

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 9, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Brady, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor
ABSENT: Mr. Maginniss
ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Pellati, Dr. Rullan
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 April 16, 2019 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Science Olympiads

Beach Street Middle School: Kristie Ferruzzi and Andrea Miller, Advisors

Nathaniel Butler, James Delaney, Eugene Ditaranto, Jonathan Galeas, Lola Handley, Kerem Kasap, Julia Kennedy, Caylee Klimuszeko, Gannon Klimuszeko, Connor McNamee, George Mora, Kathryn Mushorn, Ryan Northorn, Ella Okurowski, Christopher Palazzo, Caelie Pappone, Joseph Pappone, Christopher Pirovato, Alexander Prokopiou, Markos Prokopiou, Matthew Regina, Mason Solomon, Michael Spence, Michael Washington

Udall Road Middle School ~ Kristine Hagens, Advisor

Francesco Aguanno, Ryan Cascino, Jacob Cascio, Rachel Crumlich, Rylie Crumlich, Braedon Dedovich, Jack Greene, Luis Kinney, Fiona McKay, Aidan Okurowski, Andrew Petrillo, Alexander Poteat, Andrew Rao, Abdul Salim

West Islip High School ~ Linda Tong, Advisor

Samuel Ahrens, Austin Barone, Nicolette Basile, Alexa Camillery, Gabrielle Camillery, Scott Demarest, Madison Esposito, Max Esposito, Samantha Ismail, Derek Kim, Caden Kruer, Cameron Lewandowski, Cole Mariano, Courtney Metzger, Thomas Pfaffe, Gianna Pillitteri, Paul Pillitteri, Michael Pleitez, Anna Rentz, Jake Turcios, Deah Zajmi

Science Research ~ Mary Kroll and Alexandra Nohowec, Advisors

Michael Alexander, Marisa Calderone, Gabrielle Camillery, Ryan Comerford, Jason DeCoteau, Rachel Denzler, Madison Esposito, Catherine Fregosi, Robert Gruskin, Robert Hoyler, Christopher Hueber, Maximus Hujik, Derek Kim, Vanessa Kramer, Gizela Maksym, Jake Maresca, Kyle Nelson, Sara O'Sullivan-Bakshi, Michael Pleitez, Samantha Soeryn, Tristan Tran, Evan Trommer

Town of Islip Anti-Bias Task Force ~ Fran Ahearn and Kathleen Crowley, Advisors

April Alegretto, Unib Awan, Jake Brickman, Kamryn Cinotti, Ariel Glass, Olivia Hargraves, Anna Kalinowski, Amy McCann, Julianna Orkin, Yanselis Ortiz, James Sladky

New York State Master Teacher ~ Mary Kroll

Senator Phil Boyle Teacher of Excellence ~ Denise Cain

Teachers Appreciation Week ~ West Islip Teachers' Association

National School Nurse Day ~ West Islip Nurses' Chapter of WITA

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: James Grover, Director of Mathematics, Business, and Family and Consumer Sciences, effective July 1, 2019 (Districtwide; \$135,000; replacing Kathleen Sapanski {retired}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Julia Cardo, Science, effective August 31, 2019 (Beach/Udall).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: James Grover, Mathematics, effective July 1, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Michael Perna, World Languages, effective August 31, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Brandy Ugenti, ESL/ENL (.6), effective May 10, 2019 (Oquenock).

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: Diane Larkin, Security Paraprofessional, effective June 26, 2019 (18 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION 2019-2020: Michelle Grover, Secretary - \$7,162 (\$3,581/semester).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER EDUCATION SECRETARY 2019-2020: Dorothy Rabin, Secretary - \$3,867 (\$1,289/semester).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT 2019-2020: *John Ruggiero, Coordinator - \$5,385 (\$1,795/semester).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT SECRETARY 2019-2020: Dorothy Rabin, Secretary - \$2,370 (\$790/semester).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PSAT/SAT 2019-2020: *Dennis Adams, Coordinator - \$5,164.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30.00/hr.): Erin Auer, effective May 10, 2019; Phyllis Clements, effective March 29, 2019; Alexa Key, effective May 10, 2019; William Ponce, effective May 10, 2019.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Erin Auer, effective May 10, 2019; Jessica Burton, effective May 10, 2019; Danielle Carboni, effective May 10, 2019; Alexa Key, effective May 10, 2019; William Ponce, effective May 10, 2019; Katherine Schweitzer, effective May 10, 2019; Erika Teich, effective May 10, 2019.

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): Erin Auer, effective May 10, 2019; Danielle Carboni, effective May 10, 2019; Alexa Key, effective May 10, 2019; William Ponce, effective May 10, 2019.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that students in grades 3 through 8 took the New York State Mathematics assessments during the week of April 29. The district expanded computer-based testing from grades 6 through 8 from last year to include grade 5 this school year, which took place without any technical incidents. Grades 3 and 4 completed paper-based assessments. The overall percentage of parents who refused taking the assessments on behalf of their students was 69%.

International Baccalaureate testing has begun and will continue for the next two weeks. Advanced Placement exams will begin next week and run for two weeks.

The State Education Department guidelines which required public schools to conduct an intensive review of private and parochial schools to determine if the education provided was equivalent to public schools was suspended by the state Supreme Court.

The first home game for the district's newly-formed Unified Basketball Team took place on Tuesday and was well-attended.

Dr. Rullan requested a motion for the approval of curriculum writing projects.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Curriculum Writing Projects: Coding; Technology 1; Technology 2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 5/7/19. Items reviewed included the March treasurer's report; March payroll summary; March financial statements; claims audit report and April system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, budget transfers, surplus, resolutions, contracts, bids and an Amendment to the Masera Lease Agreement. The RFP for the External Auditors for 2019-2020 was discussed with the committee and R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP was selected.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 5/7/19. Items reviewed included security vestibule bond work should be completed before the start of 2019-2020 school year; the high school technology/engineering lab is awaiting SED approval; and high school music suite should be approved shortly. Other items discussed included upkeep of the baseball turf field; amendment to Masera Lease Agreement; fire inspections conducted on all buildings; Vietnam Memorial stone installed at high school; and a donation of eight West Islip High School banners are being offered and would be mounted to light poles along Lion's Path.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 5/9/19. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and student placements and all was in order. The unified basketball team had their first game as reported in the curriculum update.

Mr. Gellar attended the unified basketball game and advised that it was a really great event. The gym was filled with enthusiasm, support, sportsmanship and comradery. Mr. Gellar thanked all that were involved.

Health and Wellness Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 4/16/2019. Items reviewed included financial report; newsletter that was mailed at end of March; 2019 Color run that will take place on Sunday, October 20th; a Mobile Device Safety Awareness Presentation and Spring into Wellness Family Night; Sounds of Silence 5K/10K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 11th at Jones Beach bringing awareness to post-partum depression and anxiety; approval of two \$250.00 scholarships starting in 2019; and the committee is exploring an evening parent/guardian presentation with Speaker Kevin Atler - Addicts Diary.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul J. Bellew Cafeteria.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for March was presented. Beginning balance as of 3/1/19: \$48,699,880.61; ending balance as of 3/31/19: \$54,172,807.80.

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 3618-3633 and 2018-2019 Capital Fund budget transfers 3616-3628.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 contracts: DaVinci Education & Research, LLC; Home Care Therapies, LLC, d/b/a Horizon Healthcare Staffing; Little Angels Center, Inc.; Metro Therapy.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: miscellaneous technology equipment ~ Beach; and miscellaneous IT/AV equipment.

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 Health Service Contract: Plainedge Union Free School District - \$768.59.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following:

Resolution: Donations

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated physical education equipment valued at \$5,500.00 from West Islip Touchdown Committee, which has been donated for use in the High School Fitness Center.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a donated 2011 Hyundai Elantra valued at \$5,587.00 from Colleen Zito, which has been donated for use in the Automotive Technology classes at the high school.

WHEREAS, THE West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a donated 70 inch Sony Television valued at \$900 from the Bayview P.T.A., which has been donated for use in the Bayview Elementary School.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to reject the following:

Resolution: Rejection of Security Vestibule Addition Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the West Islip Board of Education hereby rejects all bids with regard to the Single Prime Sealed Bid for Security Vestibule Additions at Manetuck and Paul J. Bellew Elementary Schools. The basis for this rejection is the fact the bids received are in excess of the budgeted monies for these projects

Resolution: Rejection of the Purchase of a New Engine Lathe Machine Bid

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the West Islip Board of Education hereby reject all bids with regarding to Bid #1914 Purchase of a New Engine Lathe Machine and will re-advertise for new bids. The basis for rejection is submitted bid does not meet the required tolerances and footprint of the identified machine as listed in the bid specifications.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 Bids: #1902 - All Color Business Specialties; #1903 - Long Island Equipment Service, Inc.; #1904 - Advantage Music; #1906 - Commercial Instrumentation Services; #1907 - Ideal Fence Corporation; #1908 - BSN Sports, Riddell; #1909 Winters Bros. Hauling of Long Island, LLC; #1911 – Tormach, Inc.; #1912 Tormach, Inc.; #1913 Shop Sabre CNC; #1915 Suffolk Auto Driving School.

