

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 9, 2011 – High School  
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BRADY, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,  
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO (arrived at 8:07 p.m.)

ABSENT: NONE

Administrators: Mrs. Burns, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Board of Education thanked the community for their support of education and for passing the budget on May 17, 2011. The Board also thanked Nancy Lenz for her years of service as district publicist. Congratulations to Robert Ulrich, who was re-elected, and to Ronald Maginniss, who was elected to the Board of Education. Sharon Bieselin was recognized for over twenty years of serving the community and thanked for her dedication and hard work during her nine years on the Board of Education. Mrs. Bieselin wished everyone good health and success in the future.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing of May 10, 2011, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2011, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 17, 2011, and the minutes of the Planning Session of May 24, 2011.

**RECOGNITION:** Valedictorian – Class 2011 (presented by Dr. Bridgeman): Casey Lee McLaughlin; Salutatorian – Class 2011 (presented by Dr. Bridgeman): Robyna Mamoor. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Friedlander Upstander Award for Suffolk County (presented by Mrs. Burns): Brooke DiP.. Disney Challenge – New York State 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up (presented by Mrs. Hollinger and Mrs. Robertson): Luke H., Jaclyn C., Owen DiS., Sarah W., Mckenzie O’C., Robert H., Jack B., Kyle D., Victoria T., George L., Thomas P., Emma B., Brielle A., Aimee Q., Riley W., Sean S., Joe G., William F., Jillian R., Hannah W., Melissa K.y, Matthew O.r, Jillian B. and Nicole R.. Math Olympiads (presented by Mrs. Robertson): Gr. 5 – Kelly H., Kristina B., Amanda I. and Gr. 4 – Grace Anne V., Jett L. and Matthew C.. National Geographic Geography Bee Winners (presented by Mrs. Hollinger): Emily R., George L., Vincent DiG., Jacob R., Samantha B., Thomas P., Sean McS. and Alex S..

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Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Dr. Judith Toussaint, Director of World Languages.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective July 1, 2011: James Gilmartin, Director of Social Studies.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective July 9, 2011: Lisa Martinolich, Assistant Principal.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective August 4, 2011: Dr. Magda Parvey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Elementary.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective August 29, 2011: Salvatore Alaimo, Assistant Principal.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Kathryn Connolly, Foreign Language.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Edward Jablonski, Social Studies.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Michelle Vecchione, Foreign Language.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective July 1, 2011: Maria Tedeschi, Foreign Language.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Reanna Fulton, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Celia Gottlieb, Special Education.

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Erin Papadopulos, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Tara Probert, Social Studies.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Kristina Rosenberg, Remedial Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 2, 2011: Lindsay Simonton, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 3, 2011: Timothy Bauernfeind, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 3, 2011: Kristin Timpson, Remedial Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective October 14, 2011: Christine Kirkpatrick, Remedial Reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Louise Guastella, Teaching Assistant.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective June 23, 2011: Laurie Johnson, Teaching Assistant.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: Abolishment of Positions: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2011, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Art area (1 position), the Dance area (1 position), Elementary area (8 positions), the English area (1 position), the Foreign Language area (3 positions), the Library Media area (3 positions), the Physical Education area (2 positions), the Science area (1 position), the Social Studies area (1 position), Social Worker (1 position), the Special Education area (3 positions), and the Speech

area (1 position) of classification. The following employees be terminated, effective August 31, 2011, according to applicable provisions of law: Kristyna Acerno, Library Media; Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Dance; Michelle Bownes, Art; Christine Carlson, Elementary; Deborah Chizik, Elementary; Kathryn Connolly, Foreign Language; Anne Davis, Elementary; Brian Daniels, Science; Jennifer Dellafranca, Elementary; Kristen Florea, Special Education; Edward Jablonski, Social Studies; Michelle Jantzen, Physical Education; Shaun Johnson, Foreign Language; MaryEllen Keeley, Speech; Barbara Krollage, English; Donna Mazur, Library Media; Kevin McLoughlin, Library Media; David Morgan, Social Worker; Shane O'Neill, Elementary; Jeremy Robertson, Physical Education; Megan Ross, Elementary; Melanie Solnick, Elementary; Kyle Valentine, Special Education; Michelle Vecchione, Foreign Language; Soley Vita, Elementary; Ashley Warren, Special Education.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REAPPOINTMENT TO TENURED POSITION: Kevin McLoughlin, Elementary; effective September 1, 2011 (Change from excessed Library Media).

