

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 8, 2011 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. La Rosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: Mr. Ulrich

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Simon and Mr. Zocchia

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Thomas M. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM.

The audience and the Board of Education were treated to a holiday musical performance by members of the high school band.

The following students were recognized for the music accomplishments: Thomas A., Jack B., Joseph B., Caitlin C., Miranda C., Peter C., Kristyn DeC., Nicole D., Marissa Del'O., Caitlin F., Gabriella F., Jonathan F., Pauline G., Olivia G., Maria H., Samantha H., Caitlin H., Lauren J., Kevin K., Joseph L., Joseph M., Vincent M., Brenda M., Matthew P., Robert Tyler R., Edward R., Danielle S., Alyssa S., Kyle S. and Katherine W..

The West Islip High School March Band was recognized for being named second place winner in the New York City Columbus Day Parade.

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

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 Regular Meeting and the November 29, 2011 Planning Session.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Laura Hill-Primiano, Music; effective December 12, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Melissa Muma, English; effective November 28, 2011.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: *Melissa Senatore, Music; effective December 1, 2011.*

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: John Page, Custodian; *effective January 2, 2012.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Brian Malone, Acting Head Custodian; effective November 14, 2011.

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: CHANGE IN TITLE: Michael Messere, Acting Maintenance Mechanic III; effective November 17, 2011.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Paul Coppola, Acting Maintenance Mechanic II/Groundskeeper I; effective November 17, 2011.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN: Steven Opalek, effective December 9, 2011 and John Page, effective January 3, 2012.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL 2011-2012: Dawn Morrison, Co-Coordinator; *effective January 2, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR: Mark Zelonski, Science; *effective December 9, 2011.*

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT: Michelle Ngai; *effective December 2, 2011.*

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: Nicole McMahon; *effective December 9, 2011.*

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Mr. Burns spoke about the recent Shared Inquiry Team workshop that was held on November 21<sup>st</sup>. She also provided the Board with a brief synopsis of the development of research students' projects.

Dr. Parvey mentioned that professional development with a concentration on improved literacy instruction is still in progress. Recently teachers received training on guided reading. Dr. Parvey informed the board that as we look toward the implementation of Common Core, mathematics teachers have been receiving training in this area.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting of December 6<sup>th</sup> where the following items were addressed – payroll summary report, financial statements for October 2011, the internal claims audit report, budget transfers and warrants.

POLICY: No meeting was held.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting of December 8<sup>th</sup> where the following was discussed - (Elementary) new reading guidelines, Benchmark Assessment Training, an update on Go Math, Gradebook Parent Portal, "Going Green", School Quality Review, and Regents Prep.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Brady reported on the meeting December 6<sup>th</sup> where discussion continued on the lighting of the athletic fields. He also mentioned that the committee was looking into an alternative service for geese control.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> wherein student placements were discussed.

BULLYING AWARENESS: Mr. Marquardt spoke about resources and support systems to help combat bullying and mentioned that students will be recognized for their support in this area at the January Board of Education meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 9/30/11 – \$31,413,011.24; ending balance as of 10/31/11 – \$19,717,249.24

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfers # 2967-2972 for 2011-2012:

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare surplus material – High School Library Fax Machine.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: American Home Mortgage → District – File Cabinets, Book Cases and Office Supplies.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contract with the Deer Park School District for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$780.52.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a sixty month agreement with Xerox beginning December, 2011.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a change in the 2011-2012 Student/Teacher Calendar to reflect that schools will be closed on January 2, 2012.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the formation of a Budget Advisory Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simon discussed his meeting with school district employees, local political dignitaries and transportation officials to discuss the traffic situation at Barberry Lane and Montauk Highway. The number of crossing guards has been increased, the Suffolk Police Department will be increasing patrol of the area and a traffic safety study will begin.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Jim Lanzarotta, Tim Delaney, Valerie Winter, Ruth Mineo, Kathleen Takats, Catherine Artusa, Valerie Rivera, Andrea Gebler, Geri Bearden, Jessica Horvath, Kristine Cantwell, Renee Steck, Carmela Caminito, Sharon Cannarella, Vincent Lospinuso, Luann Dunne, Lesley Keane, Doreen Hantzschel, Robyn Meyers, Marcelle Crudele, Brian Washington, Lev Brickman, Sandra Galian and Joe Elberti. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 11:36 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted to suspend the 12:00 PM curfew.

Meeting reconvened at 12:12 PM on a motion by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a resolution for employee named in Executive Session pursuant to Section 913 of Education Law.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM on a motion by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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

## **Education Committee meeting December 8, 2011**

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

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss

The meeting convened at 7:20 p.m.

### I. Elementary / Secondary

#### A. Upcoming professional staff development

Mrs. Burns and Dr. Parvey spoke of the dire need for professional development monies to be built into the 2012-2013 budget. They are aware of the financial constraints in which the district finds itself, but it is imperative that West Islip teachers and administrators be trained on the many changes to curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment methodologies required for successful implementation of the Common Core Standards.

Approximately \$50,000 was budgeted in the current school year, in addition to Title II funds. These dollars will be invested in initial training in the Common Core State Standards for the grades and departments that are more directly impacted by the changes. Next year, training will continue for these same grades/departments, and will also be offered to the balance of the instructional staff.

#### B. Implementation of the Common Core

A discussion about the common core ensued, in which the assistant superintendents explained the implications to curriculum and instructional practices. Dr. Parvey shared information about the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments. The PARCC is a consortium of states working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and math, anchored in the skills necessary for college and career readiness. The PARCC assessments will be ready for states to administer during the 2014-15 school year, although some of the skills addressed in the common core will be measured in the New York State assessments in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.