

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 12, 2016 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

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 April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting and the April 19, 2016 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Teachers' Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2016
Joseph Dixon, Shawn Wallace

National School Nurse Day – May 11, 2016
Suzanne O'Connor, Laurie Farrell-Luquer

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Kathleen Chinkel, Library Science, effective July 1, 2016 (32 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Nicole Perperis, Health, effective May 10, 2016 (High School).

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): Lori Suprenant, Literacy, effective May 2, 2016 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Patricia Portnoy, Business Education, effective August 31, 2016 – June 30, 2017 (High School/Udall).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Frank Mariani, Acting Head Custodian, effective May 2, 2016 (Udall; Step 8; replacing M. Hawkins {retired}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Hector Perrier, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective July 29, 2016 (15 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): *Nicholas Santini, effective May 13, 2016; Robert Verito, effective May 13, 2016.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS ADVISORS 2015-2016: DISTRICTWIDE: Director, Beach/Udall, Chamber Orchestra, Ryan Jensen (replacing Lynnette Fawess, approved at the October 8, 2016 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2016 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BASEBALL: Joseph LaCova, 7-8 Beach Volunteer Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM 2016: Summer Investigations Coordinator: Rhonda Pratt.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM AND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAM 2015-2016: LIFEGUARD: (\$10 per hour): Justin Bosch; Anthony Lipari.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30 per hour): Kathleen Haig, effective May 13, 2016; Andrew Krublit, effective May 13, 2016; Theresa Meyer-Kurka, effective May 13, 2016.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Kathleen Haig, effective May 13, 2016; Andrew Krublit, effective May 13, 2016; Theresa Meyer-Kurka, effective May 13, 2016.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that high school students are completing AP and IB testing, the Technology Committee is preparing its recommendations, and it is anticipated that 1:1 devices will be given to teaching staff by the middle of next year. Updates to the professional development plan will be provided shortly, and the literacy coaching that is taking place in kindergarten will be expanded to first grade next year.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 5/10/16. Items reviewed included March treasurer's report; March payroll summary; claims audit report; warrants and March's financial statements. Bid extensions for Long Island Equipment Service, Advantage Music, Ultimate Power, Inc., Bain Mechanical Services, Inc. and Ideal Fence, Box Tops for Education donation for Manetuck - \$876.90; Health Service Contract for Westbury - \$1,567.36; Special Education Contracts for Half Hollow Hills CSD 2015-16, Little Flower School District 2016-2017 and The Hagedorn Little Village School 2016-2017 were reviewed.

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported that a meeting did not take place but the following policies have been submitted for a Second Reading. Mrs. LaRosa asked for a motion to accept the policies as listed.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following policies:

- No. 7110 Attendance
- No. 7120 School Admissions
- No. 7121 Screening of New School Entrants
- No. 7122.2 Release Time of Students
- No. 7130 Attendance Areas
- No. 7132 Admission of Foreign Students
- No. 7150 Educational Services for Married/Pregnant Students
- No. 7160 School Census
- No. 7311 Loss or Destruction of District Property
- No. 7312 Student Dress Code
- No. 7313 Suspension
- No. 7315 Personal Communication Devices
- No. 7317 Bully Prevention
- No. 7320 Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
- No. 7330 Searches and Interrogations
- No. 7350 Corporal Punishment
- No. 7380 Hazing
- No. 7420 Sports and the Athletic Program
- No. 7430 Contests for Students, Student Awards and Scholarships
- No. 7431 Jesse Greenwald Scholarship
- No. 7450 Fundraising by Students
- No. 7511 Immunization of Students
- No. 7512 Student Health Services
- No. 7513 Administration of Medication
- No. 7515 No Nits
- No. 7516 Wellness
- No. 7517 Anaphylaxis Policy
- No. 7518 Athlete Concussion Management
- No. 7521 Student Bicycle Use - Helmet
- No. 7530 Child Abuse
- No. 7531 Child Abuse in a Domestic Setting
- No. 7551 Sexual Harassment (Students)
- No. 7613 The Role of the Board of Education in implementing a Student's Individualized Education Program
- No. 7650 Identification and Register of Children with Disabilities
- No. 7670 Impartial Hearing Officer
- No. 7700 Provision of Copy of Individualized Education Program (IEP) to Student Service Providers

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 5/12/16. Mrs. LaRosa informed the audience that the committee viewed a SMART Board demonstration and the district plans to start the replenishment cycle for this equipment within 30 days.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 5/10/16. Items discussed included amending the permit application for 2016-2017 to ensure regulations for use are met, the timeline for bond-related work, camera and door access installations at all buildings and related work to these security initiatives. Mike Ryan of LandTek reported on a recent inspection of the high school turf field; the field is in excellent condition and still under warranty.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 5/11/16. Items discussed included CPSE/CSE recommendations for the month. The annual review process is almost complete.

