

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 3, 2018 – Paul J. Bellew Elementary School

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

ABSENT:

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

ABSENT:

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 7:54 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Gellar announced that this would be Mrs. Duffy's final Board meeting. On behalf of the Board and the Administration, Mr. Gellar thanked Mrs. Duffy for all her years of exemplary service to the district.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: AMENDMENT TO LEAVE OF ABSENCE EFFECTIVE DATE: Lisa Martinolich-Tuozzolo, Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (High School; {effective date changed from August 29, 2018}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATORS: AMENDMENT TO REGULAR SUBSTITUTE EFFECTIVE DATE: Louis Stellato, Substitute Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (High School; {effective date changed from August 29, 2018}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Shannon Murray, Special Education, effective July 1, 2018 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Meghan LaRocca, Health, effective August 29, 2018 to August 28, 2022 (High School; Step 1A¹; new section).

In order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings to Education Law §3012-d of either effective or highly effective in at least three of the four preceding years and if a classroom teacher or building principal receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period he or she shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Giavanna Donarumia, Social Studies, effective August 29, 2018 – June 30, 2019 (High School; Step 1⁴; replacing B. Fiorini {leave of absence}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Sharon D'Agostino, School Nurse, effective July 1, 2018 (OLL).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Joseph Nicolosi, Security Consultant, effective August 30, 2018 (Districtwide).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Eileen Madocks, School Nurse, effective June 30, 2018 (28 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Christopher Rugen, Driver/Messenger, effective July 5, 2018 (Districtwide; Step 10; Change from Custodial Worker I; replacing J. Troiano {Custodial Worker I}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: *Edward Ackermann, Groundskeeper I, effective July 20, 2018 (Grounds; Step 1; replacing J. Demeo {retired}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Denise Farewell, Account Clerk Typist, effective July 16, 2018 (District Office; Step 1; replacing S. Barbella {resigned}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Anita Diaz, Senior Account Clerk, effective July 5, 2018 - September 26, 2018 (District Office).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: REGENTS REVIEW SUMMER 2018: Algebra II: Alissa Ferrucci; Chemistry: Amanda Gallagher; Biology: *James McCabe; Earth Science: Julia Cardo. SUMMER SCHOOL 2018: Biology: *James McCabe; Earth Science: Julia Cardo; English 10: *Julia Giani.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem):

- *John Bochicchio, effective October 22, 2018, student teacher
- *Giovanna Buscomi, effective September 5, 2018, student teacher
- *Jeffrey Cifelli, effective October 22, 2018, student teacher
- *Julie Mancank, effective September 5, 2018, student teacher
- *Jake Salemo, effective September 5, 2018, student teacher
- *Peter Schneider, effective September 4, 2018
- *Brooke Smith, effective September 4, 2018, student teacher

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): *Giovanna Buscomi, effective September 5, 2018, student teacher.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the district the Summer Investigations program has begun and summer school courses will start the week of July 8 for Algebra 1, Biology, Earth Science, English 10, Geometry, and Global Studies. The district is offering Regents Review classes for Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Earth Science, Living Environment and Chemistry; and the Summer Academy will provide literacy and math support for students in grade six through eight.

Summer curriculum writing includes enhancement to the exploratory program for incoming sixth graders, electives for grades 7 and 8, revisions to the elementary Health and Science curriculums, revisions to support acceleration in math at the middle school level, and additional high school English electives.

All schools will support a wireless infrastructure by the start of the new school year, and in the fall, the district will complete deployment of 1:1 Chromebooks to all students in grades 6 through 12. Grade 5 will have access to 1:1 devices during the school day, and kindergarten through grade 4 will have access to grade level Chromebook carts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Policy Committee: Annmarie LaRosa informed the audience that an annual review took place on the following policies. Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the annual review of the policies listed below:

No. 5412	Purchasing Procedures
No. 5421	Procurement of Goods and Services
No. 5610	Insurance
No. 5623	Use of School Owned Materials and Equipment
No. 5683	Districtwide Safety Committee
No. 6150	Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel)
No. 7320	Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)

Committee on Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 7/3/18. Items reviewed included year-end issues; all was in order.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's reports for April and May were presented: beginning balance as of 3/31/18: \$49,437,196.06; ending balance as of 4/30/18: \$45,429,889.82 and ending balance as of 5/31/18: \$54,673,379.53.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve General Fund budget transfers 3505-3519 and Capital Fund transfers 3499-3514.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation: Class of 2018 - Drinking Fountain with Bottle Filling Station and filter cartridges - WIHS - \$1,862.44.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution to participate in the Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bidding for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Exemption from Breakfast Program 2018-2019.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Financial Advisory Services Agreement – Capital Markets Advisors, LLC.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2017-2018 Health Services Contract for Bellmore UFSD - \$1,176.01.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 2018-2019 Contracts: Access 7 Services, Inc.; Da Vinci Education & Research, LLC; Home Care Therapies, LLC, d/b/a Horizon Healthcare Staffing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar wished everyone a happy Fourth of July and welcomed the district's new Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mrs. Elisa Pellati and new Board member, Richard Antonello.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that the Class of 2018 had a beautiful graduation ceremony and wished the students well.

Town roads in the area of the Beach Street Middle School will be milled and paved within the next few weeks, starting on July 5.

Mrs. Burns expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Wendy Duffy for her 13 years of service to the district and wished her well in her retirement.

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

Mrs. Rochelle Cascio, 1523 Madison, West Islip - Mrs. Cascio shared information about the correlation between smaller class sizes and student achievement. Mrs. Cascio also spoke about the diverse needs of her child's third grade class and asked the Board and administration to add another fourth grade section for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mrs. Erica Lattuga, 1661 Fairfax Avenue, West Islip - Mrs. Lattuga shared her dissatisfaction with the district's response at the June 7, 2018 Board meeting regarding the third grade class size at Manetuck and asked the Board and administration to open another section for fourth grade at Manetuck.

Dr. Karen Halpern, 1136 Washington Avenue, West Islip - Dr. Halpern spoke about her son's experience from second to third grade and the importance of the faculty/student ratio to maximize student potential.

Mrs. Tara Ardizzone, 164 Fiddler Place, West Islip - Mrs. Ardizzone expressed concerns about addressing students' needs and why the district would not want small class size throughout the district. Mrs. Ardizzone also had concerns about the implementation of the district's reading and writing program.

Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mrs. Burns and Dr. Rullan responded to the parents' concerns, citing the district's class size guidelines and the importance of equity across the district. Late enrollment sometimes factors into opening day enrollment. Mr. Gellar assured the audience that the district would follow up to ensure implementation of the reading and writing program.

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 8:54 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Conner, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 9:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:19 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following salary changes.

Salary Adjustments and changes to the Terms of Employment for Non-Represented administrators effective July 1, 2018:

- Salary increase of 2.0% for Superintendent of Schools
- Salary adjustment to \$195,000 for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady 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.