

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 10, 2015 – West Islip High School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ulrich,
Mr. Zotto

ABSENT:

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

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation on possible Capital Bond Project

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2015 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHANGE IN STATUS (part-time position (.8) to full-time position): Tara Probert, Social Studies, effective September 1, 2015 (Step 8⁹; replacing B. Fiorini {MoA}).

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): Alicia Sepulveda, Mathematics, effective September 1, 2015 to November 20, 2015 (High School).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Jennifer Kouroutis, Special Education, effective September 8, 2015 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Kelly Ann Fryer, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective September 11, 2015 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Donna Iracane, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 1, 2015 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Gianna Sciortino, Special Education Aide, effective September 21, 2015 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Catherine Widergren, Senior Clerk Typist, effective September 22, 2015 (Beach Street; Step 1; replacing C. Consavage {retired}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Catherine LaMotte, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 11, 2015 (Udall; Step 1; replacing D. Harrell {now a Special Education Aide}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Dina Woods, Special Education Aide, effective September 22, 2015 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing G. Sciortino {resigned}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): Bruce Bockstruck, effective September 14, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75 per hour): Kelly Ann Fryer, effective September 14, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Catherine LaMotte, effective September 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2015 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: FOOTBALL: Dave Rubano, Head 7-8 Udall Coach (replacing S. Mauro approved at the June 11, 2015 BoE meeting); John Wilkinson, Assistant 7-8 Udall Coach (replacing D. Rubano approved at the June 11, 2015 BoE meeting); Edward Montalvo, Volunteer 7-8 Udall Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Melissa LaPinta, effective September 11, 2015; Collette Squillante, effective September 11, 2015; Debra Woltmann, effective September 11, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Nikki Caputi, effective September 11, 2015; Melissa LaPinta, effective September 11, 2015.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the opening of school went smoothly and Superintendent's Conference Day took place on September 1, the first of four that will be held during the school year. A letter to parents is forthcoming. Dr. Rullan also spoke about curriculum projects and the work of the advisory committees for attendance, homework, grading and grading requirements. The presentation of the 2014-2015 assessment results will be presented at the October Board meeting due to the evening's capital bond presentation.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 9/8/2015. Items reviewed included the July treasurer's report, July payroll summary; claims audit report and August's System Manager Audit trail report. Warrants, July financial statements, surplus of Chevy Van 1997, Ford Van 1998 and 33 obsolete AP Biology textbooks, special education contracts for Babylon UFSD, DaVinci Education & Research, LLC, Little Flower Children & Family Services of New York/Summer 2015 and The Center for Developmental Disabilities were also reviewed. Wendy Duffy reviewed the recent Tax Anticipation Notice borrowing. The district budgeted for \$29,500,000.00 at .75% interest. The actual amount the district is borrowing is \$25,000,000.00 and the effective net interest rate cost is .53%.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place 9/10/15. The committee met Michelle Walsh, the new Intervention Services Coordinator. The committee discussed curriculum updates and Superintendent's Conference Day. Mrs. Walsh will be working with classroom teachers to provide strategies to support students who may need intervention. The committee also discussed safety and security and the effect on education.

Buildings & Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that took place 9/8/2015. Items discussed included the bond project and district-wide fire inspections. Long Island Gym will be the general contractor for the new turf scoreboard installation project for which some of the installation labor and materials may be donated. A full roach treatment was completed at the high school and many baits, gels, granular and dusting methods were applied. Over 500 glue traps were strategically located and these traps will be monitored and findings will be reported. Bridges Academy and South Shore Children's Center have expanded occupancy; a new irrigated grass field was created at Bayview for use during recess and physical education, all parking lot and curb lines have been freshly painted, and gym and stage floors have been refinished.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 9/10/2015 at which CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month were reviewed. All were found to be in order.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that took place on 9/8/2015. Items discussed were new regulations regarding transgender students, cyberbullying, social media problems, staff training, and supporting students who are more victimized by bullying. Other items discussed were *The OZ Principle*, bucket filler activities, instilling confidence, strategy and coping skills, trends and patterns of behavior, victim prevention and hosting student assemblies.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for July was presented. Beginning balance as of 6/30/2015 \$16,408,074.66; ending balance as of 7/31/2015 : \$12,881,542.91.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers: 3240-3242 and 3220-3241.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: AP Biology textbooks ISBN #0-8053-6777-2 {33}; 1997 Chevy van #502 Vin #1GBHG35R1V1082432; 1998 Ford van #509 Vin #1FDSE371WHBi3368.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Special Education Contracts: Babylon UFSD, Da Vinci Education & Research, LLC, Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York {7/1-8/31/2015}, The Center for Developmental Disabilities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Amendment to Lease Agreement – Ask Us. The lease has been extended to 2020 with 3% increases annually.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that students returned to school and teachers and staff attended Superintendent's Conference Day on September 1. The keynote speaker, Thomas Volz, spoke about the use of social media. Mrs. Burns extended her appreciation to teaching and support staff for a smooth opening. There is a total enrollment of 4,484 students, a decrease of 125 students from last year.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: None

Residents who spoke but did not submit an "Invitation to the Public" End of Meeting Card:

Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Artusa spoke about issues students had obtaining their schedules for the school year and suggested that schedules become available by August 15th in future years.

Resident #2: This resident inquired about the procedure used at the elementary level to drop off school supplies; not all teachers were present for these students and classrooms were left in messy conditions. Mrs. Burns explained that the procedure was put into place when the students were redistricted in 2012, and other formats will be considered in the future .

Resident #3: This resident requested that the Board write a letter of opposition to the State Education Department to vote "no" to changes required to the APPR Plan in 3012-d legislation. The Board agreed to review letters that were sent by other districts and draft a letter in that regard.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, and seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:32 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve DASA letter to parent.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super Executive session at 10:33 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:54 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m. on a motion by Kevin O'Connor seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk