

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 8, 2012 – High School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Thomas M. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM.

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

Motion was made George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2012 Regular Meeting, the February 28, 2012 Planning Session and a revision to the minutes of the January 26, 2012 Planning Session.

The following students were recognized as recipients of the January Citizenship award: Page Ryan – High School, James Khoury – Middle School and Maxim Bakalo –Elementary.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT – *Louis M. Zocchia, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources/Director of World Languages – effective December 1, 2012.*

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: *Erin Papadopulos, Special Education; effective March 5, 2012.*

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: *Rebecca Silva, Psychologist; effective April 13, 2012.*

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 (unpaid): *Carolyn Ryan, English; effective February 27, 2012 to May 25, 2012.*

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 (unpaid): *Laura Hill-Primiano, Music; effective March 5, 2012 to June 22, 2012.*

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHANGE IN STATUS: *Deanna Nicolosi, Special Education; effective March 5, 2012 – June 30, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Kerri Nicolosi, Special Education Aide; effective March 1, 2012.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: *Irene Tinnirello, Special Education Aide; effective March 20, 2012.*

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: *Denise Campasano, Newspaper Club.*

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: *Lindsey Loscalzo, effective March 12, 2012 - student teacher.*

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns discussed the recent "Foreign Language Week", DECCA's accomplishments, 2012 yearbook recognition, the West Islip Dance Company and the Comprehensive Education Plan.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the Comprehensive Education Plan.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Mr. Smith reported on the meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> where the following items were addressed – warrants, treasurer's report, extracurricular funds, payroll summary reports, financial reports, the internal claims report, and budget transfers.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Mr. Brady reported on the meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> where the following was discussed – custodial matters, fire inspections, Bayview playground fencing, building utilization, the fitness trail at Manetuck, turf field and the softball batting cage.

EDUCATION MEETING: Mrs. LaRosa reported on the meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup> and mentioned that the Comprehensive Education Plan was discussed at length. Also discussed was an update on the IB program. Mrs. LaRosa, on behalf of the entire board, thanked all involved in preparing the CEP and stated that she appreciated their efforts.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Mr. Maginniss reported on the meeting which was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> and stated that new CSE/CPSE recommendations, student placements, the budget process and the impact on the special education population with regard to redistricting was discussed.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS/COMPASS: Mr. Zotto reported on the meeting which was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> and spoke about the district's annual 5K Fun/Run that was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the community of an upcoming workshop entitled, "Parent University" which will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> at Beach Street Middle School at 7:00 PM.

**BULLYING AWARENESS:** Mr. Marquardt reported on the meeting which was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> spoke about "Bayview Buddy Week".

**BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mr. Smith reported on the meetings which were held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and February 29<sup>th</sup>. He discussed the charge of the committee and the budget process.

The Treasurer's Report was presented. Beginning balance as of 12/31/11 – \$2,522,005.01; ending balance as of 1/31/11 – \$38,134,177.44.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Budget Transfer #: 2980-2984.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve special education contracts for the 2011-2012 with Bay Shore UFSD and Commack UFSD.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a leasehold agreement with Eastern Suffolk BOCES (Paul J. Bellew School).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a health service contracts for the 2011-2012 school year with the Hicksville UFSD (Holy Trinity) in the amount of \$573.27.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to excess a vehicle from the security department - #508, 1998 Ford.

**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 of the 2012-2013 Student/Teacher Calendar.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Recognition was given to Annmarie LaRosa regarding her continued dedication to pursue training for Board Member Excellence. This award was bestowed on Mrs. LaRosa by the New York State School Boards Association.

**NOTICES AND REMINDERS:** Budget Workshops are scheduled as follows: Thursday, March 15, 2012, Thursday, March 22, 2012, Thursday, March 29, 2012 and Tuesday, April 3, 2012. Nominating petitions for trustee seats are available March 16, 2012 and nominating petitions for trustee seats are due Monday, April 16, 2012 by 5:00 PM.

During the "Invitation to the Public" the following people spoke: Brooke DiPalma, Don Marmo, Michelle Delaney, Kevin O'Connor, Thomas Gallagher, Doreen Hantzschel, Robert Maresca, Margaret Dixon, Catherine Artusa and Wendy Regan. Subjects of concern have been recorded in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:44 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:07 PM on a motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 PM on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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## PUBLIC PARTICPATION LOG

Regular Meeting – March 8, 2012

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Ms. Brooke DiPalma; 680 North Dyre Avenue, West Islip; Ms. DiPalma asked the Board to take into consideration the WICCA program to ensure use of facilities.

Mr. Don Marmo; 1317 Wilson Place, West Islip; Mr. Marmo spoke about possible furlough of staff and how that would effect the calendar.

Ms. Michelle Delaney; 62 Udalia Road, West Islip; Ms. Delaney spoke about the future of West Islip mentioned that the district needs to be proactive as we move ahead.

Mr. Kevin O'Connor; 695 Sandra Avenue, West Islip; Mr. O'Connor spoke about transportation issues and the scheduling middle school sports.

Mr. Thomas Gallagher; 633 Pease Lane, West Islip; Mr. Gallagher asked the Board to be cognizant of the importance of the WICCA program.

Ms. Doreen Hantzschel; 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip; Ms. Hantzschel spoke the restructuring the district will undergo with the staff eliminations.

Mr. Robert Maresca; 688 Pat Drive, West Islip; Mr. Maresca asked the Board to reconsider closing two elementary schools.

Ms. Margaret Dixon; 31 Sylvia Drive, West Islip; Ms. Dixon spoke about physical plant conditions and space utilization.

Ms. Catherine Artusa; 574 Peter Paul Drive, West Islip; Ms. Artusa spoke about projected class size and asked if that information could be public as soon as possible.

Ms. Wendy Regan; 42 Sylvia Drive, West Islip; Ms. Regan spoke about the timely submission of state reports.

~ PLANNING SESSION ~  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
March 22, 2012 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

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Meeting was called to order at 10:35 PM.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the personnel for the Special District Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2012.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a special education contract with Henry Viscardi School for the 2011-2012 school year.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a bid award – General Construction: West Islip High School Pool Locker Rooms – WEB Construction Corp. - \$539,000;

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve a bid award - General Construction: West Islip High School Cafeteria Toilets – Pella General Construction Corp. - \$128,000.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present, with the exception of Annmarie LaRosa who recused herself from the matter, voted in favor to approve a professional services agreement with Winkler Real Estate.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:40 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:40 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich seconded by George Smith and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 PM on motion by Scott Brady seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Jeanne Koeper*

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District Clerk

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**Education Committee meeting**  
**March 8, 2012**

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

Also in attendance: S. Brady, R. Maginniss, G. Smith, D. Marquardt, D. Vertovez

The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.

1. International Baccalaureate Program Update

Mrs. Burns shared an analysis of course enrollments since West Islip started to offer the IB courses in the 2010-2011 school year. To date, there are 530 requested seats in 27 different IB courses.

2. Comprehensive Educational Plan – Udall Road Middle School

Mr. Marquardt and Mrs. Vertovez attended the meeting to discuss the building's Comprehensive Educational Plan, a two-year improvement plan for the building focused on students with disabilities. Mr. Marquardt explained how schools are labeled by the state as "in need of improvement", and the process that commences once an identification is made. He described the School Quality Review process and shared the Comprehensive Educational Plan.

The most critical findings include the need for a reading program that will be used with fidelity to address decoding issues, staffing reallocations within the building, the use of data to inform instruction, and the application of remediation programs.