

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 15, 2019 – West Islip High School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. McCann, Mr. Michaluk

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Pellati

ABSENT: Mrs. Morrison

ATTORNEYS: Mr. Volz, Mr. Arntsen

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

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 July 2, 2019 Reorganizational Meeting, the July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting, and the July 23, 2019 Special Meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Brian Taylor, Executive Director of Human Resources, effective August 19, 2019 to August 18, 2023 (Districtwide; \$160,000; new position).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lauren Lay, Assistant Principal, effective August 26, 2019 to August 25, 2023 (Udall; \$120,000; replacing L. Martinolich-Tuozzolo {resigned}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION: Brian Taylor, Director of Science and Technology, effective August 19, 2109 (Districtwide).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Mary Alotta, Pre-K Teacher, effective September 3, 2019 to September 2, 2023 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1PK⁴; new position).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Caitlin DeGirolamo, Pre-K Teacher, effective September 3, 2019 to September 2, 2023 (Bayview; Step 1PK⁴; new position).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Melissa Gallagher, Pre-K Teacher, effective September 3, 2019 to September 2, 2023 (Manetuck; Step 1PK⁴; new position).

In order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings to Education Law §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years and if a classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Soley Vita, Elementary, effective September 3, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann 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): Deanna Johnson, Special Education, effective September 3, 2019 – November 22, 2019 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Alice Anos, Senior Office Assistant, effective December 30, 2019 (17 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Dianne Johnson, Computer Programmer, effective December 30, 2019 (48 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Diane Scherer, Special Education Aide, effective August 15, 2019 (15 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Linda Skinner, Computer Operator II, effective December 31, 2019 (45 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Justin Miller, Biotechnology Lab Aide, effective August 8, 2019 (High School).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem): Matthew Darrell, effective September 3, 2019.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: REGENTS GRADERS SUMMER 2019:

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry

Alissa Nanda

Chemistry

Kristie Ferruzzi
Brian Haldenwang
Kathleen Scrivani

Earth Science

Danielle Dischley
Lynn Larsen

English

Linda Gifford
Virginia Scudder

Global History

Michael Hazelton
Michael LaCova

Living Environment

Dennis Adams
Brian Haldenwang

US History

Michael Hazelton
Michael LaCova

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CIVIL SERVICE: CURRICULUM WRITING SUMMER 2019:

TECHNOLOGY:

<u>Coding</u>	<u>Technology 1</u>	<u>Technology 2</u>
Thomas Larsen	Thomas Larsen	Brian Buonomo
Michael Taranto	Michael Taranto	

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the Summer Investigations Program took place at P.J. Bellew under the direction of Mrs. Pratt. Approximately 100 students (K-Grade 5) participated in the four-week program. At the high school, Mr. Taylor facilitated the Summer School program; Regents Review classes and the middle school Summer Academy, serving almost 200 students in total. Regents exams took place this week and the district is awaiting the results.

Staff members have participated in professional development in programs that will enhance learning for our students and their use of the Chromebook in the classroom. The Infinite Campus portal will open next week, and parents can view their children's schedules, supply lists, teacher assignments and other pertinent information for the start of the school year.

Mrs. Morrison recently sent home a letter to the parents of Pr-K students informing them that the first day of school is Monday, September 9. An orientation program will take place in each building on Friday, September 6. There are currently 115 students enrolled.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 8/13/19. Items reviewed included May & June payroll summary; May financial statements; claims audit report for June and July and June system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, donations, surplus items, change order and approval of contracts. Mrs. Pellati discussed with the committee the TAN/BAN results, ASK US lease, and fund balance for 2018-2019. The district will work with the New York State School Boards Association to complete a policy review. It is expected that the process will take 12-24 months.