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Abigail Agresta-Stratton, Dance (.8); effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Step 9<sup>6</sup>/10<sup>6</sup> {pro-rated at .8}).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Michelle Bownes, Art (.4); effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Step 6<sup>4</sup>/7<sup>4</sup> {pro-rated at .4}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Brian Daniels, Science (.4); effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Step 5<sup>5</sup>/6<sup>5</sup> {pro-rated at .4}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Edward Jablonski, Social Studies (.4); effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Step 3<sup>4</sup>/4<sup>4</sup> {pro-rated at .4}).

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Shanan Mauro, Health (.6); effective September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 (Step 5<sup>5</sup>/6<sup>5</sup> {pro-rated at .6}).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENT: Brian Buonomo, Technology; Wendy Loddigs, High School Guidance.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Lori Suprenant, Remedial Reading; effective May 27, 2011 (District-wide).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: Abolishment of Positions: Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective June 30, 2011, professional positions in the West Islip Public School District be abolished in the Teaching Assistant area (12 positions) of classification. The following employees be terminated, effective August 31, 2011, according to applicable provisions of law: Tracy Beier, Diane Calderone, Louise Guastella, Laurie Johnson, Carla LaBombard, Catherine Lang, Nichole Magistro, Gregory Murphy, Tonimarie Paladino, Donna Saliba, William Sasso, Maura Young.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donna Cama, Cafeteria Aide; effective May 25, 2011 (Step 1; Bayview; replacing L. Bennett).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Daniel Trupia, Custodial Worker I; effective June 13, 2011 (Step 1; Kirdahy; replacing M. Maresca).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Mary Howard, Cafeteria Aide; effective May 27, 2011 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 hr): Michael F. Logiudice, effective May 25, 2011.

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2011 FALL HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: FOOTBALL: Steve Mileti, Varsity Head Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach; Thomas Powers, Assistant Varsity Coach; Nick LaGiglia, Head J.V. Coach; Shawn Rush, Assistant J.V. Coach. GIRLS SOCCER: Nicholas Grieco, Head Varsity Coach; Jim Albert, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jim Beuther, J.V. Coach. BOYS SOCCER: Edward Pieron, Head Varsity Coach; Brian Cameron, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, 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: Natalee Rubcewich, Varsity Coach; Frank Franzone, J.V. Coach; Cathy Lang, Volunteer J.V. Coach. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: Jim Klimkoski, Varsity Coach; Kristen Drake, J.V. Coach; GOLF: George Botsch, Varsity Coach. KICKLINE: Erica Martinelli, Varsity Coach. CHEERLEADING: Dina Barone, Varsity Coach; Reanna Fulton, J.V. Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 2011 FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: FOOTBALL: Phil Kane, Head 7-8 Udall Coach; Shanan Mauro, 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: Dennis Mazzalonga, 7-8 Udall Coach; Michael LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach. CROSS COUNTRY: James Wood, Udall Boys & Girls Coach; Joseph Nicolosi, Beach Boys & Girls Coach. TENNIS: Thomas Loudon, Girls 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach. CHEERLEADING: Kristina Rosenberg, Udall 7-8 Coach; Erin Papadopulos, Beach 7-8 Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: Andrea Baritis, Junior Class Advisor (replacing M. Cogliano {child-bearing leave of absence}).

