

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 14, 2013 – 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 8:04 PM (Pledge done at Budget Hearing at 7:30 PM).

Mr. Peter Quinn wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." His concerns are under the Public Participation section of the minutes since he was not speaking on an Agenda Item.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and the April 30, 2013 Budget Meeting.

The following students were recognized for Knowledge Masters Open:

Marisa Calderone, Matthew Chudecki, Taylor Denning, Jessica Ferraro, Jonathan Force, Mia Hightower, Jack Marano, Courtney Metzger, Joseph Montiglio, Kathryn Paidoussis, Joseph Rummo, Andrew Spiratos, Jake Turcios

The following students were recognized as Math Olympiads:

Daniel Bachety, Patrick Bolin, Alexa Camillery, Sophia Crudele, Isabella D'Avanzo, John Ryan DiBenedetto, Callum Dwyer, Kieran Farrell, Patrick Gaffney, Grace Gallagher, Jason Greene, Christian Kruer, Heather Mauri, Grace Seward-McPhail, Immanuel Pettengill, Isabella Romano, Donald Ryan, Christina Schaaake, Amanda Sgueglia

The following students were recognized for High School Research Awards:

Mary Kroll, Rosemary Cannarella, Matt Collin, Matt Crawford, Taylor Denara, Kim DeRosa, Jessica Dewey, Julia Foote, Shamina Haque, Amanda Honan, Kiera Kelly, Alex Ladinsky, Bailey McLaughlin, Cory Muraglio, Sara Novello, Rachel Radigan, Robert Tyler Read, Michael Simas, Laura Simas, Amanda Sindeband, Allison Taffner, Nicolette Vigiano

Teachers' Appreciation Week: May 6 – 10, 2013: Mr. Simon thanked Joe Dixon and Lenny LaPinta, representatives of WITA, for all their efforts on behalf of the 400 teachers who make a great contribution to West Islip.

National School Nurses Day: May 8, 2013: Mr. Simon thanked Suzanne O'Connor and Laurie Farrell-Luquer, for the vital role the nurse's play in helping the 5,000 plus students of West Islip.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Michael Beckerman, Maintenance Mechanic III, effective May 15, 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: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: JoAnn Ogrodnik, Cafeteria Aide, effective September 3, 2013 through June 27, 2014.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: OTHER: 2013 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; Jim Albert, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, J.V. Coach

BOYS SOCCER: Ed Pieron, Head Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach; Dennis Mazzalonga, 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: Kevin Lewis, Varsity Coach; Bill Turri, J.V. Coach

FIELD HOCKEY: Josephine Hassett, Varsity Coach; Joanne Orehosky, Assistant Varsity Coach; Debra Mock-Dorfman, J.V. Coach

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

BOYS VOLLEYBALL: Frank Franzone, Varsity Coach; Cathy Lang, J.V. Coach

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Jim Klimkoski, Varsity Coach; Kristen Ann Caulfield, J.V. Coach

GOLF: George Botsch, Varsity Coach

CHEERLEADING: Dina Barone, Varsity Coach; Reanna Fulton, Assistant Varsity Coach; Amy Mastrocinque, J.V. Coach

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: OTHER: 2013 FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

FOOTBALL: Shanan Mauro, Head 7-8 Udall Coach; Mark DiCristo, 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: Stephen DiPaolo, 7-8 Udall Coach; Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach

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

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

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

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION: Tara Annunziata, effective May 15, 2013.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns informed the audience that grades 3 – 8 have completed the ELA and mathematics tests. These tests were scored in house and she thanked all faculty members who took part in that process. Mrs. Burns also addressed concerns expressed at last month's board meeting regarding the state's partnership with InBloom, a non-profit organization that will house New York State data. The purpose of the educational portal is to provide educators, students and students' families with data tools and educational content as we transition to the Common Core. Mrs. Burns also informed the audience that West Islip High School ranked # 715 in Newsweek's Top 2000 High Schools in the nation.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance: George Smith reported on the meeting that was held on 5/7/13. Some of the items reviewed were the treasurer's report, payroll summary report, financial statements for the month of March, internal claims audit report, warrants, system manager audit trail and budget transfers. The Health Services Contract for Manhasset Public Schools, a donation from the West Islip Varsity Athletic Club for fencing and two Box Top donations were also reviewed. Several Bid Extensions were also discussed.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting that was held on 5/7/13. Some of the topics discussed were the Atlantic project, two field projects are still in the review process at NYSED. Rental buildings, custodial maintenance, efficiency and productivity were also discussed. The High School pool will be drained in June/July for repairs, athletic storage buildings have problems with locks, resolution in progress. The Masera gym floor being replaced and parking lots and curbs will be repainted before August.

