

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 12, 2013 – High School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public".

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 November 26, 2013 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

The following students received Citizenship Awards – Semester 1:

<i>Elementary</i>	<i>Alexa Camillery</i>
<i>Middle School</i>	<i>Mitchell Mastroianni</i>
<i>High School</i>	<i>William Oakley</i>

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 3, 2014: Ashley Warren, Special Education, effective January 3, 2014.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kristina Moon, Reading, effective December 10, 2013 (Oquenock).

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): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Christopher Conza, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective January 2, 2014 (Step 1; replacing M. Messere {resigned}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR:

UDALL: Justin DeMaio, Costume Designer
Justin DeMaio, Drama Director }
Shane O'Neill, Drama Director } shared
Justin DeMaio, Musical Director

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted, with the exception of Scott Brady, in favor to approve OTHER: 2013-2014 MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY WINTER COACHES: CHEERLEADING: Lauren Brady, Beach, Interim Coach, effective December 2, 2013 (replacing Erin Papadopoulos {approved at May 2013 BOE meeting}, LOA effective November 27, 2013).

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 (\$100 per diem): *Nikki Caputi, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Giavanna Donaruma, effective January 27, 2014, student teacher; *Leeanne Dunham, effective January 21, 2014, student teacher; *Catherine Johnson, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Maureen LaMarca, effective January 21, 2014, student teacher; *Heather Peterson, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Ayssa Quagliata, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Carol Scheuerer, effective January 21, 2014, student teacher; *Gianna Sciortino, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Katie Sheehan, effective January 21, 2014, student teacher; Keri Smith, effective December 13, 2013; *Carrie Stern, effective January 27, 2014, student teacher; *Lisa Tarpinian, effective January 22, 2014, student teacher; *Alexandra Voorhees, effective December 16, 2013.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Dr. Rullan discussed professional development for the teachers as well as a five year professional development plan for all employees. Dr. Rullan also spoke about the new elementary report cards that are aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards. The report cards will be distributed on December 19, 2013 along with a *Parent's Guide to Understanding the Report Cards*.

Dr. Rullan congratulated Ashley Warren on her tenure appointment and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting that was held on 12/12/13. Some of the items reviewed were the October treasurer's report, October payroll summary report, internal claims audit report, system manager audit trail, warrants, financial statements for October, budget transfers, special education contract for Anderson Center for Autism and surplus of outdated and damaged textbooks, workbooks and novels from English Department. The school lunch program was also discussed.

Policy Committee: The following policies as presented at the 11/14/13 Board of Education meeting received a second reading: #3232 Complaints and Grievances by Students; #6130 Evaluation of Personnel; #7120 School Admissions; #7121 Screening of New School Entrants; #7132 Admission of Foreign Students; #7210 Student Evaluation; #7550 Equal Education Opportunities; #8220 Career (Occupational) Education.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve all of the above listed policies.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 12/12/13. The new elementary reports cards and upcoming professional development were discussed.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 12/12/13. Items reviewed included the use of School Construction Consultants to manage issues in the rental buildings, National Grid's lease end date, and Beach Street traffic concerns.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 12/11/13. CSE and CPSE recommendations and placements were discussed.

*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Health and Wellness/COMPASS Alliance: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 12/4/13. Items discussed included the Financial Report, middle school presentations held on November 27th pertaining to internet safety and cyber bullying, and the creation of an after-school mental health group. The 5K Fun Run/Kids Dash will be held on Sunday, March 2, 2014, and the elementary school with the most participation will receive \$150 for school supplies. They are also working on donations for the event. The district will be holding a free cardiac screening on Saturday, March 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration will take place on line and there will be more information to come. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the P.J. Bellew Elementary School cafeteria.

Bullying Awareness Committee: Dan Marquardt reported on the meeting that was held on 11/18/13. Some of the topics discussed were articles on bullying scandals, the important role coaches play regarding bullying and the Rutgers University bullying incident.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for October was presented. Beginning balance as of September 30, 2013 – \$33,195,599.19; ending balance as of October 31, 2013 - \$21,305,187.27.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3114 – 3116.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 special education contract for Anderson Center for Autism.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the surplus of outdated and damaged textbooks, workbooks and novels from the English Language Arts Department.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that 81 junior and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society last week. Mrs. Burns also spoke about district safety and security. There is a full time security guard at the entrance of the high school as well as an intercom and buzzer system.

Mrs. Burns spoke about the property tax burden on homeowners. The district has lost 18 million dollars in state aid over the last five years and 3.7 million dollars this year alone. Information and a letter template will be posted on the school website so that residents can have their voices heard by sending a letter to our legislators. Letters may be dropped off at the school buildings or the district office, and mailed directly to the legislators, or sent via e-mail.

Mrs. Burns also spoke about a letter sent to Commissioner John King from the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association (SCSSA) regarding Common Core implementation and assessments. The Board is endorsing this letter and stating its support.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that the letter to Commissioner John King will be posted on the school website with an explanation. Mr. Gellar also wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve endorsing the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association's letter to Commissioner John King re: Common Core implementation and assessments.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Bayview Concert – Monday, Dec. 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Oquenock Concert – Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Beach Street Concert – Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Udall Chorus Concert @ High School – Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

High School Chorus Concert – Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Relay For Life Kick-Off - Monday, December 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the High School

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:29 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 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.