

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 12, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Thomas M. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs. LaRosa, on behalf of the Board of Education and Mr. Simon, on behalf of the district, thanked Dr. Parvey for her service and wished her well as she begins her employment in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

No one wished to speak during the "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 Regular Meeting.

The following students were recognized for sports accomplishments: Girls Varsity Gymnastics All County: Paula Pecorella and Victoria Scuteri; Girls Varsity Soccer – All County: Brooke Kerrigan and Taylor LaRose; All County and All State: Amanda Martinez; Boys Varsity Soccer – All County: Sean Sepe and Phil Denara; All County Academic: Dan Morley; Girls Varsity Cross Country–All County: Jess Ball and Julie Laudenschlager; All County Academic: Julie Laudenschlager and Annie O’Connell; Boys Varsity Volleyball – All County: Brian Monaghan; Girls Varsity Volleyball – All County: Erin Byrnes and Marisa Ejups, All County Academic: Rebecca Ragusa; Girls Varsity Tennis – All County: Brianna Frame and Samantha Sienkiewicz; Girls Varsity Swimming – All County: Bridget Whalen, Andie Cuiffo, Julia English and Devon Berdolt; Varsity Football – All County: Pat Ryan, Anthony Santo and Nick Aponte; and Varsity Field Hockey - All County: Kate Beier.

The following coaches and teams were recognized for sportsmanship awards: Coach Michelle Studley – Varsity Girls Cross Country; Coach DJ Mock-Dorman – JV Field Hockey; Coach Nick LaGiglia – JV Football; Coach Shanan Mauro – Udall Football; Coach Ed Pieron – Varsity Boys Soccer; Coach Dennis Mazzalonga – Udall Boys Soccer; Coach Natalie Rubcewich – Varsity Boys Volleyball; Coach Frank Franzone – JV Boys Volleyball

The following students were recognized for citizenship awards: - September - Dean Hawkins, Marissa McAllister, and Matthew Brady; October – Karleigh Daniels, Lexie Peters and Nikki Zuaro; November – Ty Carpinello, Sheila Flaherty and Bhrett Gorrasi.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RESIGNATION – *Dr. Magda Parvey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary; effective January 17, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Carolyn Ryan, English; effective December 8, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Nancy Silvestrini, Family and Consumer Science; effective January 3, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Robyn Southard, Psychologist; effective December 6, 2011 to March 2, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: *Deanna Nicolosi, Special Education .5; effective December 15, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Alissa Ferrucci, Mathematics; effective September 1, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: *Tonimarie Paladino, Special Education; effective September 1, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Nalan Rosenberg, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective December 23, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: *Paul Coppola, Custodian Worker I; effective December 12, 2011.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: *Paul Coppola, Acting Maintenance Mechanic II/Groundskeeper I; effective December 28, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: *Peter Natale; effective January 13, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2011-2012: *Christina Bivona, Mathematics; effective January 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2011-2012: *James Grover, Occupational Math; effective January 17, 2012 to June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012: *Amy Rosenthal, Music – Combined Chorus – All District.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012: *Justin DeMaio, Music – Musical Production Director.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 HIGH SCHOOL COACH: *Reanna Fulton, Cheerleading - Assistant Varsity Coach.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 HIGH SCHOOL COACH: *Michelle Jantzen, Cheerleading- Interim/Substitute Assistant Varsity Coach.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011-2012 AUDITORIUM TECHNICIAN: *Kevin McLoughlin; effective November 15, 2011.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INTERIM ATHLETIC TRAINER: *Kevin Kilkenny.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR: *Lauren DeBlasi, Justin Gendusa and Amanda Williams; effective January 13, 2012.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Sara Barker; effective January 27, 2012; Melanie Brasor; effective January 27, 2012; Steven Campbell; effective January 30, 2012; Victoria Catanzaro; effective January 19, 2012; Meredith Chinkel; effective January 27, 2012; Ryan Foley; effective December 8, 2011; Danielle Horrocks; effective December 19, 2011; Chelsea Hudson; effective December 19, 2011; Steven Ieronimo; effective January 27, 2012; Amanda Milks; effective January 27, 2012; Michelle Monteleone; effective January 19, 2012; Krenare Osmani; effective January 19, 2012; Melissa Rizzo; effective January 30, 2012 and Kimberly Towers; effective December 12, 2011..*

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Parvey mentioned that second grade teachers participated in common core training for math and fifth grade teachers participated in common core training for reading. Dr. Parvey also addressed the board, staff members and residents present and thanked them for welcoming her to the West Islip school community and for the experiences she has gained while being on staff.

Mrs. Burns spoke common core standards on the secondary level. She also discussed the new evaluative tool that will be put into place for teachers and administrators. Mrs. Burns also mentioned the upcoming high school's "P.S. I Love You Day" regarding bullying and suicide awareness and encouraged all to become involved. Mrs. Burns also congratulated Dr. Parvey and thanked her for their working relationship and wished her success and happiness in her new position.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Smith reported on the meeting of January 10th where the following items were addressed – treasurer’s report, payroll summary report, financial statements, internal claims report, system manager audit trail; budget transfers; warrants; proposed donations; health service and special contracts. Also, discussion ensued with regard to changes in state aid for special education maintenance costs for students in residential settings.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Brady reported on the meeting January 10th where discussion revolved around damage to the brick façade at the high school, a request from a television network to film landscape scenes within the district; screening the athletic fields near Barberrry with landscaping and summer bond work.

POLICY: No meeting was held.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting of January 12th where the following was discussed – new course offering – Pre-Calculus for the secondary level; staffing and scheduling; successful parent attendance at the information program held regarding the IB program; and continued and enhanced Smartboard training.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on January 12th where CSE and CPSE reviewed monthly student placements, change in state aid regarding residential placements and possible implication concerning the 2012-2013 budget.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS/COMPASS COALITION: Mr. Zotto discussed the upcoming plans for the 5k Fun Run and also spoke about continued awareness and community vigilance in the war against drugs.

BULLYING AWARENESS: Mr. Marquardt reported on the meeting which was held on January 9th and mentioned that the committee is finalizing signage to promote anti-bullying efforts. Parental resource materials including literature will be forthcoming.

The Treasurer’s Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 10/31/11 – \$19,717,249.24; ending balance as of 11/30/11 – \$12,007,561.64.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfer # 2973 for the 2010-11 school year.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Fundraising Event → Special Education - \$4,790; Box Tops for Education → P.J. Bellew – 780.21; and West Islip Little League → High School Athletic Fields (Removable Outfield Fence) - \$5,200.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contracts with the East Islip School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$3,602.90 and with the Bay Shore School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of &9,830.80.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a Special Education Contract with the Huntington School District for the 2011-2012 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Richard Simon discussed the process that has taken place during the past ten months to investigate and evaluate school closures. He thanks all involved and commended the efforts. He asked the community to be mindful and respectful when announcing the outcome of the process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the closing of Westbrook Elementary School, except Scott Brady, Ron Maginniss and Bob Ulrich who voted against.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the closing of Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School, except Mike Zotto and Annmarie LaRosa who voted against.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Stacy Barbieri, Peter Quinn, Marcelle Crudele, Doreen Hantzschel, Maria Stepkowski, Robert Maresca, Christine Pellegrino, Catherine Artusa, Ned Pilchman and Kim McCandless. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:11 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:00 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a memorandum (retirement incentive) with WIASA.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution requiring a transportation proposition which would increase the mileage requirement by one-half mile for all students in grades 6-12.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jeanne Koeper

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District Clerk

All correspondence, reports, or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.