

**Education Committee meeting**  
**September 13, 2012**

Members: S. Gellar, A. LaRosa, R. Simon, B. Burns

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

- I. *APPR*: Mrs. Burns updated the committee on the status of the APPR. The plan was submitted on August 10; the district awaits a response as to whether the plan is approved as submitted or will need to be revised.
  
- II. *Professional Development*: Upon their return to school last month, secondary teachers participated in a variety of professional development activities geared to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards or the adoption of the APPR. The workshops were well-received.

Continuing professional development will take place throughout the school year for all teachers K-12. The focus will be on aligning the Common Core to our curriculum. The first workshops will take place within the next few weeks in elementary writing and mathematics.

- III. *Title IIA Changes*: The federal government recently forced a change in the way New York State calculates the distribution of Title IIA funds. Title IIA is primarily dedicated to improving teacher quality. This recent change requires West Islip to allocate the same amount of money for professional development per pupil for all students who attend Our Lady of Lourdes and St. John's, regardless of district of residence. Additionally, the district must establish a reserve to make up for any monies to which the schools were entitled for the last five years, and allocate these funds to the private schools for the next five years. Note that this is not in any way a reflection of anything done incorrectly by West Islip, but a change in direction from the State.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.