studies, effective August 29, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Ariana Stubbmann, Reading, effective August 29, 2018 – June 30, 2019 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Patricia Cinquemani, Cafeteria Aide, effective March 21, 2018 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Sandra Brady, Full Time Assistant Cook, effective June 29, 2018 (17 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Joseph Demeo, Groundskeeper I, effective June 29, 2018 (40 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Albert Haldenwang, Custodial Worker I, effective June 29, 2018 (13 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Patricia Pellegrino, Bus Driver, effective June 23, 2018 (30 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Dominick Randazzo, Custodial Worker I, effective July 1, 2018 (18 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Theresa Rueb, Part Time Assistant Cook, effective June 23, 2018 (12 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Geraldine Sabiston, Head Bus Driver, effective July 7, 2018 (50 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Geraldine Terrell, Bus Driver, effective June 23, 2018 (33 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Maria McCarthy, Accountant, effective April 30, 2018 (District Office: \$60,000; new position).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE SENIOR COOK (\$22.44/hr.): Veronica Tardugno, effective April 13, 2018.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2017-2018: DISTRICTWIDE: Director, Marching/Pep Band, James Kraus and Kevin Miller (shared) (change from Kevin Miller; approved at the 11/28/17 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: OTHER SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Linda Bohman, effective April 13, 2018.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan gave a presentation on the New York State's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 4/10/18. Items reviewed included the February Extra-Curricular; February financial statements; claims audit report and March system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, budget transfers, surplus of 2001 GMC Van #60 and 2000 Chevy Blazer #404, Health Service contract for South Huntington UFSD and six bid extensions for the 2018-2019 school year.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held 4/12/18. The committee reviewed a proposal to adopt Dimensions Learning as a math resource for the 2018-2019 school year after the program was reviewed by classroom teachers in kindergarten through second grade. The committee discussed Grades 3-8 English Language Arts testing, including computer-based testing at the middle schools and paper-based assessment at the elementary level. Building principals reported all went well. The percentage of students refusing the assessment was 64% at the elementary schools and 76% at the middle schools. Mrs. LaRosa congratulated Dr. Rullan on her Masters of Leadership podcast.

Building and Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 4/10/18. Items discussed included the renovation of Cafeteria C to create a designated space for high school seniors; the Manetuck and Udall baseball field renovation, which will be completed by mid-April; a \$69,000 rebate check that was received from PSEG for the LED retrofit job; the completion of the Westbrook paving project; a high school drain pipe may require masonry demolition, and two new interior door sets that were installed in the Udall cafeteria. A bond update was reviewed for Phase 3, Phase 2b and Phase 2c bond work.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 4/12/18. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and annual reviews.

Safety Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 3/13/18. Items reviewed included the March 14 student walkouts; current security initiatives to address security vulnerabilities in school buildings and considerations for improved security. Other items discussed included a proposal to go to a closed campus model at the high school and support in the 2018-2019 budget to address students' social emotional needs.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve general fund budget transfers 3475-3479.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve capital fund budget transfer 3474.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Services Contract for South Huntington UFSD - \$24,516.60.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus - 2000 Chevy Blazer #404 and 2001 GMC Van #60.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Bid Extensions - #1700 Suffolk Auto Driving School, Inc.; #1703 Long Island Equipment Service; #1704 Advantage Music; #1705 Commercial Instrumentation Services; #1706 Bain Mechanical Services, Inc.; #1707 Ideal Fence Corp.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Approval of Memorandum of Agreements re: additional workday 2017-2018:

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve - WITA Memorandum of Agreement - 3/13/18 snow day.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve - WITA Memorandum of Agreement - 3/22/18 snow day.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve - Teaching Assistants Memorandum of Agreement - 3/13/18 snow day.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve - Paraprofessionals Memorandum of Agreement - additional workday.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Biennial Review of the Compact Plan.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of the 2018-2019 School District Budget - \$122,946,823.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve revision to UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement re: retirement incentive.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the High School Chorale will be performing at Lincoln Center this weekend.

On Monday, 4/16/18, the Health and Wellness Alliance will provide a workshop titled "Why Today's Super Connected Kids are Growing up Lonely and Less Happy" presented by Dr. Ronald Masera in the Beach Street auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Seats to the Planetarium presentations are filled, but the district is investigating opportunities to add additional dates.

Mindfulness Training will take place the weekend of April 19-20. To date, over 40 teachers have been attending various workshops to promote mindfulness in their classrooms.

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

Mr. Ed O'Driscoll, 439 Bay 4<sup>th</sup> Street, West Islip - Mr. O'Driscoll spoke about school safety and the importance of armed guards. Mr. Gellar explained that the district is considering hiring armed guards but will have to do some homework, gather data and look into legal issues and costs.

Mrs. Stacey Bressi, 11 East Court, West Islip – Mrs. Bressi expressed her satisfaction with the safety training to be offered to instructional staff in June and August. She inquired as to mechanisms to barricade and lock classroom doors easily.

Mrs. Julie Cannistra, 143 Gladstone Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Cannistra questioned whether test refusals were considered an excused or unexcused absence if the student is late to school. Mrs. Burns explained that if the teacher knows in advance that the student will be late due to test refusal, the absence is encoded as excused. If the teacher is not aware, the lateness is considered unexcused.

Mrs. Lori Koerner, 728 Milligan Lane, West Islip - Mrs. Koerner spoke about a paradigm shift in education and questioned how teachers and administrators know if the educational approach that is being used is working.

Mrs. LaRosa expressed how the district is addressing the social emotional needs of students and that the professional development offered over the last four to five years has been extraordinary. Mrs. Burns stated that the district offers students many activities outside of the instructional program, and is proud that 96% of graduating students in 2017 earned a Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.

Mrs. Ruth Mineo, 1093 Cassel Avenue, Bay Shore - Mrs. Mineo expressed her satisfaction with the district and feels West Islip is doing a fantastic job with the students. Mrs. Mineo feels that testing is not a good measure of student learning and that it would be beneficial for students not testing to be removed from the classroom. Mrs. LaRosa explained that the building principal consults with teachers and decide the best protocols for the building.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:02 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the *revised* 2018-2019 school calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa 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.