

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 8, 2015 – Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady and Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Internet Safety / Cyberbullying Public Forum presented by Mrs. Huscilowitc

INVITATION TO PUBLIC:

Mrs. Valerie Slonecki, 10 Mariner Circle, West Islip – Mrs. Slonecki asked for the opportunity to speak further with administration regarding her child's IEP. The administration agreed and will be following up with Mrs. Slonecki.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

School Board Recognition Week

Mrs. Burns recognized and thanked Mr. Gellar and the board for their many contributions. Mr. Gellar accepted a certificate on behalf of all the board trustees.

Common Hope – *Advisors Noreen Matthews, Bob and Kathy Weiss  
Emma Behrens, Giulia Bulone, Erin Denzler, Alexandra Fay, Danielle Francoeur, Catherine Hughes, Christina Leonard,  
Patrick Lydon, Palma Millet, Lauren Tucci, Ryan Walker, Meaghan Weihs*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kristine Ryan, Special Education, effective October 13, 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 CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): Suzanne Vivo, effective October 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Christine Memoli, effective October 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016:

HIGH SCHOOL: Academic Decathlon, Jr. Brainstormers, Noreen Matthews; Academic Decathlon, Brainstormers, Kevin Murphy; Art Club, Linda Marino; Audio-Visual Club Director, Frank Franzone; Business & Marketing Honor Society, Joanne Macrelli and Patricia Stack (shared); Coordinator, One Act Plays, Elaine Longo; Creativity Action Service, James Farnworth and Virginia Scudder (shared); Director, Flag Team, James Kraus; Director, Musical Production, Melissa Senatore; Distributive Education Club of America, Diana Saadat; Drama Coordinator, James Kraus; Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Victoria Newell; Freshman Class Advisor, Brian Haldenwang; Freshman Class Advisor, Diane Munno; Future Business Leaders Club, Monica Krawczyk and Joanne Macrelli (shared); Gay-Straight Alliance, Nicole Perperis; Junior Class Advisor, Nicole Cifelli; Literary Magazine, David Gershfeld; Mathletes, James Como; Mathletes, Craig Michel; Mathletes, Nancy Yost; Mock Trial, Shawn Wallace; National English Honor Society, David Gershfeld; National Honor Society, Edward Jablonski; Newspaper, James Grover; Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, Dawn DiVisconti; Pit Director, Musical, David Kaufman; Research Program, Mary Kroll; Robotics, Andrew Baranec; Robotics, Gregory Baranec; S.A.D.D., Ann Hecht; School Store, Diana Saadat; Science Olympiad, Jessica Levings & Linda Tong (shared); Senior Class Advisor, Noreen Matthews; Senior Class Advisor, Kevin Murphy; Sophomore Class Advisor, Jennifer Colonna; Sophomore Class Advisor, Diana Saadat; Student Senate, Edward Jablonski; Student Senate, David Moglia; Students for the Environment, Kelly Sepe; Thirst Project Club, Paola Nilsen; Tri-M Music Honor Society, David Kaufman; World Language Honor Society, Andromache Baritis and Maria Kaminsky (shared); Yearbook, Dawn Divisconti.

BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL: Art Club, Richard Santeramo; Be Yourself Activities Club, Theresa Holland; Costume Director, Maura Maynard; Drama Director, Justin DeMaio; Geography Club, John Kennedy; Helping Hands Club, Kathleen Crowley; Home and Careers Club, Denise Ciangetti; Homework Help Club (Fall), Theresa Robertson; Homework Help Club (Spring), Theresa Robertson; Mathletes (Grade 7), Lisa Braat; Mathletes (Grade 8) Jeannine Conaghan; Music Director, Justin DeMaio; National Junior Honor Society, Louis Lu; Newspaper, Jesse Fawess; Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 7, Kathleen Crowley; Peer Tutoring Club, Grade 8, Mitchell Luquer; Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, Mitchell Luquer; School Store, Denise Cain; Science Olympiad, Renee Aveli, Lynn Larsen, Thomas Larsen and Andrea Miller (shared); Student Council, Jesse Fawess; Student Council, Lynette Fawess; Yearbook, Theresa Robertson.

UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Activities (Grade 6), Pamela Diorio; Activities (Grades 7 and 8), Kristine Hagens; Art Club, Gregory Ziems; Current Events Club, Deborah Pulitano; Geography Club, Linda Ruggiero; Homework Club (Grade 6), Jeanette Merola; Homework Club (Grades 7 and 8), Jeanette Merola; Mathletes, Grade 7, Lawrence Sciarrino; Mathletes, Grade 8, Lawrence Sciarrino; School Store, Staci Ansbach; Science Olympiad (Grades 6, 7 and 8), Brenda Mayo; Sets Design, Timothy VanWyen; Student Council, Pamela Diorio; Student Council, Kristine Hagens; Yearbook, Alyssa Urbach; Yearbook Photographer, Michael Taranto.

DISTRICTWIDE: Combined Band, All District, James Kraus; Combined Chorus, All District, Melissa Senatore; Combined Orchestra, All District, William Willis; Director, Beach/Udall, Chamber Orchestra, Lynette Fawess; Director, Jazz Band, Beach, Stephen Smith; Director, Jazz Band, Udall, Leonard LaPinta; Director, Jazz Ensemble, James Kraus; Director, Marching/Pep Band, James Kraus; Jazz Lab, David Kaufman.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR: Coordinator (\$1,500 stipend) Catherine Dolan-Stefanak. Mentor (\$1,000 stipend) Marissa Anselmo (Michelle Ngai, Elementary); Pamela Carleo (Kerri Ann DeMauro, Special Education); Vanessa Daige/Monica Krawczyk (Brandy Chmela, TESOL); Danielle Davis (Corine Maglione, Mathematics); Melissa Dolan, (Alexandra Voorhees, Reading); David Kaufman (Victoria Kavitt, Music); Mitchell Luquer, (Kathleen Crowley, School Counselor); Joanne Macrelli (Laura Heller, Business); Craig Michel (Nicole Craig, Mathematics); Kathleen Scrivani (Kristie Ferruzzi, Science).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Tammy Botte, effective October 9, 2015; Stephen Bragg, effective October 9, 2015; Stephen Cempa, effective October 9, 2015; Shelby Contomanolis, effective October 9, 2015; Thomas Fesolowich, effective October 9, 2015; Tristan Gastiaburo, effective October 9, 2015; Heather Gipp, effective October 9, 2015; Megan Guzman, effective October 9, 2015; Julie Hack, effective October 9, 2015; Aimee Johnson, effective October 9, 2015; Victoria Kavitt, effective October 9, 2015; Amanda Perfetti, effective October 9, 2015; Brianna Schook, effective October 9, 2015; Larissa Spinnato, effective October 9, 2015; Loretta Tristani-Fecteau, effective October 9, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Tammy Botte, effective October 9, 2015; Stephen Bragg, effective October 9, 2015; Stephen Cempa, effective October 9, 2015; Thomas Fesolowich, effective October 9, 2015; Tristan Gastiaburo, effective October 9, 2015; Heather Gipp, effective October 9, 2015; Megan Guzman, effective October 9, 2015; Julie Hack, effective October 9, 2015; Aimee Johnson, effective October 9, 2015; Amanda Perfetti, effective October 9, 2015; Brianna Schook, effective October 9, 2015; Larissa Spinnato, effective October 9, 2015; Loretta Tristani-Fecteau, effective October 9, 2015.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan presented a data review for the 2014-2015 school year and spoke about the 2015-2016 goals for the district and West Islip's 2020 Vision.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 10/6/15. Items reviewed included the August treasurer's report, August payroll summary; claims audit report and September's System Manager Audit trail report. Warrants, August financial statements, approval of surplus from Music Department for one (1) Mackie SR24-4 Sound Board, one (1) Rane Stereo Equalizer, three (3) Crown Amps #9057 A041656, #9037 A048202, #9067 A709138; and Math Department for Course 1 Integrated Mathematics textbooks ISBN #0-87720-228-1 and ISBN# 0-87720-230-3, Unified Mathematics Book 1 ISBN# 0-395-55063-7, Mathematics textbooks ISBN #0-618-09980-8 and New York Mathematics Applications and Concepts Book 3, ISBN #0-07-869355-1. Special Education Contracts for Commack UFSD, Greenburgh North Castle UFSD, Henry Viscardi School and Kings Park CSD, donations from Beach Street M.S. PTA for Scope program - \$300.00, Anti-bullying program - \$1,250.00, assembly program \$1,300.00 and bid from DNA Contracting, Inc., for roof repairs were also reviewed.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 10/6/2015. The committee had a First Reading on Policy #8321- Internet Policy.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to waive a Second Reading and approve Policy #8321.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 10/8/15. Some of the items discussed were new teacher support, professional development and assessment, the Partners in Science program and a grant for Universal Pre-K. Dr. Rullan also presented reflections for the 2014-2015 school year to the committee. Mrs. LaRosa thanked Dr. Rullan for her hard work and dedication.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 10/6/15. Items discussed included pending capital improvements, bond presentations and building tours, inspections being done by BBS to obtain Certificate of Occupancy for Westbrook, a hardware issue that caused a district-wide e-mail problem, the turf scoreboard installation, weekly extermination at the high school, parking lot drainage problems, the high school PA system and Homecoming.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 10/8/15. Items discussed were tuition for special education students from other districts attending West Islip, exploring hiring a liaison to help students with disabilities that are aging out of high school and CSE and CPSE recommendations for the month.