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 Memorandum of Agreement ~ WISE and UPSEU summer hours.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement ~ Nurses’ Chapter of WITA Negotiated Agreement.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Amendment to Masera Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Rich Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution ~ establishing TRS sub-fund.

Resolution: Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District participates in the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System (“TRS”); and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2006 the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District by resolution established a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund known as the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined it is also appropriate to establish a sub-fund within said Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District, pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law, as follows:

1. The Board hereby establishes a sub-fund within the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to be known as the West Islip Union Free School District Retirement Contribution Reserve Sub-Fund;
2. The source of funds for this Reserve Sub-Fund shall be:
 - a. such amounts as may be provided therefore by budgetary appropriation or raised by tax therefore;
 - b. such revenues as are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account;
 - c. such other funds as may be legally appropriated; and
 - d. notwithstanding any law to the contrary, such amounts as may be transferred from a reserve fund established pursuant to Section 6-c, 6-d, 6-e, 6-f or 6-g of Article 2 of the General Municipal Law, comprised of moneys raised from the same tax base as the moneys in the retirement contribution reserve fund, or a reserve fund established pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, provided that any such transfer shall only be made by Board resolution adopted after a public hearing held on at least 15 days prior notice published in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the District.

3. By resolution, the Board of Education may authorize expenditures from this Reserve Sub-Fund. Except as otherwise provided by law, moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund may only be appropriated to finance retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, and/or to offset all or a portion of the amount deducted from the moneys apportioned to the District from the State for the support of schools pursuant to Section 521 of the Education Law.
4. No member of the Board of Education or employee of the District shall:
 - a. authorize a withdrawal from this Reserve Sub-Fund for any purpose except as provided in Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law; or
 - b. expend any money withdrawn from this Reserve Sub-Fund for a purpose other than as provided in Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law.
5. The moneys contributed annually to the Reserve Sub-Fund shall not exceed 2% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year.
6. The balance of the Reserve Sub-Fund shall not exceed 10% of the total compensation or salaries of all teachers employed by the District who are members of TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year.
7. The moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund shall be deposited and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Board of Education or its authorized designee may invest the moneys in this Reserve Sub-Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law. Any interest earned or capital gain realized on the money so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of this Reserve Sub-Fund.
8. The chief fiscal officer shall account for this Reserve Sub-Fund separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Such accounting shall show: the source, date and amount of each sum paid into the sub-fund; the interest earned by such sub-fund; capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of this sub-fund; the order, purpose thereof, date and amount of each payment from this sub-fund; the assets of the sub-fund, indicating cash balance and a schedule of investments. The chief fiscal officer, within sixty (60) days of the end of each fiscal year, shall furnish a detailed report of the operation and condition of this sub-fund to the Board of Education.
9. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the School Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Celebrate Education will also take place and include the District Art Show, music groups, Robotics and a number of other activities. Mrs. Burns encouraged everyone to attend.

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

Mr. Joseph Dixon, President of the West Islip Teachers Association - Mr. Dixon spoke regarding Teachers Appreciation Week and how teachers go above and beyond for their students. Mr. Dixon encouraged the administration and Board of Education to settle the teachers' contract.

Mr. Lev Brickman, 336 Arcadia Drive, West Islip - Mr. Brickman inquired about minimum enrollment requirements for high school math course offerings. Mrs. Burns advised that there are a number of options and encouraged Mr. Brickman to call her office to discuss specifics as they relate to his student.

Mrs. Laura McCarthy, 26 Myson Street, West Islip - Mrs. McCarthy inquired about Oquenock class size for second grade next year and asked what technology devices are being considered. Mrs. Burns responded that the average second grade class size is 22-23 students. Mrs. McCarthy also stated that she hopes the teachers' contract gets settled quickly and peacefully.

Regular Meeting
May 9, 2019

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 9:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:39 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady 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 - Memorandum of Agreement for Employee "A".

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, 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.