

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 10, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

RECOGNITION:

Athletic

Girls Varsity Gymnastics All County ~ *Kimberly Arena, Emily McGrade, Alyssa Woltmann*

Girls Varsity Tennis All County ~ *Leanna Paulsen*

Girls Varsity Swimming All County ~ *Jacqueline Triglia*

Girls Varsity Soccer All County ~ *Melissa Khoury, Jaden Hampel*

Boys Varsity Soccer All County Academic ~ *Matthew Sgueglia*

Boys Varsity Cross Country All County ~ *Andrew Paules*

Girls Varsity Volleyball All County Academic ~ *Brooke Russo*

Varsity Football All County ~ *Thomas Armetta, Patrick Cunningham, Christian Esperson, Kyle Haff,
Michael LaDonna, Jack Pollock*

Varsity Field Hockey All County ~ *Darcie Wallace*

Music

Averie Alessi, Anthony Ball, Erin Bevan, Patrick Bolin, Mary Ellen Boucher, Zachary Brewer, Dylan Bruno, Matthew Cammarano, Drake Castonguay, Eve Castonguay, Faith Chen, Aidan Ciesluk, Sean Coppola, Nicole D'Asaro, Taylor Davies, Jonathan Delanoy, Amanda Ditaranto, Callum Dwyer, Matthew Falkenmayer, Kieran Farrell, Shannon Feminella, William Fix, Marc Frazier, Grace Gallagher, Aaron Glass, Kylie Horan, Joseph Imburgia, Thomas Interrante, Hayden Iry, Derek Kim, Marina Lankford, Dylan Latargia, Lauren Leonardi, Jack Locurto, Elizabeth Lundquist, Alexandra Mahany, David Mahany, Maxwell Mastroianni, Mitchell Mastroianni, Robert Matin, Jana Mazzella, Emma Musial, Matthew Oldaker, Kory O'Neill, Kathryn Paidoussis, Andrew Palmer, Marisa Pastore, Peter Pastore, Diana Raffa, Ryan Rafferty, Taylor Rakovic, Theresa Rand, Sophia Randazzo, Delaney Rivera, Vincent Santini, Kyle Tran, Tristan Tran, Evan Trommer, Nicholas Veiga, Anthony Venezia, Jack Walsh, Marion Wegener, Michael Woss, Charles Zito

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, 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 Medical Leave Act of 1993 - 12-week continuous medical coverage): Andromache Agramonte, World Language, effective January 2, 2019 – March 26, 2019 (High School).

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: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Barbara Susajlo, Special Education Aide, effective January 2, 2019 through June 26, 2019 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Christine Antippas, Special Education Leave Replacement, effective December 22, 2018 through June 26, 2019 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing B. Susajlo {LoA}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: AMENDMENT TO RETIREMENT DATE: Nancy Forst, Senior Office Assistant, effective February 28, 2019 (31 years; approved at the December 13, 2018 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Vickie Wolff, Senior Office Assistant, 12 months, effective January 28, 2019 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing P. Paladino {retired}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Chiarelli, Senior Office Assistant, 10 months, effective February 28, 2019 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing N. Forst {retired}).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Diane Paredes, Bus Driver, effective January 14, 2019 (Transportation; \$25.35/hr.; new position).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Tamika Grub, Special Education Aide, effective January 3, 2019 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: AMENDMENT TO ADULT EDUCATION FALL 2018: Kim Crichton (Pilates, Qigong, Iyengar Yoga, Fitness Mix) \$35/hr.; Alexandra Prieto (Zumba) \$35/hr.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2019: Alexandra Bergin (Zumba) \$35/hr.; 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) \$35/hr.; Joyce Gangone (Mindfulness: Body and Mind Wellness) \$30/hr.; James Grover (Basketball) \$35/hr.; Matthew Haszinger (Volleyball) \$30/hr.; Phyllis Hintze (Ballroom Dancing) \$30/hr.; Jennifer Keller (Mahjong For All) \$25/hr.; Bruce Lieberman (Defensive Driving) no cost to West Islip; Jane Loehle (Aquacise) \$35/hr.; Alyssa Marie Sobel (Volleyball) \$30/hr.; Brian Stoll (Broadway – From Back Row to Backstage) \$25/hr.; Robert Watts (Introduction to Guitar/Piano) \$30/hr.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019: WEST ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL: Sets Director, All Productions, Elaine Longo; Science Honor Society, Diane Munno. UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Geography Bee Club, Giavanna Donarumia.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS (\$275 per session): Julia Cardo (Scientific Inquiry and Exploration 1 & 2); Jennifer Delaney (Cooking Around the World & Colorful Cooking); Justin DeMaio (LEGOS); Michelle Edgley (Paper Creations & Soak and Scrub); Christine Maniscalco (Coding is Cool, Coding for Kids).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Tina DiLorenzo, effective January 23, 2019, student teacher; Kevin Gonzales, effective January 28, 2019, student teacher; Katrina Martinez, effective January 11, 2019; Ashley Meisner, effective January 23, 2019, student teacher; Justin Miller, effective January 14, 2019, student teacher.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): *Jenna Comeau, effective January 11, 2019; Tina DiLorenzo, effective January 23, 2019; Ashley Meisner, effective January 23, 2019.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the district is working on course offerings for the 2019-2020 school year. The district will offer all eighth grade students the opportunity to take Algebra 1 and has reviewed the first quarter results of seventh grade math students taking Principles of Algebra, for which 62% of the students have demonstrated mastery level work due to the change in curriculum.

