

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 13, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Antoniello, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m. followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2018 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 - 12-week continuous medical coverage): Sarah Willmann, World Language, effective December 19, 2018 – January 18, 2019 (High School/Udall).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RETIREMENT: Angela Frammosa, effective March 9, 2019 (24 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Nancy Forst, Senior Office Assistant, effective March 1, 2019 (31 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Phyllis Paladino, Senior Office Assistant, effective January 2, 2019 (11 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE OFFICE ASSISTANT (\$12.00/hr.): Phyllis Paladino, effective January 3, 2019.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE GUARD: Salvatore Catapano, effective December 14, 2018 (\$21.69/hr.); James Dorney, effective December 14, 2018 (\$21.69/hr.); *Thomas Fannon, effective December 14, 2018 (18.59/hr.); *Lance Leonhardt, effective December 14, 2018 (\$21.69/hr.); Christina Rice, effective December 14, 2018 (\$21.69/hr.).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: LATE WINTER 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: GIRLS BASKETBALL: James Grover, 7-8 Udall Coach (replacing Nick Grieco; approved at the 6/7/2018 BOE meeting).

*conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2019 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS LACROSSE: Sean McAleavey, J.V. Head Coach (replacing Michael Hazelton; approved at the 6/7/2018 BoE meeting); SOFTBALL: Mackenzie Buckley, Assistant Varsity Coach (replacing Alexa D'Onofrio; approved at the 6/7/2018 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS LACROSSE: Michael Perrone, 7-8 Beach Coach (replacing Sean McAleavey; approved at the 6/7/2018 BoE meeting); Anthony Pellati, Assistant Beach Coach (replacing Michael Perrone; approved at the 6/7/2018 BoE meeting); GIRLS LACROSSE: Katherine Schweitzer, 7-8 Beach Coach; Toniann Riportella, Assistant Beach Coach.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that on the Superintendent's Conference Day held on December 7, elementary teachers engaged in parent teacher conferences and secondary faculty and staff participated in professional development activities. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department delivered a presentation entitled "*See Something, Say Something*" on how to look for and report the warning signs, signals and threats of an individual who may be a threat to themselves or others.

As part of the district's Parent Academy series, the district hosted two STEM Academy Presentations to provide an overview of the program that will launch in the 2019-2020 school year. High school students attended a Career Fair that provided them with the opportunity to visit with various presenters and discuss more specific details of a career in which they are interested.

Dr. Rullan complimented elementary band teacher, Ms. Victoria Kavitt, who has exposed students to Gordon's "Music Learning Theory" as the foundation for warm ups in their class and band rehearsals. Dr. Rullan witnessed beginning band students echo or imitate the notes they heard Ms. Kavitt play and then created their own improvisations.

Dr. Rullan requested a motion for the approval of new courses, name changes and curriculum writing projects and wished everyone a joyous holiday season.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve:

Course Name Changes and Course Revision: Chemistry 10SL *to* Chemistry Accelerated.

New Course Proposals {including curriculum writing}: College Introduction to Sports Management; Excel for College and Careers; Social Media Marketing; AP Computer Science A; IB Design Technology SL/HL1/HL2; Robotics; IB Film SL/HL; IB Literature and Performance SL/HL; Skills in STEM Research; IB Physics SL/HL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 12/11/18. Items reviewed included the October treasurer's report; October payroll summary; October financial statements; claims audit report and November system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, resolution, surplus item, donation and approval of contracts. Mrs. Pellati discussed the benefits of closing district accounts at Capital One Bank and moving them to the district's primary bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, for better interest rates. Mrs. Pellati also discussed the 2017-2018 fund balance detail and potential uses for a capital reserve.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 12/11/18. Items reviewed included the Willetts Creek remediation; bond construction; privacy slat fencing for Paul J. Bellew; issuance of winter gym permits; and the new security office at the high school. The security office at Paul J. Bellew will remain the primary district security office.

Safety Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting that took place 11/20/18. Items reviewed included a community letter, before school protocols, accessibility to buildings and grounds during school events, armed guard companies and training costs.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 12/13/18. Items discussed were CSE/CPSE recommendations and student placements.

Health and Wellness Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held 11/20/18. Items reviewed included the October Color Run, which had just under 700 participants. The committee is looking forward to Spring 2019 events, and shared a newsletter with staff regarding vaping/mental health/social media/gaming and muscular dystrophy. The committee approved purchase of mindfulness CDs for all schools, and a discussion took place regarding the expanding use of tobacco/vaping products by adolescents.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul J. Bellew cafeteria.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for October was presented. Beginning balance as of 10/1/18: \$42,783,355.39; ending balance as of 10/31/18: \$28,240,463.27.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfers 3566-3576 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3568-3577.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Contracts: Deer Park UFSD District of Location Agreement; Half Hollow Hills CSD District of Location Agreement.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the surplus of Delta table saw tag #0020008 ~ Beach Street Middle School.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation – Thriftway Auto Body Works – WIHS Auto Technology classes four automotive vehicle hoods valued at \$200 each.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: approval of the Corrective Action Plan to the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2018.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve additional CSE/CPSE Chairperson.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: destruction of unused and full ballot booklets.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: naming of the West Islip High School athletic complex.

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that Mr. Tim Horan, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, and Recreation has recommended the main turf field at West Islip High School athletic complex be named the *Wayne Shierant field at Alumni Stadium* in recognition of his contributions to West Islip, county and state athletics. Mr. Gellar advised that the dedication will take place this spring.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns wished everyone a joyous and festive holiday and encouraged residents to attend the high school Chorus Concert on Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Mrs. LaRosa announced that there will be a PAWS Dinner Dance on March 15, 2019 at Captain Bills. The honorees will be educator Mrs. Jeanne Dowling and community member Mr. John Raimondi. Information is forthcoming.

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

Sara Bakshi - a senior at West Islip High School, asked when the Senior Bistro at the high school would be ready and what it would be like. Mrs. Burns advised that the furniture delivery was delayed and the bistro should be ready as early as possible in January. Mrs. Burns also advised that there would be different food choices.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel – Mrs. Hantzschel expressed concerns regarding the manner in which her remarks were reflected in the minutes of the November Board meeting. Mrs. Hantzschel does not oppose community service and involvement, but clarified that if students are forced to fulfill such a requirement, it minimizes the significance of the activity. Mrs. Hantzschel expressed her appreciation for those facilitating school clubs, but stated that students should participate and contribute actively. Mrs. LaRosa explained to Mrs. Hantzschel how clubs raise money and can provide a community involvement experience. Mr. Gellar stated that the November minutes were not misrepresented and is a summary of what is said. Mrs. Hantzschel spoke about stickers on classroom doors and clarified that she has nothing against the LBGT+Q community, but feels DASA protects all classes of students and stickers should be designed to reflect all students. Mrs. Hantzschel expressed how she is grateful for the teachers and the orchestra performance before the meeting and hopes the teachers come to an [contract] agreement in the near future.

Mr. Gellar wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:53 p.m. on motion by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk 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.