

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 8, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor

ABSENT: Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Brady, Mr. Zotto

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 Regular Board meeting.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATOR: RETIREMENT: Joanne Huscilowitc, Director of Information Technology, effective September 1, 2018 (24 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Constance Allen, World Language, effective July 1, 2018 (16 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Staci Ansbach, Elementary, effective July 1, 2018 (33 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Nancy Budka, Science, effective July 1, 2018 (24 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Denise Ciangetti, Family and Consumer Science, effective July 1, 2018 (22 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: James Ciaravino, Psychologist, effective July 1, 2018 (31 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Marie Cifelli, Elementary, effective July 1, 2018 (19 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Helene Dellas-DiBona, Social Worker, effective July 1, 2018 (18 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Deborah Farnworth, World Language, effective July 1, 2018 (33 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Elizabeth Holub, Special Education, effective July 1, 2018 (38 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Patricia Massaro-Haff, Special Education, effective July 1, 2018 (25 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Robert Matuozzi, Psychologist, effective July 1, 2018 (25 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Brenda Mayo, Elementary, effective July 1, 2018 (33 years).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Donna Montalbano, Reading, effective July 1, 2018 (24 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Kathy Nicodemo, Family and Consumer Science, effective July 1, 2018 (16 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Linda Ruggiero, Social Studies, effective July 1, 2018 (17 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Tara Probert, Social Studies, effective January 8, 2018 – February 15, 2018 (Beach; change of effective date).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lori Grimaldi, Cafeteria Aide, effective March 9, 2018 (Oquenock; Step 1; replacing C. Guimaraes {Special Education Aide}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Michele Jackala, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective March 9, 2018 (Paul J. Bellew; \$14.54/hr. replacing L. Daniels {Special Education Aide}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Deborah Falcon, Account-Treasurer, effective March 9, 2018 (District Office; \$75,000 change from Accountant; replacing J. Mellon {retired}).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Kristina deLeon Mezzacappa, School Nurse, effective March 13, 2018 through May 25, 2018 (Our Lady of Lourdes).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$11.50/hr.): Philip Avanzato, effective March 9, 2018; Tyler Sariego, effective March 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$115 per diem): Dawn Abi-Zeid, effective March 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Lori Grimaldi, effective March 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2018 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES: BOYS LACROSSE: Anthony Pellati, Assistant Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SERVICE PROVIDER (\$64.75/hr.): Nicole Jablonski, effective March 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Nicole Jablonski, effective March 9, 2018.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Eric Sparks, effective March 9, 2018.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the 1:1 Chromebook initiative at the fifth grade level has been completed. The district's Technology Integration Specialist continues to provide professional development to Grade 5 classroom teachers and students. The district is working on piloting the Chromebook carts at the high school and the high school is next on the list to be wireless since the district has received approval from the Smart Schools Investment Plan for WiFi throughout the district. DNA Day took place at the high school and three experiments were conducted on DNA Extraction and PCR to test for the presence of genetic modification in food items; simulated crime scene investigation; and bacterial transformation. The World Language Honor Society students began their elementary FLES program which will continue through the end of May. Dr. Rullan thanked Mrs. Patti-McDonald and Mrs. Agramonte for their efforts on behalf of this program.

Dr. Rullan asked for a motion to approve the *Updated* Response to Intervention Plan.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the *Updated* Response to Intervention Plan.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Audit Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held 3/6/18. The district's internal auditors, Cullen & Danowski, LLP reviewed the 2017 Risk Assessment Report and reviewed controls, procedures and findings. No material risks were found. The next assessment will review the human resource function, capital projects and use of facilities.

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 3/6/18. Items reviewed included the January treasurer's report; January Extra-Curricular; January payroll summary; January financial statements; claims audit report and February system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, budget transfers, donation of a 1994 Pontiac Firebird and Delta 15" Planer, Health Service Contracts for Bay Shore UFSD, Commack UFSD, Smithtown CSD and a Special Education contract for East Islip UFSD. Other items included surplus of miscellaneous technology equipment, Change Order for More Consulting Corp. a Request for Proposal for District-wide Technology Upgrade and Richard Coffey of Cullen & Danowski, LLP reviewed the 2017 Annual Risk Assessment Report.

Education Committee: Kevin O' reported on the meeting held 3/8/18. The committee reviewed a proposal for moving the location of some special education programs providing an opportunity for integrated co-teaching and allowing all current students to remain in their buildings. Elementary Principals and Dr. Rullan are exploring the concept of team teaching and departmentalization in Grade 5 and a model is being developed to determine the feasibility of such a program. The district is also exploring the idea of offering a STEM Academy at the high school.

