

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 7, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2019 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Veteran Recognition ~ Mr. Gellar recognized all the veterans that were in attendance and thanked all veterans for their service to our country.

New York State Master Teacher - *Brian Haldenwang*

Administrator Recognition ~ *Members of the West Islip Association of School Administrators*

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHER: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Deanna Johnson, Special Education, effective November 25, 2019 – January 1, 2020 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHER: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12 week continuous medical coverage): Marissa Villani, Special Education, effective November 15, 2019 - January 1, 2020 (Beach Street).

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: Maria Kofler, Special Education Aide, effective December 14, 2019 (25 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: RETIREMENT: Alison O'Bryen, Library Aide, effective November 12, 2019 (11 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: AMENDMENT TO START DATE: Cleuzelia D'Asaro, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective November 8, 2019 (Bayview; change start date from October 11, 2019).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Linda Kennedy, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 8, 2019 (Bayview; Step 1; replacing J. DiMaio {Special Education Aide}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Machusky, Special Education Aide, effective November 8, 2019 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing C. Catapano {resigned}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Joan DiStefano, Custodial Worker I, effective October 24, 2019 (Oquenock; change from Acting Head Custodian}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Linda Kennedy, effective November 8, 2019.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS 2019-2020: HIGH SCHOOL: Newspaper, Dawn DiVisconti and Christine Maniscalco {shared}.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison congratulated the West Islip girls' varsity soccer team and Coaches Robertson and Greco on winning the county championship.

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that West Islip was well represented at the annual Technology Summit that takes place on Long Island each year. Five staff members collaborated to facilitate three workshops: Assessment Tools: Fast, Fun and Formative; Ed Law 2D Compliance; and Take the Re-Do out of Revision: Using G-Suite as a Tool in the Writing Workshop.

On Monday, October 21, 2019, sixteen high school students were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society in a ceremony that was student run and included musical performances by the high school brass ensemble and orchestra. The counseling department hosted a college fair on October 24, 2019; 80 plus colleges and trade schools were present at the event to share information about admission practices, program offerings and campus life. Mrs. Morrison also shared information in regard to her recent classroom visits around the district.

Superintendent's Conference Day took place on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Staff members took part in various workshops including CPR/first aid, FERPA, Thinking is Learning, curriculum development and Brain Compatible Classrooms. Various departments attended professional learning experiences outside West Islip with colleagues from surrounding districts. A survey is going out to staff to ascertain feedback regarding the workshops offered.

Frozen Junior will be performed at 7:00 p.m. on November 21 and November 22 at Beach Street Middle School; tickets can be purchased at the door.

Mrs. Morrison extended a heartfelt thank you and acknowledgement of appreciation to the veterans.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 11/5/19. Items reviewed included the September treasurer's report; July, August and September extra-curricular report; October payroll summary; September financial statements; October claims audit report and October system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, donations, resolutions, SEDCAR contracts and special education contracts. Mrs. Pellati informed the committee that the internal auditors would be on site in November to perform their annual risk assessment.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 11/5/19. Items reviewed included Masera Elementary School, and the status of bond projects, including the technology and music suites, playgrounds at Bayview and Oquenock, sound and lighting of middle school auditoriums, the high school security vestibule, and the security checkpoint on Lions Path. The bidding period for Phase 4b bond work is November 14 through December 4 and bids will be opened on December 4. BBS anticipates submitting Phase

5 bond work to the SED by December 13. A permit request by the West Islip Soccer Club was discussed, and the solar PV request for proposals was extended 10 days so an addendum can be distributed. RFPs are expected to be open by mid-November.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting held 11/7/2019. Items discussed included Curriculum Development/Course Proposals for 2020/2021; adding Statistical Analysis and Coding to the STEM Academy Program for 2020-2021; enriching the elementary science program with increased emphasis on coding and technology; and Coding caterpillars (Code-A-Pillars), which are on their way to kindergarten classrooms. Administrators completed their annual APPR recertification training; library media specialists in each building were trained in the utilization and application of Google Expeditions; and Dr. Bridgeman provided information regarding updated procedures and practices at the high school.

Safety Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held on 10/16/19. Items discussed included 2019-2020 safety and security updates and initiatives; after school and evening protocols and staffing; budget considerations 2020-2021; protocols for the visitor management system; and the updating of the Code of Conduct.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held on 10/30/19. Items discussed were special education services, residential placements and nursing services.