The Board of Regents revised the CTE portion of the Commissioner's Regulations, which now provides more flexibility for middle-level students to fulfill the 1³/₄ unit requirement for career and technical education.

The district continues to hold focus groups and professional development with elementary teachers to review the scope and sequence and map the skills and concepts students need at each grade level.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 1/8/19. Items reviewed included the November treasurer's report; November payroll summary; November financial statements; claims audit report and December system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus, change orders, 2018-2019 contract, donation and resolution. Mrs. Pellati informed the Board that Rich Coffey of Cullen and Danowski, LLP will attend the February 26 Planning Session to provide a risk assessment update.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 1/8/19, at which BBS and SCC provided a bond work update. Items reviewed included the high school pool liner; the completion of the high school parapet wall and turf baseball field; and signs for the middle schools. The high school planetarium construction will begin in summer 2019. BBS expects all approvals for district-wide security vestibules in time for construction in late spring 2019 and summer 2019. Submission to SED for the technology/engineering lab is anticipated in February 2019 for work to be completed by September 2019. This affects the music suite, so a backup plan will be put in place if construction runs longer than anticipated.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place 1/10/19. Lorrie Director, Director of Counseling, gave an overview of the department, discussed K-12 services, and spoke about college and career readiness.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 1/10/19. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations, student placements and annual reviews.

Health and Wellness Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held 1/8/19. Items reviewed included adolescent smartphone use; family monitoring of apps; and initiatives to enhance student mental health. The committee also shared a newsletter regarding difficult news/Fortnite and kids with ADHD/vaping & drug use/hotline crisis phone numbers/social host. The committee also discussed security measures; security apps, mindfulness initiatives; yoga and offering family night activities.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul J. Bellew Cafeteria.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for November was presented. Beginning balance as of 11/1/18: \$28,240,463.27; ending balance as of 11/30/18: \$18,362,170.11.

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 3578-3585 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3581-3583.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the surplus of miscellaneous IT/AV equipment ~ District-wide.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Orders: Crossroads Construction Corp. - Beach Street Middle School - \$5,485; The Landtek Group, Inc. - West Islip High School - \$113,044.90.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Contract: Edward M. Petrosky, Psy.D., ABPP.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions: donation from Alliance Energy LLC - \$500 - West Islip High School and resulting resolution to increase 2018-2019 budget - \$500.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Gellar wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and Release.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns encouraged everyone to visit the district's Facebook page which reflects the good work going on throughout the district.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

A blood drive will take place at Beach Street Middle School on Monday, January 14, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The DEC will be holding a public forum on January 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Beach Street cafeteria.

Mr. Gellar reminded the audience that the budget season will be starting and a public notice listing the budget work sessions will be posted shortly. These work sessions are the best time for residents to provide input.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:24 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver ~ Student A.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver ~ Student B.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss 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.