Health and Wellness Committee: Bernadette Burns reported on the meeting that took place on 5/11/2016. The "Mindfulness" Program is off to a good start. The West Islip Health and Wellness Alliance and the West Islip High School HEARTT Club initiated a Social Host campaign to deter underage drinking parties or gatherings where adults knowingly allow minors to drink alcohol or alcoholic beverages. Mr. Horan, Mrs. Burns, and representatives from other districts met with the Suffolk County Police Commissioner, Tim Sini, to discuss the campaign. The SCPD is encouraging residents to call their local Third Precinct COPE office at 854-8308 if they know an underage drinking party is going to take place.

The Elizabeth T. McNamee 5K Run was a great success and there will be a Sounds of Silence 5K Run on Saturday, May 14, 2016 starting at 6:30 a.m. at Jones Beach, Field 5 to alert people to the effects of postpartum depression. Summer Newsletter articles are being collected and the newsletter should be mailed in July.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that took place on 5/10/16. The committee reviewed minutes, there was an information update on the code of conduct which will be adopted at a future meeting and the Peer Mediation program regarding conflict resolution was discussed. Dr. Rullan is also looking into peer tutoring training. Nominations for the new unsung hero award are being accepted; an award will go to one elementary student, one middle school student and one high school student at the June 9 Board meeting. This was the last DASA meeting of the year and DASA will be open to both parents and high school students for next school year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for March was presented. Beginning balance as of 2/29/16: \$41,665,508.73; ending balance as of 3/31/16: \$46,738,171.78.

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 budget transfers 3296-3300.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bid Extensions #1190 Long Island Equipment Service, #1191 Advantage Music, #1192 Ultimate Power, Inc., #1194 Bain Mechanical Services, Inc. and #1195 Ideal Fence Corporation.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Services Contracts for Half Hollow Hills CSD 2015-2016, Little Flower School District 2016-2017 and The Hagedorn Little Village School 2016-2017.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Health Service Contract for Westbury UFSD - \$1,567.36.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Box Tops for Education – Manetuck - \$876.90.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the date for the re-organizational meeting – July 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

There was discussion of 2016-2017 Board Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve UPSEU and WISE Memorandum of Agreements re: summer hours.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: Employee A/leave of absence.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: Employee B/retirement.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement re: Employee C/additional duties.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns updated the audience about topics discussed at the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Department of Health (DOH) public meeting held on March 23, 2016 regarding Willetts Creek. Surface soil samples were taken and the community will be informed of the results and the actions that should be taken.

Mrs. Burns also informed the audience that a Letter of Intent was sent to the State Education Department for the Smart Schools Bond Act. These funds will be used for wireless access points and other infrastructure.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Budget Vote – May 17, 2016
West Islip High School from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Celebrate Education – May 17, 2016
West Islip High School

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

Mrs. Lana Gorman, 1006 Myrtle Avenue, Bay Shore - Mrs. Gorman is the parent of a third grade son who attends Oquenock Elementary. Mrs. Gorman had concerns about Oquenock reducing from four to three fourth grade sections for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Gorman felt that cutting this section and increasing class size would hinder her son's education.

Mrs. Judi Steward, 6 Runyon Road, Bay Shore - Mrs. Steward is the parent of a third grade son who attends Oquenock and Mrs. Steward felt that reducing to three sections for fourth grade next year would create a poor student to teacher ratio and would put unnecessary strain on the students and teachers.

Mrs. Jennifer Sinclair, 824 Sandra Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Sinclair is a parent of a third grade son who attends Oquenock. Mrs. Sinclair feels increasing class size would not be good for the students, especially those who get pulled from class to receive other services, and may get lost in the mix.

Mrs. Krista Varrichio, 1010 Myrtle Avenue, Bay Shore – Mrs. Varrichio is a parent of a third grade son at Oquenock. Mrs. Varrichio feels history shows that too many students in a classroom will make it difficult for them to learn. Mrs. Varrichio also felt behavioral issues related to this age group would make it difficult for the students and teachers.

Mrs. Burns informed the parents that the issue of class size is important to both the administration as well as parents. There are 74 projected students for fourth grade next year, averaging 24.7 students per section. This is well within the capabilities of our teachers and contractual guidelines, which are 24-27 students per section. Mrs. Burns also spoke about how the teacher is the single most important component to student achievement in the classroom and that the students are in good hands. Mrs. Burns explained that consistency in classroom size throughout the district is important and is something that is monitored very closely. Mrs. LaRosa informed the residents that their concerns will be taken under advisement but smaller numbers may not treat behavioral issues and other alternatives may need to be explored. Mrs. Burns will follow up with Mr. Maniscalco regarding a plan for next year to address potential behavior concerns.

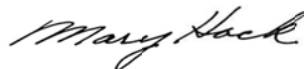
Mrs. Catherine Artusa, 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip - Mrs. Artusa inquired about sprinklers at Westbrook and the cost involved. Mr. Gellar informed Mrs. Artusa that the community was notified at the January Board Meeting that after a number of fire inspections with no issues raised over the years, the district was advised that sprinklers are now necessary in Westbrook. The cost has not been determined.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:51p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 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,



Mary Hock
District Clerk

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