

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 8, 2014 – High School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Ulrich,  
Mr. Zotto (arrived 8:40 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Gellar spoke about the retirement incentive offered to administrators, resulting in three retirements. Mr. Gellar thanked Joann Hilbert, Daniel Hunter and Ellen Quaglio for their years of service to the district.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2014 Planning Session meeting.

**RECOGNITION:**

Teachers' Appreciation Week - May 5-9, 2014  
*Joseph Dixon*

Literary Magazine *Spectrum*/ David Gershfeld, Advisor  
*Jess Cavanaugh, Sean Cruz, Brandon Saloy, Bridget Squitire*

DECA / Diana Saadat, Advisor  
*Maeve Gorey, Arielle Klopsis, Christina Regan, Ryan Schaake*

National School Nurse Day – May 7, 2014  
*Laurie Luquer, Suzanne O'Connor*

**Citizenship**

Elementary – *Nathaniel Butler, Timothy Haskell, Mercedes Rocha*

Middle School – *Anthony Venezia*

High School – *Joseph Ferraroni*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve RETIREMENT: Joann Hilbert, Assistant Principal, effective September 1, 2014 (15 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve RETIREMENT: Daniel Hunter, Principal, effective September 1, 2014 (29 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve RETIREMENT: Ellen Quaglio, Assistant Principal, effective November 22, 2014 (15 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Elena Iacobellis, World Language, effective March 31, 2014 (High School/Udall).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Shane O'Neill, Elementary, effective January 29, 2014 to June 30, 2014 (Udall; Step 9<sup>5</sup>; replacing P. Diorio).

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): LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12-week continuous medical coverage): Sharon D'Agostino, School Nurse, effective April 30, 2014 to June 24, 2014 (Our Lady of Lourdes).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014 FALL HIGH SCHOOL COACHES:

FOOTBALL: Steve Mileti, Varsity Head Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach; Thomas Powers, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jim Dooley, Varsity Volunteer Coach; Nick LaGiglia, Head J.V. Coach; Shawn Rush, Assistant J.V. Coach, Phil Kane, J.V. Volunteer Coach.

GIRLS SOCCER: Nick Grieco, Head Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Varsity Coach.

BOYS SOCCER: Ed Pieron, Head Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach; Dennis Mazzalunga, J.V. Coach.

GIRLS SWIMMING: Robert Kollar, Varsity Coach; KristiLee Schubert-Hender, Assistant Varsity Coach.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS: Karyn Storan, Varsity Coach; Vanessa Lillis, Assistant Varsity Coach.

GIRLS TENNIS: George Botsch, Varsity Coach, Bill Turri, J.V. Coach

FIELD HOCKEY: Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach; Joanne Orehosky, Assistant Varsity Coach; Taylor Troyano, J.V. Coach.

CROSS COUNTRY: Christopher Kaigh, Boys Varsity Coach; Michelle Studley-Broderick, Girls Varsity Coach.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL: John Schrank, Varsity Coach; Cathy Lang, J.V. Coach.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Jim Klimkoski, Varsity Coach; Tara Annunziata, J.V. Coach.

KICKLINE: Kelly Leon, Varsity Coach

CHEERLEADING: Dina Barone, Varsity Coach; Reanna Fulton, Assistant Varsity Coach.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2014 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

FOOTBALL: Shanan Mauro, Head 7-8 Udall Coach; Mark DiCresto, Assistant 7-8 Udall Coach; Vincent Luvera, Head 7-8 Beach Coach; John Denninger, Assistant 7-8 Beach Coach.

GIRLS SOCCER: Brian Dieumegard, 7-8 Udall Coach; Colleen Reilly, 7-8 Beach Coach.

BOYS SOCCER: Kenny DiDonna, 7-8 Udall Coach; Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach.

CROSS COUNTRY: Joe Nicolosi, Beach Boys & Girls Coach; James Wood, Udall Boys & Girls Coach.

FIELD HOCKEY: Debra Mock-Dorfman, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach

TENNIS: Thomas Loudon, Girls 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach

CHEERLEADING: Kristina Moon, 7-8 Udall Coach; Erin Papadopulos, 7-8 Beach Coach

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Nicole Sergio, effective May 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Nicole Sergio, effective May 12, 2014.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan wished Joann Hilbert, Daniel Hunter and Ellen Quaglio the best of luck on their retirement and thanked them for the opportunity and privilege of working with them.