Buildings and Grounds: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 8/13/19. BBS/SCC provided a bond update. Phases 2b, 2c and 3 are complete; the district recently received SED approval for the high school vestibule and music suite. Options are being explored for the use of Masera Elementary School, and the soccer field irrigation at Masera was discussed. Also discussed: board trustees will visit school buildings in August; capital reserve projects for consideration; use of high school turf field at night; and additional ID card readers installed at the high school.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 3671-3693 and Capital Fund 2019-2020 budget transfers 3689 - 3697.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution Tax Levy 2019-2020.

RESOLUTION: 2019/2020 TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Union Free School District, for the school year 2019/2020 in the amount of \$125,903,812 proposed in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2019, and,

WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Public Library, for the fiscal year 2019/2020 in the amount of \$4,507,910, proposed in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on April 2, 2019, for a total approved budget of \$130,411,722 therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2019/2020 tax levy in the amount of \$85,505,745 for the West Islip Union Free School District and \$4,414,910 for the West Islip Public Library, for a combined tax levy of \$89,920,655 be approved and levied upon the real property of the District.

(The tax levy of \$85,505,745 for the School District plus \$40,398,067 other income as estimated on July 1, 2019, including State Aid and \$900,000 of Appropriated Fund Balance equals a budget of \$125,903,812. The tax levy of \$4,414,910 for the Public Library plus \$93,000 other income as estimated on July 1, 2019 equals a budget of \$4,507,910).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Donation from Ahold Delhaize USA - \$1,549.66 – Beach Street MS.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Donation from Ahold Delhaize USA - \$1,096.28 –Manetuck Elementary.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Donation from Manetuck's Grade 5 Class - \$650.00 – Manetuck Elementary.

DONATIONS:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$1,549.66 and \$1,096.28 from Ahold Delhaize USA, which have been donated for the purchase of supplies for the students of the Beach Street Middle School and Manetuck Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$650.00 from the Manetuck 5th grade class, which have been donated for the purchase of bench for the students of the Manetuck Elementary School.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: Increase to Budget 2019-2020 - \$3,295.94.

RESOLUTION: INCREASE 2019/2020 BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation budget for the 2019/2020 school year to be increased to \$125,907,107.94, an increase of the \$2,645.94 donation from Ahold Delhaize USA for the Beach Street Middle School and Manetuck Elementary School and an increase of the \$650.00 from the Manetuck 5th grade class for the Manetuck Elementary School.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan – Internal Audit.

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the internal auditors' Risk Assessment Update Report dated February 15, 2019 and the Report on Applying Agree-Upon Procedures dated June 4, 2019, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order No. 4 - Five Twelve Restoration, Inc. West Islip High School - \$30,000.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following contracts: Babylon UFSD 2019-2020, ESBOCES Final Contract for Cooperative Educational Services 2018-2019; Edward M. Petrosky, Psy.D., ABPP 2019-2020, Green Chimneys School 2019-2020, Nassau Suffolk Services for Autism - The Martin C. Barell School 2019-2020, Woods Services, Inc. 2019-2020.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus: miscellaneous IT/AV equipment.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Base Bid No. GC-2 – LoDuca Associates, Inc. – General Construction {Single Prime}.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Lease Agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the custodial and clerical staff have been working hard to clear the buildings and their efforts are appreciated. Administrators will return on Monday, August 19; events will be posted to the district calendar shortly. Superintendent's Conference Day will take place on September 3; students on September 4.

NOTICES/REMINDERS

First day of school for teachers ~ September 3, 2019

First day of school for students ~ September 4, 2019

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

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, West Islip - Mrs. Hantzschel expressed concerns regarding the summer reading assignment for tenth graders. Mrs. Hantzschel informed the Board of Education and administration that the novel, *Someday this Pain will be Useful to You*, contains anti-conservative and anti-American themes and students should be given a choice between reading liberal and/or conservative books. Mrs. Hantzschel also stated that controversial readings should not be assigned and freedom of speech and expressions must be upheld for all students. She handed out a list of objectionable passages from the book with comments to provoke thought on the part of the Board and administrators.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver for Student "A".

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk 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.