

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 15, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy and Mr. Simon

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM, followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Maria Simeone, World Languages effective November 8, 2012 to February 13, 2013.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Carrie Wagner, Elementary effective September 22, 2012 to December 18, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Baynon, Secretarial Assistant, Confidential effective November 19, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Michelle Edgley, Part-Time Food Service Worker effective November 9, 2012.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kathleen Mosher, Part-Time Food Service Worker effective November 9, 2012.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Freshta Akley, Special Education Aide, effective November 6, 2012 through June 21, 2013.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Debra Harrell, Cafeteria Aide, effective November 6, 2012 through June 21, 2013.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RECALL TO PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Theresa Ohrablo, Cafeteria Aide, effective October 9, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmaire LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Janel LaClair, effective November 16, 2012, Diane Schlosser, effective November 16, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: George Croteau, Custodial Worker I effective November 14, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RECALL: Michael Logiudice, Jr. Custodial Worker I effective November 19, 2012.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Lisa Baynon, Internal Claims Auditor effective November 19, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SPECIAL EDUCATION – AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: Erin Doherty, Advisor, Timothy Bauernfeind, Instructor, Catherine Georgio, Instructor, Cynthia LaPrairie, Instructor, Debra Magee, Instructor, Alison Sweeney, Instructor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2012 ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS: Donna Brogan, Denise Campasano, Lorrie Clifford, Ed Ermanovics.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION: Greg Iorio, effective October 31, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Danielle Chichetti, effective November 8, 2012, Janel LaClair, effective November 16, 2012.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT: Christine Ferretti, effective October 18, 2012, Janel LaClair, effective October 31, 2012, Susan Lombardi, effective October 18, 2012, Marguerite Marinaro, effective October 31, 2012, Donna Saliba, effective October 18, 2012, Diane Schlosser, effective October 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM AND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMS 2012-13: LIFEGUARD: Courtney Salatto, effective October 31, 2012, Martha Sokolowski, effective October 31, 2012.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ADMINISTRATOR: Mary Anderson, effective October 29, 2012.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Bernadette Burns spoke about the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing for grades K-8 and the information the testing provides to determine the students' current instructional levels. She also advised the audience that secondary report cards would be available in the Parent Portal by noon on November 20, 2012. Elementary report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on December 7, 2012.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance: George Smith discussed the topics addressed during the meeting of 11/13/2012 where the treasurer's report, payroll summary report, financial statements for the month of September, internal claims audit report, warrants, system manager audit trail, budget transfers, donations, special education contracts and bids were discussed.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob Ulrich discussed the topics addressed during the meeting that was held 11/15/12. He reported on bond construction projects and updated the audience that there were no flooded basements, no damaged roofs, and no major trees on buildings due to the hurricane. There was some spoiled food and some damaged electrical gear. There were no gas or fuel shortages. Updating action plans for each site, insurance claims and inspections were also discussed.

Special Education Committee: Ron Maginniss discussed the topics addressed at the meeting that was held on 11/15/12. New and existing IEP placements for the month were discussed and he informed the audience that Jeanne Dowling is the Homeless Liaison for the district and what that entails.

Anti-Bullying Awareness: Dan Marquardt spoke about the topics discussed at the meeting that was held on 10/22/12. There will be a Boot Out Bullying Event this spring. Paper boots will be sold and the money donated to a charity. The committee viewed a video regarding the TV reporter who was a victim of bullying. He also spoke about and the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights and informed the audience that New York will be reporting bullying this year.

Health and Wellness/Compass Alliance: Tim Horan spoke about the topics discussed at the meeting that was held on 11/14/12. Over 125 students participated in the West Islip Triathlon. The triathlon raised \$1,324.53. The Health and Wellness Newsletter will be mailed in January 2013. The committee will be supporting Lionheart to assist victims of Hurricane Sandy. The Fun Run will be Sunday, March 3, 2013. A collection of gently used or new sporting equipment will be coordinated in the coming weeks for residents in need. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Bayview.

The Treasurer's Report for September 2012 was presented. Beginning balance as of July 30, 2012 \$31,920,258.01, ending balance as of September 30, 2012 \$29,676,445.26.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers numbered 3033 to 3046 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: MSG Varsity → West Islip Schools = \$1,000.00; Suffolk Transportation, Inc. 1998 Ford Van → West Islip Schools = \$4,500.00

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contracts for the 2012-2013 school year with Deer Park School District and Green Chimneys Children's Services.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Web Content Filtering and Removal of Unwanted Geese and Waterfowl.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolutions: The West Islip UFSD 403(b) Retirement Plan and Natural Gas Purchases Under County Contracts by West Islip UFSD Pursuant to New York State and County Law.

The Lionheart Foundation Update: Annmarie LaRosa informed the audience about the work the foundation is doing in the community and how important it is for the community to help the many victims of Hurricane Sandy. A meeting was held on 11/14/12 and they brainstormed regarding fund raising and organizing the items families need. The main focus will be the sale of T-shirts, which will raise money as well as build community spirit. The district website will give information on how to access the Lionheart Facebook page so the community can stay updated on the many efforts of the foundation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gellar informed the audience that approval has been received from the town to use the closed buildings for educational, social and athletic use. The district is not looking to utilize the buildings for business use. Mr. Gellar also informed the audience that the Board is continuing to work through legal questions regarding Atlantic Auto Mall. There will be more information regarding this in a few months.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Richard Simon discussed the 2012-13 Student-Teacher Calendar and informed the audience that there is no answer yet regarding the school days that were missed due to Hurricane Sandy, it is dependent upon future weather this winter. The district must have 180 days for full state aid – 176 instructional days and 4 superintendent days. He also stressed that it is not simple for the Commissioner to waive the days missed and the district may not qualify. Students may have to attend school on 3/25/13 or possibly other days in March. Mr. Simon discussed the five options for the 2013-14 Student-Teacher Calendar as well. He also reported that 15 staff members lost homes, cars or sustained serious damage to their homes. There are also 50 students without homes and living with relatives. The last item discussed was the 2013-14 Budget and laying the groundwork to be done as well as the challenging expenses and second year of the tax cap levy. There will once again be a Budget Advisory Committee that will start earlier this year. There will be an application posted on the school website. A background in finance and business is helpful. There will be a meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee on December 4, 2012 at Beach Street Middle School at 7:30 p.m. George Smith and Ron Maginniss will co-chair the committee.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

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

The Legislative Action Committee will meet in the District Office on November 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:07 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:52 PM on motion by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve \$400/day salary for Mary Anderson as substitute administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM 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.