Safety & Security: Scott Brady reported on the meeting that was held on 4/25/13. The committee reviewed articles on security and safety. Mr. Bosse is planning staff security and safety training at Superintendent's Conference Day. Physical upgrades to locks, improving cameras and High School buzzer entrance were discussed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 5/28/13, before the Planning Session meeting.

Health and Wellness/COMPASS Coalition: Tim Horan will report on the meeting that was held on 5/1/13 at next month's board meeting.

Bullying Awareness Committee: Dan Marquardt reported on the meeting that was held 5/13/13. Some of the topics addressed were the video game BULLY by Rockstar games. This is rated Teen but is definitely not appropriate for teens. They also watched the Bully Project and had a discussion. Annmarie LaRosa suggested that the committee should put information on the school website regarding the inappropriate video games and other issues so the information can reach more people.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool: Meeting was postponed until next week.

The Treasurer's Report for March 2013 was presented. Beginning balance as of February 28, 2013 \$34,234,317.93 ending balance as of March 31, 2013 \$37,270,723.15.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers numbered 3081 to 3085 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Bid Extensions: Removal of Unwanted Geese and Waterfowl; Portable Two-Way Radio, Intercom, Audio Repair and Sound System Repairs; Tree Pruning and Care Services; Boiler Breeching and Repair Work; Maintenance and Service for Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems; Maintenance and Service of Fire Alarms Systems, the Maintenance and Repair of Security Alarm Systems and Central Station Monitoring of Security and Fire Alarm Systems; In-Car Driver Education Instructions with Vehicles.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: West Islip Varsity Athletic Club in the amount of \$1,480.00, Beach St. Middle School Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$703.30 and P.J. Bellew Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$1,602.42.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Service Contract for the 2012-13 school year with Manhasset UFSD in the amount of \$941.01.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Personnel for the School Budget Vote/Trustee Election.

PRESIDENT'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 date for the Reorganization Meeting of July 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Simon also wanted to follow up regarding safety and security for the district. He visited the Huntington High School and met with the Superintendent, High School Principal and Director of Security to learn about steps they have taken in an attempt to make their campus safe. Last week he also met with the Islip Superintendent and Director of Security to review initiatives they have taken as well. West Islip will take additional steps at the beginning of next year to enhance the safety and security of our campuses, students and staff.

Mr. Simon also spoke about filling the position for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. An advertisement was placed in the New York Times and local List Serv, 31 applicants applied for the position. After reviewing all the credentials of all the applicants, ten were invited in for interviews.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

May 21st Budget Vote and Celebrate Education – 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. / High School

The following residents wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public” - Mr. Peter Quinn and Mrs. Wendy Reagan.

Peter Quinn of 675 Tanglewood Drive, West Islip – Mr. Quinn wanted to know if Bridges Academy is a charter school. Mr. Gellar answered that it is not. He also questioned the furloughs and the ramifications if the teachers were to initiate a law suit, what would that mean for the district? Mr. Gellar explained that the district would have to cut the budget by \$540,000 and the board and administration would work on how to replace the savings, should that come to pass. Mr. Quinn also questioned why Mr. Simon is retiring effective 10/1/13 and not 6/30/13. Mr. Gellar answered that it is in the best interest of the district to have a transition phase from Mr. Simon to Mrs. Burns.

Wendy Regan, 42 Sylvia Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Regan wanted to clarify if Jamie Winkler negotiates the leases for the district and asked who authorized Mrs. Winkler to waive the South Shore Children’s Center security deposit? Mr. Gellar explained that Mrs. Winkler does not prepare the contract, our attorney; Mr. Volz prepares the contract and Jamie Winkler represents the district. Mr. Volz then informed Mrs. Regan that he prepares the essential terms and conditions of all the leases for the tenants of the district. When the South Shore Children’s Center lease was drafted, the security provision was cut out inadvertently. He has been in touch with South Shore’s attorney to rectify this. Mrs. Regan also asked if the South Shore Children’s Center lease was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Gellar responded yes. Mrs. Regan went on to explain that Mrs. Winkler made an addition error when calculating square footage on which the South Shore Children’s Center rent is based. Mrs. Winkler has 8,043 square feet and according to the building floor plan record, the footage is 9,604 square feet, not including the playground. Mr. Gellar explained that he did not know the details off hand but will check the floor plan and get back to her next month.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:01 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve residency variance for 2012-13 and 2013-14.

Meeting reconvened at 9:55 PM on motion by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

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

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District Clerk

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