Health & Wellness Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held 10/16/19. Items discussed included the Color Run that took place 10/20/19 and feedback regarding the *The Real Facts About Vaping and E-Cigarettes* presentation that took place on 10/15/19. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Paul J. Bellew cafeteria.

Audit Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 10/22/19. The committee reviewed the audited financial statements for year ended June 30, 2019 that was presented by the district's auditing firm, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP. No major concerns were reported and a Corrective Action Plan will be prepared.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for September was presented. Beginning balance as of 9/1/19: \$60,557,396.97; ending balance as of 9/30/19: \$53,611,203.54.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 General Fund budget transfers 3740-3752 and 2019-2020 Capital Fund budget transfers 3734-3751.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 SEDCAR contracts: ACLD, Mid Island Associates d/b/a All about Kids, Alternatives for Children, Brookville Center for Children's Services, Building Blocks Developmental Pre-School, Cleary School for the Deaf, Connetquot CSD of Islip, Developmental Disabilities, Inc., Eden II, Green Chimneys School, The Hagerdorn Little Village School, Henry Viscardi School, Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Kids in Action of Long Island, Inc., Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC, Leeway School, Metro Therapy, The New Interdisciplinary School, New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc., NYSARC, Inc.- Suffolk, Opportunity Pre-School, Suffolk County Department of Social Services, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Inc.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions re: donation from Ahold Delhaize USA - \$1,630.31 – Bayview.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation from Douglas Winter - The Rob Ferruggiari Buddy Bench - Paul J. Bellew valued at \$592.00.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted to increase the 2019-2020 budget by \$1,630.31.

DONATIONS:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$1,630.31 from Ahold Delhaize USA, which have been donated for the purchase of supplies for the students of the Bayview Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a donated Buddy Bench (The Rob Ferruggiari Buddy Bench) with an estimated value of \$592.00 from Douglas Winter, which has been donated for the students of Paul J. Bellew Elementary School.

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 \$125,910,290.98, an increase of the \$1,630.31 donation from Ahold Delhaize USA for the Bayview Elementary School.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 Special Education contracts: Richard Madison Associates, Top Grade, Christian Nursing Registry, Inc. d/b/a CNR Agency, Greenburgh North Castle UFSD.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Understanding: Suffolk County Police Department.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve updated resolution re: certification of coordinators in accordance with the requirements of the Dignity for All Students Act (resolution attached in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve updated resolution: re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators of teachers and building principals having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution attached in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve updated resolution re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators and evaluators of teachers having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution attached in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve revised Chief/School Physicians list for the 2019-2020 school year as follows: Dr. Marc Cimmino, Chief School Physician; Dr. Tracy Onal; Dr. Robert A. Smolarz; Dr. Leonard P. Savino; L. Atkinson, RPA; Dr. Costa Constantatos; Dr. Jorge Montes; Joseph Tommasino, RPA; Dr. Jennifer Mingione; Dr. Ira Woletsky (Pediatrician); Dr. Jack Marzec; Dr. Phil Schrank; South Shore Neurologic Associates; Dr. Sarita Duchatelier and Dr. Keith Chu Cheong; Dr. Gregory Puglisi; Dr. Eugene Gerardi; Dr. Richard Gold; Emergency Medical Technician Coverage for Athletic Events: Robert Mallimo, Richard Naeder, Kristine Ostrem, Colleen Lamberson, John Mileski, Sean O'Hora, Steven Mirrione.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: nominating Catherine Romano for Area 12 Director of the New York State School Boards Association.

RESOLUTION

The West Islip Board of Education nominates Catherine Romano for Area 12 Director of the New York State School Boards Association.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience to use the district website to see all the ongoing activities throughout the district.

Frozen Junior will be performed at Beach Street Middle School on November 21 and 22 at 7:00 p.m.

The West Islip Varsity Football Team will play Newfield on the high school turf stadium on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

The West Islip Girls' Varsity Soccer Team will play against Massapequa at the Berner Middle School in Massapequa on Saturday November 9, 2019 for the Long Island Championship.

A forum will take place during the December 12, 2019 Board of Education Regular Meeting for the community to share their thoughts regarding the Masera property.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:49 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present approved resolution re: to change the 2019-2020 high school graduation date from Saturday, June 27, 2020 to Friday, June 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION

The West Islip Board of Education approves changing the West Islip High School graduation date from Saturday, June 27, 2020 to Friday, June 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 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.