

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 10, 2022 – Beach Street Middle School**

PRESENT: Mr. Tussie, Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa  
Mr. Maginniss, Mr. McCann

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tussie stated that the March 8, 2022 Special Meeting minutes are to be amended to reflect District Wide Search Consultants instead of District Wide Search Consultants.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Planning Session, the February 28, 2022 Special Meeting and the amended minutes of the March 8, 2022 Special Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the A-2, T2, CL-1 and all items under Other of the 3/10/2022 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

ADMINISTRATIVE

A-2                    LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)  
                              (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-  
                              12-week continuous medical coverage)  
  
                              Gail Daugherty, Assistant Director of Special Education  
                              Effective February 28, 2022 through March 25, 2022  
                              Effective March 28, 2022 through April 29, 2022 {Intermittent}  
                              (District Office)

T-2                    LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)  
                              (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-  
                              12-week continuous medical coverage)  
  
                              Michelle Loehr-Quigley, Elementary  
                              Effective February 28, 2022 through March 27, 2022  
                              (Oquenock)  
  
                              Nicoline Morrell, Mathematics  
                              Effective February 28, 2022 through May 27, 2022  
                              (Manetuck)

Elaine Longo, Reading  
Effective March 14, 2022 through April 10, 2022  
(Beach)

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1

RESIGNATION

Thomas Carusillo, Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Effective March 7, 2022  
(Beach Street)

Paige Gillespie, Permanent Substitute Teacher  
Effective March 11, 2022  
(Bayview)

Onur Oztimurlenk, Network & Systems Technician  
Effective March 19, 2022  
(District Wide)

Dawn Pizzuto, Cafeteria Aide  
Effective March 11, 2022  
(Bayview)

OTHER

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$150 per diem)

Dawn Pizzuto, effective March 11, 2022

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem)

Tyler Bell, effective January 31, 2022, student teacher

Paige Gillespie, effective March 11, 2022

Gabriela Hernandez, effective March 11, 2022

Jenna Lima, effective March 11, 2022

Kevin Siefert, effective March 11, 2022

MENTOR PROGRAM 2021-2022

Mentor (\$1030 Stipend {prorated})

Nancy Piccirilli (Katherine Bayern, Speech)

Dennis Pope (Seamus Burns, Technology)

Alexandra Nohowec (Ashley Pope, Technology)

CLUBS/ADVISORS 2021-2022

BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Drama Club, Justin DeMaio

SPRING 2022 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES

BASEBALL

Dominick LaFerrera, J.V. and Varsity Volunteer

SPRING 2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

GIRLS LACROSSE

Corinne Geiger, Assistant Udall Coach

GIRLS TRACK

Catherine Brudi, 7-8 Udall Coach

SOFTBALL

Daniel Sliwowski, 7-8 Beach Coach

TRACK (PER DIEM)

Matthew Sullivan, Assistant Varsity Coach

INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM & FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMS 2021-2022

Supervisor \$50 per hour

Daniel Gschwind

Anthony Yuli

Lifeguard \$15 per hour

Harrison Bohrer

Michael Flynn

Logan Reese

Alex Burciaga

Matthew Gassmann

Nicholas Scarmozzino

Devin Christensen

Angelique Grande

Jack Schaefer

Katie Clark

Jamie Hill

Seamus Smith

Brandon Disbrow

Luis Kinney

Shannon Thompson

Cali Disbrow

Gabrielle Martorella

Matthew Triglia

Morgan Einsetler

Joseph Piropatto

PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE

Darren Shekailo

Effective March 14, 2022

(High School; \$168.46/day; replacing S. Burns {reassigned})

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT: Karen Appollo, Director of English Language Arts, effective August 15, 2022 (20 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Tamra Burns, Mathematics, effective July 1, 2022 (19.5 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Linda Condreras, Special Education, effective July 1, 2022 (21.5 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: James Dooley, Physical Education, effective July 1, 2022 (35 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Kristin Grossi, Elementary effective July 1, 2022 (34 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Annette Musteric, Art, effective July 1, 2022 (37 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Daria Solano, Elementary, effective December 31, 2022 (21 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHERS: RETIREMENT: Donna Villez, Elementary, effective July 1, 2022 (30 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RETIREMENT: Linda Casciola, Special Education, effective May 1, 2022 (23 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RETIREMENT: Francine Simone, Special Education, effective June 25, 2022 (27 years).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve RETIREMENT: Randall Koeper, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective April 30, 2022 (24 years).

Mrs. Burns wished all the retirees good luck and happiness. Mr. McCann congratulated all the retirees for their service to the community. Mr. Tussie, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked all the retirees for their years of service and wished them all the best in their retirement.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that students in Grades 3-8 would take the New York State English Language Arts and Math tests via Chromebooks. Opportunities will be provided in advance for students to familiarize themselves with the online testing platform. Letters were sent to parents by the building principals with information specific to each building.

