

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 14, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk,
Mr. O'Connor (left 9:01 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Vigliotta

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 February 26, 2019 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

- A) Art ~ New York State Art Teachers' Association Legislative Student Art Exhibition
Tyler Busching, Katie Callaghan, Abigail Narra, Keirsten Nizen
- B) Common Hope ~ Kristie Ferruzzi and Noreen Matthews, advisors
Alexandra Arcila, David Belcher, Christina Caputo, Michael Ciccarelli, Timothy Connolly, Rachel Eblers, Kayla Gillespie, Samantha Hart, Heather Mauri, Maureen McMabon, Eric Mertens
- C) Squads Abroad ~ Noreen Matthews and Robert Weiss, advisors
Shae Boyle, Amanda Doherty, Lillian Dookram, Sydney Kravchuk, Abigail Lashinsky, Claudia Mangiamele, Jake Maresca, Jamie McEnaney, Matthew Oldaker, DanaLynn Petzold, Lia Tietelbaum

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT: Anne Rullan, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, effective July 1, 2019 (6 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Denise Cain, Physical Education, effective July 1, 2019 (33 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Patricia Chieffo, Elementary, effective July 1, 2019 (25 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Philip DePompeo, Special Education, effective July 1, 2019 (18 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Catherine Dolan-Stefanak, Elementary, effective July 1, 2019 (33 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Mitchel Luquer, Counselor, effective July 1, 2019 (34 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Deborah Santo, Elementary, effective July 1, 2019 (32 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Andromache Agramonte, World Language, effective March 27, 2019 to May 1, 2019 (High School).

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): Christine Labbate-Mandra, Psychologist, effective March 14, 2019 to April 1, 2019 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Erin Barto, Psychologist, effective March 13, 2019 to June 30, 2019 (High School; Step 1A⁴; replacing Robyn Southard {LoA}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Jamie Storoshenko, Bus Driver, effective December 22, 2018 (22 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: TERMINATION: Samantha Sforza, Bio-technology Aide, effective March 15, 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: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$12.00/hr.): Christine Rosati, effective March 15, 2019.

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 GUARD: *Troy Burchard, effective March 15, 2019 (\$21.69/hr.).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPRING 2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BASEBALL: Richard Zec, Udall Volunteer; GIRLS LACROSSE: Daniel Formichelli, Assistant Beach Coach (replacing Toniann Riportella; approved at the 12/13/18 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Krista Donnelly, effective March 15, 2019.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the New York State Education Department has released the P-12 Science Learning Standards Implementation Roadmap, which provides an implementation plan: next year will be the last administration of the Grade 4 Science Assessment; there will be no Elementary Science Assessment in the 2020-2021 school year; the new Grade 5 Science Assessment will begin in June 2022; the new Biology and Earth and Space Science Regents exams will be administered in June 2023; and the new Chemistry and Physics Regents exams will be administered in June 2024.

Dr. Rullan shared a band lesson she recently observed in which band teacher, Ms. Yurman, used Gordon's "Music Learning Theory" as the foundation for warm-ups with fourth grade clarinet players. The theory encourages students to think of music as a set of patterns rather than individual notes randomly placed together. Ms. Yurman has developed a series of videos placed within her Google Classroom for students to access at home, which students use to help improve their own performance.