Motion was made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE ATHLETIC TRAINER: Kevin Kilkenny (\$30/hour) (Football game coverage) (\$120 flat rate).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTING SERVICES 2011-2012: John Zuhoski - \$18,367.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER'S EDUCATION COORDINATOR 2011-2012: Patricia Morgigno - \$2,736.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER EDUCATION SECRETARY 2011-2012: Lori Pastore - \$1,200 per semester.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR 2011-2012: Daniel Hunter - \$1,687 per semester.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT PROGRAM SECRETARY 2011-2012: Lori Pastore - \$1,200 per semester.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR 2011-2012: Daniel Hunter - \$3,721 per semester.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION SECRETARY 2011-2012: Michelle Grover - \$3,300 per semester.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2011: John Mullins, Director, \$60 per hour; Tim Horan, Assistant Director, \$50 per hour; John Denninger, Lead Counselor, \$22 per hour; Susan Burke, Clerical Support, \$25 per hour; Patricia Reimer, Nurse, \$40 per hour. Summer Recreation Camp Counselors (\$10 per hour): Tyler Bell, Kate Beyer, Colleen Burke, Alex Camesas, Becky Coleman, Shannon Coleman, Nicole Craig, Toniann Cintorino, Devan Crimi, Paige Engeldrum, Greg Fernan, Kevin F., Lorraine H., Christian G., Joe Ippoliti, Matt Kirby, Danny Lyons, Lindsey Lyons, Maxine Mall, Tommy Mckeeon, Casey M., John Niesen, Steven O'Connor, Barbara Ryan, Wade Turri, Joshua Tonn, Brittany Walsh, Terence Wilkinson, Joe Wood, Nicholas Z.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Christina Anderson, effective September 7, 2011, student teacher; Margaret Bialek, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; \*Timothy Bott, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Vincent Brites, effective October 24, 2011, student teacher; Allison Doninger, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Matt Eble, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Carolyn Hunter, effective May 23, 2011; Gina Huss, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Michelle Imbroto, effective May 20, 2011; Jeffrey Koenigsberg, effective October 24, 2011, student teacher; Jonathan LaRosa, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Kristen Lesnisk, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Melissa Levenson, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; \*Lindsey Lyons, effective September 7, 2011, student teacher; Alexandria Misciagna, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Christina Occhipinti, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; \*Trevor Ray, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; Thomas Schaefer, effective September 6, 2011, student teacher; \*Kaitlin Walter, effective September 7, 2011, student teacher.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns stated that the middle school and high school testing schedules are available on the district website. Dr. Parvey discussed elementary professional development, fundraisers, and the Paul J. Bellew Elementary School play.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 5/31/11. The Committee will be reviewing a new Board policy to redefine Fund Balance Classifications to be in compliance with the GASB54 definitions. Mr. Brady reported on the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 5/31/11. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 6/9/11 and the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 6/9/11 and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated. Mr. Zotto reported on the Health and

\*Conditional pending fingerprint clearance

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Wellness/COMPASS Alliance meeting of 5/16/11. Mr. Marquardt reported on the Bullying Awareness Committee meeting of 5/16/11. Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Advisory Committee meeting of 5/31/11.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Audit Committee, Legislative Action Committee, and West Islip Summit Coalition.

The Treasurer's Report for April 2011 was presented. Beginning balance as of March 31, 2011 – \$40,740,865.02; ending balance as of April 30, 2011 – \$29,901,646.87.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: General Fund Tran # 2905 – 2910.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee: Capital Fund Tran # 2904, 2907, 2908, 2911, 2912.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bond issue change orders: A.S.R. Electrical Contracting Inc. – Change Order #1 (Udall Road) = (\$313.37); A.S.R. Electrical Contracting Inc. – Change Order #1 (High School) = (\$10,277.26); A.S.R. Electrical Contracting Inc. – Change Order #1 (Beach Street) = (\$5,564.32).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Sheet Music and Instructional Materials – awarded to Catalano Musical Products; Printing – awarded to All Color Business Specialties; Refuse Removal – awarded to Detail Carting Co., Inc.; Gasoline for District Vehicles – awarded to Fleetcor Technologies; Refrigeration Repair and Service – awarded to Long Island Equipment Service, Inc.; Boiler and Breeching Cleaning – awarded to Thermotec Combustion, Inc.; Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Service Contract – awarded to Commercial Instrumentation Services; Boiler Maintenance – awarded to Bain Heating and Piping Corp.; Gates and Chain Link Fencing – awarded to Ideal Fence Corp.; Roof Repairs – awarded to DNA Contracting, Inc.; Athletic Uniforms – awarded to Port Jefferson Sports (Girls Field Hockey, Basketball) and Varsity Spirit Fashions (Girls Varsity Cheerleading).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND SERVICES BID: BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent of Business and the Director of Buildings and Grounds the West Islip Board of Education hereby reject all bids with regard to Bid # 1135 Electrical Repair and Services and re-advertise for new Bids. Specification modifications are the basis for this rejection.