Mrs. Morrison spoke about various events and recognitions throughout the district. She advised that there will be a Curriculum and Instruction Budget Presentation on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Beach Street Middle School Auditorium.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for January was presented: beginning balance \$42,320,438.87; ending balance \$84,258,519.66.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 4133-4142 and Capital Fund budget transfers 4137-4139.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Sealed Bid RFP #568 – Direct Diversion.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2021-2022 Health Services Contract –Smithtown CSD ~ \$2,358.72.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus: Paper Cutter Rack/Asset Tag #4163 – Beach Street Middle School; Couch/Asset Tag #3885 – Beach Street Middle School.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order: Mt. Olympos Restoration, Inc. - \$1,700 – West Islip High School.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 3/8/2022. Items reviewed included the administration of the New York State ELA and Math tests and Regents exams. The Pre-K lottery will be held on March 16.

Finance Committee: Peter McCann reported on the meeting held on 3/8/2022. Items reviewed included the January treasurer's report; January extra-curricular report, January payroll summary, February internal claims audit report; February system manager audit report, payroll certification forms; surplus; contract; change order; bid; and Corrective Action Plan in response to Single Audit Report. Mrs. Pellati discussed the Affordable Care Act.

Buildings and Grounds: Peter McCann reported on the meeting that took place on 3/8/2022. Items reviewed included an update of ongoing construction projects; the Beach Street generator; Paul J. Bellew parking lot expansion; bond and capital reserves; and grounds preparations for the spring season. The Masera Advisory Committee meeting took place on 2/16 and the Masera Steering Committee will meet on 3/16 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

Special Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 3/9/2022. Items discussed included updates to student placements and the special education budget.

Health and Wellness: Peter McCann reported on the meeting held on 2/8/2022 and 3/8/2022. Items reviewed included the financial report; Health and Wellness newsletter, and the importance of promoting wellness and overall physical and mental health. The March into Wellness event was cancelled due to low registration. The next meeting will take place on 4/12 at 9:30 a.m. at Paul J. Bellew.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve recertification of District's Compact for Learning Plan.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello 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 District Clerk to publish the Legal Notice in accordance with Educational Law Section 2004.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: receipt of the Single Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2021 from R.S. Abrams and Co., LLP; approval of Corrective Action Plan in response to the Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2021.

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District acknowledges receipt of the Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2021 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2021, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve West Islip Paraprofessional Chapter of WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: health insurance.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve revised School Reopening Plan 2021-2022.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that much has happened since the February board meeting and the Board has approved the revised School Reopening Plan. The New York State Mask Mandate has been lifted and revisions were made to the plan to ensure that it accurately reflects current practices. On March 21, the requirement for visitors to show proof of a negative test or vaccination will also be lifted and faculty and staff will continue to test weekly until the state determines otherwise.

Mrs. Burns advised that last week the community responded to the Ukraine crisis in typical West Islip fashion. Mrs. Burns explained that St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Mission were overwhelmed by donations and have reached its capacity in what they can accept. They have asked that the community refrain from collecting anything further and expressed their gratefulness and asked for continued prayers.

Mrs. Burns advised that Beach Street and Udall middle schools, West Islip High School and the English Department held their respective honor society inductions for almost 300 students. The Junior Banquet was held on March 4; students and staff had a wonderful time.

The first budget workshop to discuss the 2022-2023 budget was held on March 1. Mrs. Pellati provided an overview of the budget. The presentation is on the Business page of the district website. Mrs. Morrison will discuss curriculum-related and other budget items on Tuesday, March 15.

Mrs. Burns announced that the High School will present its musical production of *Cinderella* on March 24, 25 and 26. Tickets are available on the district website.

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

Catie Florea – Mrs. Florea expressed her excitement that masks are no longer mandated. She expressed disappointment that a survey was not sent to families to determine students’ well-being when masks were mandated.

Doreen Hantzschel – Mrs. Hantzschel spoke about the need to ensure high school reading assignments and the summer reading lists reflect all points of view. She also advocated for the district to hold a National Day of Prayer on May 5.

Claudia Worley – Mrs. Worley had questions about Pre-K and the capacity of South Shore Children’s Center. She asked why parent survey is being done after the mask mandate was lifted and not prior.

Kathryn Abbatiello – Mrs. Abbatiello spoke about the need for more training to support an DEI initiative. She also advised that there were inappropriate slurs being chanted at the Junior Banquet.

Veronique Wallrapp – Mrs. Wallrapp inquired about the status of air conditioning in school buildings and shared questions about the Superintendent hiring process.

Laura Vetere – Mrs. Vetere asked about the consulting firm chose to conduct the superintendent search, if an internal fee had to be paid, and whether West Islip employees would be interviewing for the position.

Julie Lella – Mrs. Lella had concerns regarding her son not receiving homebound instruction unless she signed a HIPPA form.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:03 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m. on a motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Tom Compitello 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.