

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 7, 2019 - Beach Street Middle School**

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Mr. Gellar announced that New York State has passed a resolution to hold P.S. I Love You Day annually on the second Friday of February.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antoniello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Planning Session.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: RETIREMENT: Kathleen Sapanski, Director of Mathematics and Business Education, effective July 1, 2019 (Districtwide).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Vanessa Daige, ENL, effective January 28, 2019 (Oquenock).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2019: Richard Tesoro (About Boating Safety) no cost to West Islip.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antoniello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2018-2019: WEST ISLIP HIGH SCHOOL: Sets Director, All Productions, Michael Taranto (shared with Elaine Longo; approved at the 1/10/19 BoE meeting).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: REGENTS GRADERS 2018: Living Environment: Dennis Adams; Dina Altschuler; Jennifer Hirdt.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Ryan Crawford, effective February 8, 2019.

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 TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Ryan Crawford, effective February 8, 2019.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that effective July 1, 2018, Education Law § 804 was amended by Chapter 390 (Laws of 2016) and Chapter 1 (Laws of 2017) to require health education in schools to include instruction in mental health, including mental health, and the relationship between physical and mental health; and be designed to enhance student understanding, attitude and behaviors that promote health, well-being and human dignity. This year, the district provided an updated HealthSmart program to K-5 students, which offers a mental and emotional health component. Additionally, a full-time social worker is now assigned to each building, providing varying levels of mental health support, including the use of mindfulness techniques to promote well-being.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 2/5/19. Items reviewed included the December treasurer's report; December payroll summary; December financial statements; claims audit report and January system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, surplus, 2018-2019 contract, a health service contract, a donation and a resolution. Mrs. Pellati discussed a deferred compensation plan for employees. Mrs. Pellati also discussed a Capital Reserve proposition and Continuous Voter Registration proposition. The Board confirmed that both of these propositions will appear on the May 21, 2019 budget vote ballot.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 2/5/19. Items reviewed included a sign request from the district's ASK US tenant; addition of a parking lot at Masera once the BOCES lease is renewed; solar roofing system on all district buildings; BBS and SCC attendance at the next Buildings & Grounds meeting on 3/12/19; Westbrook sewage flood, which has been dried out and thoroughly cleaned; repair of a frozen water line leak in a sprinkler outside of the District Office and repair of a frozen irrigation line at the high school; and the building assignments of summer programs based on the bond work to be done.

Education Committee: Richard Antoniello reported on the meeting that took place 2/7/19. Mrs. Fulton gave the committee an instructional and information technology update, shared the status of the district's 1:1 device deployment initiative, professional development, maintenance cycle, software upgrades, and enhanced communication. Five staff members will be attending the ASSET Conference. Mrs. LaRosa thanked Mrs. Fulton for all the hard work.

Safety Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 2/5/19. Items reviewed included community groups accessing the buildings after hours; additional security staff; office staff access to the front door security cameras; walkie talkie radios; safety budget considerations for 2019-2020; 911 access phones near AEDs; badges for middle school students; and armed guards.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 2/7/19. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and student placements.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for December was presented. Beginning balance as of 12/1/18: \$18,362,170.11; ending balance as of 12/31/18: \$13,287,604.69.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 General Fund budget transfer 3586.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Contract: Kid Success, Inc.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2018-2019 Health Services Contract - East Islip School District ~ \$4,359.40.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the surplus of miscellaneous physical education equipment.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions: donation from Box Tops for Education - \$774.40 - Manetuck Elementary School and resulting resolution to increase 2018-2019 budget - \$774.40.

#### 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 2019-2020 Student-Teacher Calendar.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns stated that the Women of West Islip donated kindness banners; the timing was perfect for P.S. I Love You Day.

Mrs. LaRosa also spoke about P.S. I Love You Day, which was initiated by Brooke DiPalma and her family, and is spreading to other communities across the state.

#### NOTICES/REMINDERS:

The PAWS Gala will take place on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. Seats are available and donations are being accepted by the foundation for sponsors and journal ads.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted 7-0 and found probable cause for all six of the charges against Employee "A".

Meeting reconvened at 9:52 p.m. on motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District hereby suspends with pay the employee referenced in Executive Session as Employee "A", effective February 8, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hock  
District Clerk