

West Islip School District

Education Committee

February 11, 2016

Administration Building

Board of Education Conference Room

Minutes

Meeting began at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance were Steve Gellar, Annmarie LaRosa, Bernadette Burns and Anne Rullan

Also in attendance: Scott Brady, Ronald Maginniss, and Kevin O'Connor

- I. Superintendent's Conference Day/Collaboration Day ~ the District hosted Superintendent's Conference Day on January 29, 2016. While various departments were collaborating on curriculum, instructional practices and scope and sequence, we provided our elementary faculty with the mandated English as a New Language (ENL) training. Our Aides received a full day of training consisting of the ENL, Bully Prevention and Intervention, and Effective Supervision Techniques. The Business Department explored Virtual Enterprise which provides an emphasis on college and career readiness, VEI is an in-school, live, global business simulation that offers students a competitive edge through project-based, collaborative learning and the development of 21st-century skills in entrepreneurship, global business, problem solving, communication, personal finance and technology. On Friday, February 26th there will be an early release for students for faculty and staff to work collaboratively and provide some Narcan training for our nurses, aides, teaching assistants, clericals and administrators.
- II. Technology Update ~ the Technology Committee has reviewed recommendations for policy changes to support the District's 2020 Vision. The committee realizes the challenges that need to overcome in way of our infrastructure. Instructional technology has become an integral part of daily instruction and current programs and devices need a reliable platform to service the needs of our students.
- III. Curriculum Council has approved the following course name changes and new courses for the BOE Education Committee to review:

Course Name Changes:

- Astronomy 1 to Astronomy: Our Universe (11th & 12th grade)
- Astronomy 2 to Astronomy: Our Solar System (11th & 12th grade)

New Courses

- Italian 5 Advanced Placement
- IB World Language /Italian HL1/HL2
- IB Spanish HL1/HL2
- Algebra II as a two-year course for students with disabilities only

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.