

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 7, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa, (left 8:05 pm)  
Mr. McCann, Mr. Michaluk

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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

Mr. Gellar advised that the audio for the meeting should be working and that all members are present. Mr. Gellar advised that Governor Cuomo has issued an Executive Order that the School Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot. Every registered voter in the district will receive an absentee ballot that must be returned to the District Office no later than June 9, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gellar also announced the following:

The budget adoption will be May 19, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (virtually)

The budget hearing will be May 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. (virtually)

All questions from the public should be sent to the Superintendent or Board of Education [wi.officeofsuperintendent@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:wi.officeofsuperintendent@wi.k12.ny.us) or [boe@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:boe@wi.k12.ny.us)

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Planning Session Meeting.

### PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADULT EDUCATION 2020-2021: Kevin Murphy, Director - \$8,224 (\$4,112/semester); Michelle Grover, Secretary - \$7,292 (\$3,646/semester); DRIVER EDUCATION 2020-2021: Tim Horan, Director - \$5,418 (\$1,806/semester; Dorothy Rabin, Secretary - \$3,939 (\$1,313/semester); ENRICHMENT 2020-2021: John Ruggiero, Director - \$3,662 (\$1,831/semester); Dorothy Rabin, Secretary - \$1,608 (\$804/semester).

### CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison spoke about Phase 3 of the Continuity of Instruction Plan and other instructional items. Phase 3 will commence on Monday, May 11, 2020. The student/parent guidance document is posted on the left side of the district website under “Announcements”. Phase 3 includes increased student/teacher interaction; increased focus on the social/emotional well being of students; clarity on third trimester assessment practices at the elementary level; clarity on fourth quarter and final grade practices at the secondary level; and a tiered,

systematic plan to support the mental health of our students and families. Parents are encouraged to contact classroom teachers and/or building administrators with any questions.

Faculty and staff Pre K-12 continue to collaborate on ways to showcase the learning experiences taking place virtually, to highlight our students, and to celebrate our graduating Seniors.

Mr. Maniscalco, Mrs. Williams and Mr. O'Farrell completed the Participation Rate Improvement Plans for their respective school buildings, as required by the New York State Education Department. The plans will be forwarded to the Board of Education for review and approval before they are submitted to the SED.

Mr. McCann commented on the great job the staff and teachers are doing and suggested a Robocall call go out to parents advising them to visit the website and read Phase 3 of the Continuity of Instruction Plan.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 5/5/2020. Items reviewed included the March treasurer's report; February and March extra-curricular; April payroll summary; March financial statements; and April's system manager audit report. Other items reviewed were payroll certification forms and bond bids. The Board of Education will receive Draft 3 of the Expenditure Budget and the district's updated state aid once the information is released by the Governor.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 5/5/2020. Mr. Bosse discussed operations, staffing, essential functions and ongoing projects due to the COVID-19 shutdown. A custodian performs a building check daily; litter is being addressed regularly; office staff rotates to perform essential functions; principals are arranging for students to obtain personal items that were left in classrooms and lockers. Mr. Bosse also gave a bond update. Items reviewed were: accelerating the installation of backup generators for Manetuck and Beach Street; the PV Solar Project will be awarded to Noresco; summer building permits will be discussed pending direction from the state; South Shore Children's Center tentatively plans to open on May 18; and Mr. Bosse will be contacting the DEC regarding additional plantings near Willetts Creek.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held on 5/6/2020. Distance learning of special education students was discussed; there have been a few glitches but overall it is going well.

The treasurer's report for March was presented. Beginning balance as of 3/1/2020: \$54,509,277.12; ending balance as of 3/31/2020: \$62,417,090.95.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 General Fund budget transfers 3843-3850 and 2019-2020 Capital Fund budget transfers 3834-3849.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: District-Wide Bond Phase 4 Mechanical Re-Bid: Base Bid No. MC-1 - D&S Mechanical Services, Inc.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Bond Phase 5 Building and Site Improvement Bids: Base Bid GC-1 – Hoerning Construction, Inc.; Base Bid No. GC-2 – Gorilla Waste and Contracting, LLC; Base Bid No. GC-3 – The Landtek Group, Inc.; Base Bid No. MC – 1- Aventura Construction Corp.; Base Bid No. PC-1 – Hartcorn Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Reorganizational Meeting ~ July 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at West Islip High School.

Discussion of 2020-2021 Regular Meeting and Planning Session dates – there were no issues with the dates.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolutions re: Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association.

WHEREAS, Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has submitted its proposed 2020-2021 Budget and proposed 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for the approval of its member boards, the West Islip UFSD Board of Education authorizes the District Clerk to record the outcome of the votes and notify Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association of the results.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nassau-Suffolk School boards Association Proposed 2020-2021 Slate of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee (as presented by N-SSBA's Nominating Committee) be, and hereby is, approved.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns advised that the Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on June 9, 2020 by absentee ballot. All ballots must be returned to the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020. Budget information is regularly updated on the district website and Mrs. Burns encouraged residents to check the website regularly.

Mrs. Burns advised that once further direction becomes available from the Governor, the district will communicate to parents regarding items left in the classrooms and items that need to be returned to the district.

Most end of year events have been canceled due to necessity but alternate plans will be made for some events, especially to celebrate the accomplishments of the high school seniors. Once these plans are finalized, the district will be communicating with parents.

Mrs. Burns acknowledged the district's teachers and nurses during National Teacher Appreciation Week and National Nurses Day to show appreciation for their devotion and dedication to West Islip students. On behalf of the Board of Education and the West Islip School District, Mrs. Burns thanked them for their tireless efforts and dedication in building the educational foundation for students.

Mr. Gellar spoke about how the graduating Seniors are more than deserving of our praise and congratulations. The district is working to celebrate the seniors in an appropriate manner, worthy of their accomplishments.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:55 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Attendance Waiver for student C.K.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: West Islip Union Free School District Resolution - Approval of Supplemental Agreement with Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Islip Union Free School District hereby approves a Supplemental Agreement with Suffolk Transportation Services, regarding modifications to the transportation services contract as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and related school closure and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Peter McCann 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.