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that Grades 3-8 finished the New York State Math Assessments. Approximately 400 students district wide refused the ELA assessments. If the budget passes, there will be a summer reading and math program for first and second graders in July; the district will work with the West Islip Library to support the summer reading program. More information will be available shortly.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 5/6/2014. Items reviewed included the March treasurer's report, extracurricular report, payroll summary, internal claims audit report and systems manager audit trail. Warrants, March financial statements, budget transfers, health service contract for Westbury UFSD, surplus of Baldwin Upright Piano, Suffolk Transportation Scholarship and bid extensions were reviewed. Mrs. Duffy also reviewed the Property Tax Freeze Credit with the committee.

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 5/6/14. Some of the items reviewed were the West Islip Swim Club fee structure effective 7/1/14, fee structure for summer sports camps, custodial overtime and effects of heavy rains throughout the district.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that was held on 5/7/14. Items reviewed included the impartial hearing status, CSE and CPSE recommendations, and annual reviews.

Health and Wellness/COMPASS Alliance: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held 5/7/2014. Items reviewed included financial report and the newsletter. Nancy Hemendinger from Suffolk County Department of Health will present body image presentations in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade health education classes in June. The mandatory pre-prom parent meeting will take place May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in Cafeteria C and June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. A student triathlon is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee is exploring alternatives to the annual 5K run, a social media/internet safety assembly for 2014-2015, and a tobacco, alcohol and drug survey next year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for March was presented. Beginning balance as of February 28, 2014: \$36,125,550.40; ending balance as of March 31, 2014: \$42,609,258.93.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3133 – 3135.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Health Service Contract for Westbury UFSD - \$815.62.

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 bid extensions: Catalano Musical Products/Sheet Music & Instructional Materials; Long Island Equipment Service/Refrigeration Repair and Service; Commercial Instrumentation Services/Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Service; Bain Mechanical Services, Inc./Boiler Maintenance; Residential Fence Corporation/Gates and Chain Link Fencing; Long Island Roofing/Roof Repairs; Endzone Sports/Athletic Equipment Reconditioning; UNI-Select USA, Inc./Automotive Truck and Bus Supplies.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the declaration of surplus item - Baldwin Upright Piano, Bar Code: 4938, serial #445760.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve scholarship donation from Suffolk Transportation to West Islip High School in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for Annual Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve date for Reorganizational Meeting – July 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Biennial Review of the Compact Plan.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

May 20, 2014 Budget Vote 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. – West Islip High School

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

Mrs. Valerie Rivera, 408 Myrtle Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Rivera wanted to make the board and administration aware of asbestos removal taking place at the LaGrange property, which is across the street from Paul J. Bellew Elementary School. Mrs. Rivera called the Town of Islip and was told to call New York State. Mr. Gellar assured Mrs. Rivera that the district will look into the situation further.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Hantzschel wanted to congratulate Joann Hilbert and Ellen Quaglio on their retirement and express her appreciation for the kindness, professionalism and concern they both showed her son while he attended the high school.

Mrs. Janine Obloj, 7 Thadeus Lane, West Islip – Mrs. Obloj expressed concern about first grade class size for 2014-2015 at Paul J. Bellew Elementary. Mrs. Obloj feels that it will be difficult for students to succeed when the teacher will find it difficult to manage the class.

Mrs. Kerri Giorgianni, 190 Parkwood Road, West Islip – Mrs. Giorgianni expressed concern about first grade class size for 2014-2015 at Paul J. Bellew Elementary. Mrs. Giorgianni also spoke to this same topic at the April 10, 2014 board meeting.

Mr. Larry Lidonnici, 302 Independence Avenue, West Islip - Mr. Lidonnici expressed concern about first grade class size for 2014-2015 at Paul J. Bellew Elementary.. He suggested the district hire one more teacher using the money saved due to retirements next year.

Mrs. Michelle Kilkelly, 13 Pearl Court, West Islip – Mrs. Kilkelly expressed concern about first grade class size for 2014-2015 at Paul J. Bellew Elementary, particularly in light of new requirements to meet the standards. Mrs. Kilkelly thanked the board and the administration for their consideration and urged them to continue to maintain the integrity the district is known for and not let finances limit what is in the best interest of the students.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m. on a motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich 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.