

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 10, 2018 - Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 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 April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and the April 18, 2018 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

Science Olympiads ~

Beach Street Middle School: Kristie Ferruzzi and Andrea Miller, Advisors

Nicolette Basile, Jianna Brewer, Nathaniel Butler, Ryan DeClue, Eugene Ditaranto, Max Esposito, Thomas Fallon, Samantha Ismail, Corinne Johnson, Julia Kennedy, Caden Krueer, Cameron Lewandowski, Nolan Locke, Cole Mariano, Connor McNamee, Connor Mushorn, Christopher Palazzo, Joseph Pappone, Paul Pillitteri, Joseph Pirocato, Alexander Prokopiou, Markos Prokopiou, Alexander Romeo, David Seda, Thomas Tabeny, Marco Traina, Michael Washington

Udall Road Middle School: Brenda Mayo, Advisor

Francesco Agnanno, Mary Attallah, Skylar Brown, Jamie Carlson, Logan Coppola, Charlotte Gee, Timothy Hantzschel, Luis Kinney, Jagger Langhorn, Vincent Monterroso, Andrew Petrillo, Jack Schafer, Mackenzie Whittaker

West Islip High School: Jessica Picone and Linda Tong, Advisors

Nicole Albergo, Brielle Arnold, Alexa Camillery, Gabrielle Camillery, Scott Demarest, Madison Esposito, Derek Kim, Isabella Marmo, Molly McLaughlin, Steven Okula, Gianna Pillitteri, David Regina

Science Research ~ Mary Kroll, Advisor

Melodi Doganay, Madison Esposito, Luke Harris, Shannon Lafferty, Jack Magee, Nicolette Nigro, Aidan Pecorale

Teachers' Appreciation Week May 7-11, 2018

National School Nurse Day – May 9, 2018

Senator Phil Boyle Teacher of Excellence ~ Elyse Patti-McDonald

Mrs. Burns gave a security initiative update to the audience and welcomed community members to share their thoughts regarding district safety and security.

The following residents wished to speak regarding agenda items:

Mr. Jim Clark – 106 West Islip Road, West Islip - Mr. Clark read and submitted a letter he authored expressing his support for armed guards in West Islip schools.

Mrs. Stacey Bressi, 11 East Court, West Islip - Mrs. Bressi advocated for armed guards, active shooter training, and a closed campus.

Mrs. Laura McCarthy, 26 Myson Street, West Islip - Mrs. McCarthy questioned the rationale behind the recommendation for approval for the Singapore Math Program for grades K-2.

Mrs. Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Hantzschel had concerns about armed guards and suggested a forum be held to educate people about guns and guards.

Siobhan Jablonski, 1109 Hyman Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Jablonski stated opposition to armed guards in schools and expressed concern about school security outside of regular school hours.

Mrs. Suzanne Lashinsky, 534 S. Dyre Avenue, West Islip – Mrs. Lashinsky expressed concerns about a closed campus model, locked gates at Everdell and Barberry during the school day, early release, and the activities of district guards when they are on duty...

Sean McBride, (student), West Islip – Sean advocated for school uniforms and armed guards and expressed concerns about the activities of district guards when on duty.

Sara Goberdhan, (student), West Islip – Sara argued against armed security guards in the school setting and for a closed campus and metal detectors.

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that a Safety Committee meeting will take place next week on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - Paul J. Bellew at 8:30 a.m.

Mrs. LaRosa spoke about the importance of teaching mental health in schools and its relationship to safety and security.

Mr. Steve M. (no card) – Mr. Morgan does not believe armed guards are a solution and prefers alternatives. He suggested canines or non-lethal ammunition. If employed, armed guards must be highly trained.

Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar and Mr. O'Connor spoke about the various initiatives the district has taken and the degree of thoughtfulness required before making a decision about armed guards. Other issues must be addressed, including social-emotional learning and reassignment of polling locations.

Mr. Gellar thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged residents to e-mail the board with questions or concerns.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Elisa Pellati, Assistant Superintendent for Business, effective July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022 (Districtwide; \$185,000; replacing Wendy Duffy {retired}).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Jacquelyn O'Connor, Special Education, 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 CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Donald Lettieri, Lead Guard, effective May 14, 2018 (High School; \$23.26/hour; new position).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Pamela Rose, Cafeteria Aide, effective May 11, 2018 (Manetuck; Step 1; replacing P. Cinquemani {resigned}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Michael Cacciotti, Guard, effective May 25, 2018 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Dawn Lotter, Part Time Food Service Worker, effective June 9, 2018 (High School).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$11.50/hour): William Delaney, III, effective May 11, 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 FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$11.50/hour): *Kathleen Slayback, effective May 11, 2018.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE: Pamela Rose, effective May 11, 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: ADULT EDUCATION 2018-2019: Phil DePompeo, Coordinator - \$7,920 (\$3,960/semester); Michelle Grover, Secretary - \$7,022 (\$3,511/semester).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DRIVER EDUCATION 2018-2019: Patricia Stack, Coordinator - \$5,217 (\$1,739/semester).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT 2018-2019: John Ruggiero, Coordinator - \$5,385 (\$1,795/semester).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS SUMMER 2018 (\$275 per session): Kristyna Acerno (Coding); Michelle Edgley (Blast Off/Soak & Scrub); Tami Lombardi (Cooking); Tom McGunnigle (Art); Robert Watts (Guitar & Piano).

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PROGRAM SECRETARY, DRIVER EDUCATION/ENRICHMENT 2018-2019: Dorothy Rabin, Driver Education Secretary - \$3,792 (\$1,264/semester); Dorothy Rabin, Enrichment Secretary - \$2,325 (\$775/semester).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PSAT/SAT 2018-2019: Dennis Adams, Coordinator - \$5,164.

