

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 12, 2017 - Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. LaRosa, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Zotto (arrived 8:03 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Vigliotta

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

Mr. Gellar announced that the WIASA Memorandum of Agreement was approved after Executive Session of the September 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2017 Planning Session Meeting.

RECOGNITION

Common Hope ~ *Noreen Matthews and Bob Weiss, Advisors*

Eric Besanceny, Krista Ciccarelli, Mary Connolly, Alexa DePaola, Melodi Doganay, Mark Gellar, Holly Hoborst, Michelle Kurkela, Jack Magee, Patricia Mueller, Grace Schaefer, Abigail Weintz

School Board Recognition Week ~ *West Islip Board of Education*

Mrs. Burns thanked the Board for their commitment and dedication to the district.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Tara Probert, Social Studies, effective October 2, 2017 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor 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): Pamela Cirasole, Music Education, effective October 16, 2017 (Intermittent) (Udall).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa 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): Maureen Umstatter-Sanchez, Special Education, effective October 6, 2017-January 3, 2018 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$11.50 hr.): Linda Galasso, effective October 13, 2017.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2017-2018:

BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art Club, Jill Culver
Be Yourself Activities Club, Jennifer Colonna
Costume Director, Maura Maynard
Drama Director, Justin DeMaio
Drama Director, Camille Persico
Geography Club, John Kennedy
Helping Hands Club, Kathleen Crowley
Homework Help Club (Grade 6; Fall), Theresa Robertson
Homework Help Club (Grade 6; Spring), Theresa Robertson
Homework Help Club (Grade 7), Christine McCann
Junior Chef's Club, Denise Ciangetti
Mathletes, Grade 7, Elizabeth Kelly
Mathletes, Grade 8, Jeannine Conaghan
Music Director, Camille Persico
National Junior Honor Society, Louis Lu
Newspaper, Lindsey Brooks and Danielle Rufrano (shared)
Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 7, Kathleen Crowley
Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 8, Mitchell Luquer
Photographer, Mitchell Luquer
School Store, Denise Cain
Science Olympiad, Kristie Ferruzzi
Science Olympiad, Andrea Miller
Set Director, Justin DeMaio
Student Council, Jesse Fawess
Student Council, Lynnette Fawess
Yearbook, Theresa Robertson

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted with the exception of Scott Brady who abstained from voting, in favor to approve OTHER: 2017-2018 WINTER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach
Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Varsity Coach
William Turri, J.V. Coach

WRESTLING

Nicholas LaGiglia, Varsity Coach
Thomas Longobardi, Assistant Varsity Coach
John Ferrara, J.V. Coach
Peter Gonzalez, Volunteer Varsity/J.V. Coach
Andrew Gray, Volunteer Varsity/J.V. Coach
Tyler Walsh, Volunteer Varsity/J.V. Coach

BOYS WINTER TRACK

Anthony Yuli, Varsity Coach
James Dooley, Assistant Varsity Coach

KICKLINE

Kelly Leon, Varsity Coach

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thomas Cross, Varsity Coach
Richard Zeitler, Assistant Varsity Coach
John T. Denninger, J.V. Coach

BOYS SWIMMING

Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach

BOYS BOWLING

James Farnworth, Varsity Coach

GIRLS BOWLING

Frank Franzone, Varsity Coach

GIRLS WINTER TRACK

Michelle Studley-Broderick, Varsity Coach
Gregory Ziems, Assistant Varsity Coach

CHEERLEADING

Dina Barone, Varsity Coach
Steffanie Traver, Assistant Varsity Coach
Lauren Brady, J.V. Coach

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2017- 2018 EARLY WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Tara Annunziata, 7-8 Udall Coach
Denise Cain 7-8 Beach Coach

BOYS BASKETBALL

Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Udall Coach
Christopher Salerno, 7-8 Beach Coach

CHEERLEADING

Nicole Shaw, 7-8 Udall Co-Coach
Priscilla McBride, 7-8 Udall Co-Coach
Jillian Bohnaker, 7-8 Beach Coach

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2017-2018 LATE WINTER MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

GIRLS BASKET BALL

Nicholas Grieco, 7-8 Udall Coach
Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Beach Coach

WRESTLING

Robert Ulrich, 7-8 Udall Coach
Patrick Bell, 7-8 Beach Coach
Andrew Gray, Volunteer Middle School Coach

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

James Klimkoski, 7-8 Udall Coach
Denise Cain, 7-8 Beach Coach

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem):

Kelly Archer, effective October 13, 2017

*Jamie Herman, effective October 13, 2017

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that Technology Integration Specialist Trish Hinchman has been providing support and training on G Suite for Education. Parent Orientations recently took place for middle school parents, providing them with an overview on the use and care of Chromebooks. Both middle schools have been wired to support the wireless environment, and students will be receiving instruction on digital literacy prior to receiving their Chromebooks. The district utilizes Go Guardian Teacher so teachers can closely monitor student use of the Chromebooks in the classroom. The Technology Committee is developing expectations to provide direction and consistency with district technology initiatives.