Dr. Rullan announced that as part of the Parent Academy series, the district is hosting a Mental Wellness Symposium in collaboration with Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. The symposium will include presentations regarding brain research, drug awareness, anxiety, suicide ideation, and mental wellness. The symposium is targeted toward a mature presentation for adults and high school students. The workshop will take place on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paul J. Bellew Elementary School Auditorium.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 3/12/19. Items reviewed included the January treasurer's report; January payroll summary; January financial statements; claims audit report and February system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus, resolutions, Change Orders, 2018-2019 contract, health service contracts and Leasehold Space Agreement with ES BOCES. Mrs. Pellati discussed the Driver Education tuition rate, which is currently \$410, and has not been increased in a few years. After review of rates in other districts, the Board of Education agreed to increase the rate to \$425 effective July 1, 2019.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 3/12/19. Items reviewed included a bond update by BBS and SCC: high school pool liner issues require repairs; window repairs are complete with exception of one window; SED has approved district-wide vestibules and work will begin this summer. The Westbrook tenant has requested to lease two more classrooms; ESBOCES has opted not to renew the Masera lease; Accuhealth Management Group will have an on-site mobile unit visit at each school on a day in March or April for interested staff members; ASK US has been informed of its option to purchase a \$400 sign; the high school main office will be reorganized this summer; the library media centers to be transformed into technology hubs and less books will be housed on shelves which will be auctioned to purchase furniture and equipment.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting that took place 3/14/19. Items reviewed included curriculum writing projects; a visit by Dr. Rullan and Mrs. Fulton to the South Huntington school district to observe a keyboarding without tears class; and a recent New York State mandate requiring districts to oversee nonpublic schools within the district.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/14/19. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations; student placements; annual reviews; and additional services at the high school for students with disabilities.

Health and Wellness Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meetings held on 2/12/19 and 3/5/2019. 2/12/19 items reviewed included a volleyball tournament 3/1/19 and 3/2/19 for which committee will pick up the cost of a DJ; the newsletter that was mailed at the end of February; and a health & wellness community e-mail that addressed substance abuse intervention tips, alcohol & drug abuse red flags, adolescent alcohol use statistics, and facts on E-Cigarette use.

3/5/19 items reviewed included discussion on the success of the volleyball tournaments; the mailing of the newsletter; a presentation being coordinated for the spring related to 14 APPS parents should know about; the 2019 ColorRun, which will take place 10/20/19; Momo Challenge concerns; a vaping presentation on 3/18/19 at Centereach HS; and the Mental Health Forum 4/1/19 at P.J. Bellew auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul J. Bellew Cafeteria.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for January was presented. Beginning balance as of 1/1/19: \$13,287,604.69; ending balance as of 1/31/19: \$54,868,907.05.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfers 3587-3598 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3592-3597.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Health Service Contracts: Bay Shore UFSD - \$17,954.20; Smithtown CSD - \$2,005.74; Syosset CSD - \$3,943.00.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions: Receipt of Single Audit Report from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP for year ended June 30, 2018; New York State Deferred Compensation Plan.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: miscellaneous science textbooks and items.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Orders: Milcon Construction Corp/Beach Street Middle School - (\$35,625.42) and Milcon Corp/Udall Road Middle School - (\$28,802.49).

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: Richard Madison Associates.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote, and Election of the West Islip UFSD dated February 20, 2019, including propositions, terms, dates and provisions set forth therein, and directs the District Clerk to publish the Legal Notice in accordance with Education Law Section 2004.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to *table* approval of Leasehold Space Agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for two classrooms at Paul J. Bellew Elementary School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that there will be a Mental Wellness Community Forum on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Paul J. Bellew Elementary School. The district is working in collaboration with Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center.

The District is working with local legislators to better understand the bills impacting schools.

The DEC will start remediation work at Willetts Creek after graduation; preliminary work will begin shortly at Beach Street. A bi-monthly newsletter by the DEC will keep the community informed as much as possible; information will be posted on the Community page of the district website.

Mrs. LaRosa informed the audience that the PAWS Gala will take place on Friday, March 15. PAWS, a not-for-profit educational foundation, will honor Mrs. Jeanne Dowling and Mr. John Raimondi. It is a sold out event and representatives from all the buildings will be attending. The event will raise money for grants. Mrs. LaRosa thanked everyone for their support.

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

Mr. Brian Washington, 7 Mariner Circle, West Islip - Mr. Washington has four children and has resided in West Islip since 1998 and is in his 29^h year in public education. Mr. Washington expressed concerns regarding a reduction in inclusion services and removing inclusion from the high school.

Mrs. Burns explained that the services offered will be determined at each student's annual review. If an integrated setting is appropriate, it will be offered.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:32 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Leasehold Space Agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for two classrooms at Paul J. Bellew Elementary School

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, 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.