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 (\$115 per diem): Karen Diaz, effective April 30, 2018; Gina Giambruno, effective May 11, 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 ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Gina Giambruno, effective May 11, 2018.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the district has been able to use its rooms at Westbrook School as a testing site for students taking IB and AP exams. Students are bused from the high school to Westbrook, which has facilitated the administration of exams.

Dr. Rullan requested a motion for the approval of course name changes, course revisions, new courses and curriculum projects and a motion for approval of the Singapore Math Series for implementation in Kindergarten through Grade 2.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Course Name Changes, New Course Proposals and Curriculum Writing Projects as follows:

Course Name Changes:

Advanced Photo Video	Video Production
Basic Electricity/Electronics	Electricity/Electronics
Intro to Spanish/Italian/ASL and 1R	Spanish/Italian/ASL 1A and 1B
Land Transportation	Introduction to Automotive Technology
Pre-Calculus/Introduction to Calculus	Calculus

New Course Proposals:

Media Literacy {Grade 12 Elective}
SAT Prep in Math Skills
Spanish for Conversation
Writing for College and Career {Grade 12 Elective}

Curriculum Writing Projects:

English 12 Revision from full to half year course
Review and Revision of K-6 Science Curriculum
Science 7
Skills in Science Research Revision
Technology 7
Technology 8

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Text Resources for Mathematics - Singapore Math series Grades K-2.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 5/8/18. Items reviewed included the February treasurer's report; payroll summary; March financial statements; claims audit report and March/April system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, budget transfers, surplus of Health Education textbooks and donations of a bicycle rack and batting cage net. Other items included Multi-year Service Agreements for Fiber WAN projects, ES BOCES contracts for joint municipal cooperative bidding program and Cooperative Educational Services and Health Services Contract for Brentwood UFSD.

Education Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held 5/10/18. The committee reviewed an online homebound tutoring service called iTutor. This service provides one to one real-time tutoring to students who are unable to attend school and the district is unable to find a homebound instructor. The district continues implementation of mindfulness training; all faculty will have an opportunity to attend one of the after school professional development workshops.

Building and Grounds Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 5/8/18. Items discussed included solar panel energy cost system installations; review of bond projects; installation of privacy screens at Paul J. Bellew playground; repair of classroom phones; finalization of security vestibule plans; elementary school visits to the planetarium; various security measure upgrades; initiation of several high school projects; summer 2019 field and building access.

Committee on Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 5/10/18. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and annual reviews.

Health and Wellness Committee: Mike Zotto reported on the meeting held on 4/24/18. Items reviewed included the March 14 student walkouts and current initiatives to address security vulnerabilities in school. Other items discussed included a proposal to go to a closed campus model at the high school and support in the 2018-2019 budget to address students' social emotional needs.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for February was presented, beginning balance as of 1/31/18: \$52,742,144.43; ending balance as of 2/28/18: \$46,831,188.74.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve general fund General Fund budget transfers 3480-3489.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Bicycle rack - Oquenock Elementary School - \$750.00 and Batting cage net - West Islip Baseball Booster Club - \$3,737.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus - *Teen Health* Course 2 textbooks.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Fiber WAN Agreements:

- Multi-year Service Agreement Fiber WAN Projects effective July 1, 2018 to June 20, 2021
- Multi-year Service Agreement Fiber WAN Projects effective August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2023

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 Contracts:

- ES BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program 2018-2019
- ES BOCES Contract for Cooperative Educational Services 2018-2019

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Health Services Contract: 2017-2018 Brentwood UFSD Health Services Contract - \$2,131.52.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve – Re-organizational Meeting date ~ July 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Paul J. Bellew Elementary School.

The Board discussed 2018-2019 Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve – WISE and UPSEU Memoranda of Agreement re: summer hours.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns congratulated the Music Department and faculty for making the 2018 list of best communities for music education. Mr. Gellar also congratulated the Music Department and reiterated that West Islip has the finest Music Department.

Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that the School Budget Vote and Trustee Election will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the High School; residents will use the back entrance only. The District Art Show and Celebrate Education will also take place the same day.

The summer Board meeting locations will change due to bond construction. The June meeting will take place at the high school; the July and August meetings will be held at Paul J. Bellew Elementary.

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

Angelo Buquicchio, student, West Islip – Angelo expressed concerns about ASL and Syracuse courses possibly being cut.

Dr. Rullan explained the process used to determine which courses run each year. SUPA courses and ASL courses are not being cut. Mrs. LaRosa reiterated that the courses in questions are not being eliminated.

Mrs. Robin Mueller, 845 Keith Lane, West Islip – Mrs. Mueller expressed gratitude to the district for the education her high school daughter has received. Her daughter is fluent in sign language and she works with the deaf community. Mrs. Mueller commended Maria Kaminsky and Jennifer Colonna for their efforts on behalf of the ASL program.

Mrs. Julia Johnson, 43 Skipper Drive, West Islip – Mrs. Johnson has four children and expressed disappointment that the older children were able to visit the high school planetarium but the younger children have not. Dr. Rullan advised that she will be working with the Director of Science, Mr. Taylor, about ways to support learning about and in the planetarium.

Mrs. Johnson also had concerns about her 17 year old daughter donating blood without parental permission. Mrs. Burns and Mr. Gellar advised that they will investigate whether students need parental permission.

Nikkolette De Petro, student, West Islip - Nikkolette expressed concerns about the ASL program not being available to sixth grade students, as well as mixing honor students with regents students.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:57 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m. on motion by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss 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.