The district has piloted and implemented Pearson's Interactive Science program for Grades K-6 and will also receive Pearson's Next Generation program that will provide every K-6 student with access to a myriad of online materials and resources. The Pearson program provides hands-on inquiry based activities that can be tailored to the needs of the students, and contains literacy and writing activities that can be personalized to a student's reading and writing ability, it is compatible with Google Classroom. This summer K-6 teachers created a district-wide curriculum incorporating the program.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 10/10/17. Items reviewed included the August treasurer's report; August payroll summary; August financial statements; claims audit report and September system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, and surplus of sound board/mixer. Other items reviewed included Beach Street PTA donation and 2017-2018 contracts.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 10/12/17. Items reviewed included K-6 program reviews, the use of surveys to inform the district vision, G-Suite for educators, professional development, and the expansion of the Engineering Technology department.

Building and Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 10/10/17. Items reviewed included a bond project update and addendums BBS issued for Phase 2c bond work. The committee approved a request for SCC to place a trailer on school grounds for the purpose of housing its employees. The trailer would be placed in the back of the District Office parking lot and would cost approximately \$5,500 annually.

South Shore Children's Center would like to add a door to the facility to limit access from other tenants. This alteration will require a card reader so WITA can access. The committee approved this request provided SSCC funds all changes. Preliminary discussion took place with Bridges Academy regarding extending its lease for five more years.

Committee on Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 10/12/17. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and placements, locations where Life Skill students work and professional development on the use of DaVinci for high school teachers.

Safety Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 10/12/17. Items reviewed included the clarity, location and access of security cameras, installation of security vestibules, access to district grounds, review of gate access, need for additional badge readers, additional security at polling places during elections, signage throughout the district, safety communications, security staffing and the completion of emergency response plans.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting held on 10/12/17. The Color Run will be held Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.; 718 people are registered for the event and pre-registration will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Information is available on the district website.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for August was presented. Beginning balance as of 7/31/17: \$50,397,684.84; ending balance as of 8/31/17: \$46,000,359.33.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers 3425-3434.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Arrow Steel Window Corporation Base Bid No. GC-1 - Window Repairs (District-Wide) in the amount of \$1,071,800.00.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve P&M Door, Inc. Base Bid No. GC-2 - Doors & Door hardware (West Islip High School) in the amount of \$146,300.00.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Beach Street PTA – Beach - \$3,375.00 - Student Programs.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2017-2018 Contract: North Babylon UFSD.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2017-2018 Contract: Top Grade, Inc.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Allen & Heath sound board ~ High School.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contract/Terms of Employment for Central Office Administrators 2017-2018.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Amendment No. 1 to South Shore Children's Center Lease Agreement.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mrs. LaRosa thanked Noreen Matthews and Bob Weiss for all their efforts on behalf of the Common Hope project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience about the Color Run and encouraged participation in the PTA Council blood drive, which will take place on Monday, October 16, 2017 at Bayview Elementary School from 3:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

Mrs. Julia Johnson, 43 Skipper Drive, West Islip
Nicole Shaw, 11 Seaspray Lane, West Islip
Brooke Tyler, 65 Penney Street, West Islip
Isabella Isolano, 650 Cadman Road, West Islip
Sophia Clark, 428 Kime Avenue, West Islip
Mrs. Joni Isolano, 650 Cadman Road, West Islip
Mr. Nick Isolano, 650 Cadman Road, West Islip
Adrianna Cigliano, 116 Cerny Place, West Islip
Stephen Penny, 10 Secatogue Lane, West Islip
Mackenzie Patton, 622 Tanglewood Road, West Islip
Payton Vera, 68 Toomey Road, West Islip
Valerie Beltrami, 533 Rockaway, West Islip
Christina Laeita, 5 Crag Court, West Islip
Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip
Mr. Joe Mina, 11 Michalis Court, West Islip

The above cheerleaders, coach and parents expressed their concerns regarding the district's decision not to allow the cheerleaders to attend the UCA Cheerleading Championship in February.

Mrs. LaRosa responded that parents have the ability to make decisions as they relate to their own children. Mrs. Burns explained that the attendance policy must be fairly and equitably applied to all students. The district does not sponsor attendance at national championships in any other team or individual sport. Many of the cheerleaders and parents thanked the administration and the Board for taking the time to listen.

Mrs. Artusa felt that the board has failed the cheerleaders and that they should be able to make up their school work and have the support of the district.

Mr. Gellar stated that the Board supports the cheerleaders but policies and procedures must be put in place and followed. Mr. Brady reiterated that the Board supports the cheerleaders in the best way that they can.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:48 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waivers for Students A, B and C.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor 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.