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Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health service charges: Half Hollow Hills CSD (Upper Room Christian School) 1 student @ \$655.24 = \$655.24.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Brady to approve Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU. Mrs. LaRosa requested that this agenda item be tabled at this time. Mr. Simon stated that UPSEU asked for more time to review the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to table Memorandum of Agreement with UPSEU.

A discussion was held regarding dates for 2011-2012 Board Meetings and Planning Sessions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Graduation – Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Simon spoke about his recent meetings with graduating seniors to discuss bullying.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mrs. LaRosa thanked PAWS for its recent donation and for its hard work and dedication.

Two residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:30 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve one-year extension of probationary appointment for Jamie Rut-Wheeler, Special Education Teacher, through September 2, 2012.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve attendance zone waiver request for student named in Executive Session.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m. on motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano  
District Clerk

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

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LOG**

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Steven Dell'Amore: He is a 2010 graduate of West Islip. He recently visited the high school and spoke about the recycling program that he started when he was a student. He is currently conducting a survey regarding bullying at Udall Road Middle School and he discussed ways to reduce bullying.

Doreen Hantschel: Inquired about next year's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Westbrook Elementary School and Foundations training for kindergarten teachers.

**West Islip Union Free School District  
Board of Education  
Education Committee**

**Minutes of Thursday, June 9, 2011 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Steve Gellar  
Annmarie LaRosa

**Other Board Members Present:**

**Administrators Present:** Bernadette Burns  
Magda Parvey  
Richard Simon

**Meeting Convened:** 7:30 p.m.

**Agenda Items:**

- **State Education Updates-** Mrs. Burns and Dr. Parvey reported on the resetting of the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) in Grades 3-8 ELA and mathematics by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and the impact it may have on our scores and the ability for certain subgroups, such as students with disabilities, to make AYP(Adequate Yearly Progress). This adjustment will cause a decline in the percentage of schools that will make AYP next year.
- **Professional Development-** Dr. Parvey shared recent professional development for grades K-6 in the new version of the math textbook and training for grade 5 in Reading Workshop.
- **Climate Survey** – Mr. Gellar and Ms. LaRosa asked Mr. Simon to begin exploring a survey that identifies staff morale and the direction in which the staff perceives we are moving as a district.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55 p.m.

## **Education Committee meeting June 28, 2011**

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

The meeting convened at 8:30 p.m.

### 1. Graduation Data

Mrs. Burns shared the official graduation rates for the 2004 through 2006 cohorts (Classes of 2008 through 2010). While the number of students graduating on time has stayed constant at approximately 96%, the number achieving a Regents diploma is steadily increasing. Nine percent of the Class of 2008 earned a local diploma, as opposed to only 3% of the Class of 2010. One challenge for the district is to ensure that students with disabilities graduate within four years. While significantly more students with disabilities are taking Regents courses and exams, some are experiencing difficulty passing them the first time. This is of particular concern since the district is not running summer school, and the State has curtailed the number of exams offered in August and eliminated all January exams.

### 2. Gradebook Training

Earlier this year, all secondary teachers were trained in the use of Gradebook in anticipation of the Gradebook being made available in the parent portal of Infinite Campus when school reopens in September. A brief refresher was held for all middle and high school teachers during the June testing weeks. Procedures for reporting out grades, consistent with BOE Policy 7213, will be developed to ensure timely posting of assessment information.

### 3. Title IA and IIA Allocations

Dr. Parvey shared the Title IA and IIA allocations for the 2011-2012 school year. Title IA funding is set at \$141,200, which is a decrease of \$2,130 from the 2010-2011 allocation. The Title IIA monies, which fund almost all of our professional development projects, amount to \$118,900, a significant decrease of \$13,802 from this year. In anticipation of this cut, funding for staff development was built into the 2011-2012 budget.

The committee discussed the inequities in the appropriation of title funding, and that many West Islip residents are reticent to acknowledge they may need financial assistance, which is ultimately what drives the grant appropriation. In order to encourage families to apply for free and reduced lunch services if appropriate, it was suggested that a reminder to parents about the benefits of establishing eligibility for free or reduced lunch services go home with the back to school packets in late August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.