Health and Wellness Committee: Bernadette Burns reported on the meeting that was held on 9/24/2015. Items discussed were the mission statement, an overview of programs/events coordinated last year, the financial report and suggested topics for the newsletter. New business items discussed were Red Ribbon Week, the social host law, Narcan training to take place 10/28/15 at the West Islip Fire Department, the Police Smart Program, "Unite for the Fight" events, Big Apple Crunch on 10/23/15 and exploring social host banners for schools and various locations on campus. The next meeting will take place on 10/21/15 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at P.J. Bellew.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for August was presented. Beginning balance as of 7/30/15: 12,881,542.91; ending balance as of 8/31/15: \$35,429,773.01.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 budget transfers: 3243 – 3253.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Sound Board, Rane Stereo Equalizer, Crown Amps #9057 A041656, #9037 A048202, #9067 A709138, Course 1 Integrated Mathematics textbooks ISBN #0-87720-228-1 and 0-87720-230-3, Unified Mathematics Book 1 ISBN #0-395-55063-7, Mathematics textbooks ISBN # 0-618-09980-8, New York Mathematics Applications and Concepts Book 3 ISBN #0-07-869355-1.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2015-2016 Special Education contracts: Commack UFSD, Greenburgh North Castle UFSD, Henry Viscardi School, Kings Park CSD.

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 donations: Beach Street M.S. PTA – Beach Street M.S. – SCOPE program-\$300.00, Anti-bullying program-\$1,250.00, Assembly program-\$1,350.00.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bid #1199–Roof Repairs with DNA Contracting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O’Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Goals and Objectives.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that there are a number of bond presentations and building tours posted on the left side of the district website. There is also a new Facebook page that will have bond information as well as additional information on school events. The Marching Lions will be marching in the Columbus Day Parade. On Wednesday, 10/14/15, there will be a delayed opening at the high school only so the PSAT exam may be offered to applicable students, and Friday, 10/23/15, there will be a collaboration half-day for faculty and staff to work on curriculum and instructional projects.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Homecoming – October 10  
Red Ribbon Week – October 26-30  
Professional Development – October 23

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Gellar reminded the audience about the bond presentations and invited everyone to attend. Bond projects will be discussed and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Gellar also reminded the audience about the GAP (Gap Elimination Adjustment) and encouraged residents to send letters to our legislators before state budget session begins.

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

Mr. Jay Obloj, 1039 Cassel Avenue, Bay Shore - Mr. Obloj had concerns about how long the afternoon bus route is from the elementary schools to the Ask Us Program. Mrs. Burns will be following up with Transportation regarding this matter.

Mr. Jason Rivera, 408 Myrtle Avenue, West Islip - Mr. Rivera had concerns about the district’s emergency plan as it pertains to the recent escaped prisoner in the community. Mrs. Burns will be meeting with the principals to review emergency protocols but overall the situation was handled appropriately.

Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip - Mrs. Artusa expressed her feelings regarding the recent escaped prisoner situation and felt the staff did a great job handling the situation.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 p.m. on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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