Building and Grounds Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 3/6/18. Items discussed included a bond project update. Generator circuits have been tested and are working properly; bleachers at Beach Street are complete and bleachers at Udall will be installed over April break; installation of volleyball sleeves at Oquenock and Manetuck are complete; window repairs have been completed at Oquenock, Manetuck, Bellew, Bayview, Udall and the high school and Beach Street will be done over April break; the high school pool is in use and the bubble in the liner will be addressed over the summer; security vestibule blue prints have been updated and additional security personnel will be hired to monitor security cameras. A portion of the Westbrook parking lot will be paved during April break and multiple classrooms at Westbrook have been cleaned and set up to allow student testing in April and May. The committee is also looking into repair of the Lion's Path sign.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/7/18. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations for the month. Annual reviews have started at the high school and the balance will be completed over the next couple of months.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported that the committee had a *Second Reading* on Policy No. 7122.2 Release Time for Students and Policy No. 7224 Community Service.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 71222.2 - Release Time of Students.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 7224 - Community Service.

Legislation Action Committee: The committee did not hold a meeting but Mr. Gellar informed the audience that he and Mrs. Burns attended the Longwood Legislative Breakfast as well as other legislative events regarding state aid and have met with Senator Phil Boyle and other legislators.

Health and Wellness Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that took place on 2/13/18. Items reviewed included financial report; vaping presentation and social media/smartphone/gaming health implications. The volleyball tournament for sixth grade will be held at the WIHS on Friday, 3/2/18 at 7:00 p.m. and for fifth grade on Saturday, 3/3/18 at 9:00 a.m. at the WIHS and the health & wellness newsletter is currently at the printer. The district is hosting a Mindfulness Instructor Certification program April 18-20, the committee is also exploring a date and logistics for the second annual color run and the committee would like to inform the community about the Health & Wellness Alliance and their many projects and initiatives. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at P.J. Bellew Elementary School.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for December was presented. Beginning balance as of 12/31/17: \$11,539,074.40; ending balance as of 1/31/18: \$52,742,144.43.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve general fund budget transfers 3467-3471 and capital budget transfers 3468-3473.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: 1994 Pontiac Firebird – WIHS Automotive Technology classes - \$2,900; Delta 15" Planer – WIHS Engineering Technology Classes - \$1,250.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Services Contract for Bay Shore UFSD - \$8,178.10; Commack UFSD - \$2,423.20; Smithtown CSD - \$3,699.04.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus of miscellaneous Technology equipment ~ WIHS.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order No. 2 - More Consulting Corp. - High School - \$2,990.00.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve contracts for Special Education Contract - East Islip UFSD 2017-2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Request for Proposal ~ District-wide Technology Upgrade - Hardware - CDW Government, LLC and Installation – Custom Computer Specialists, Inc.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Notice of Public Hearing, Budget Vote, and Election of the West Islip UFSD.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Affordable Care Act Administration Agreement 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve UPSEU Memorandum of Agreement re: Retirement Incentive.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the high school musical performance of the Wizard of Oz was outstanding and thanked the students and faculty. Mrs. Burns visited the IB Science Class DNA testing; orchestra teacher's toured Oquenock and Manetuck.

A presentation will take place on 4/16/18 regarding the negative impacts of Social Media, information will be sent out soon.

Budget Workshop #2 will be on Tuesday, 3/13/18 at 7:30 p.m. at Beach Street cafeteria on Curriculum, Special Education, Athletics, Extra-Curricular and Technology. Mrs. Burns encouraged all to attend.

Mrs. Burns spoke about a conference she attended in Albany with representatives throughout the state. Topics discussed included budget, school security, speedier access to mental health services, gun control, active shooter protocol, student safety and various other issues.

The following residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Mrs. Madeleine Sharp, 693 McCall Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Sharp inquired about how the district would be handling the Walk Out on March 14, 2018. Mrs. Burns advised that she will be working with Dr. Bridgeman and the Student Senate to ensure safety and are weighing all the options. A decision will be made shortly.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Hantzschel shared her concerns about curriculum, security, taking God out of schools and the importance of teacher sensitivity training. Mrs. Hantzschel also had questions about eliminating weighting grades/ranking of students. Dr. Rullan and Mrs. Burns explained the research behind making this decision and spoke about the importance of students taking courses that have value and interest instead of choosing courses of little interest to obtain a better ranking. The district is not eliminating honoring students but having students become academic leaders.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 11:05 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver - Student "A" and Student "B".

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver - Student "C".

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk 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.