

**PLANNING SESSION**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**June 20, 2023 – Beach Street Middle School Media Center**

PRESENT: Mr. Tussie, Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Marks, Mr. McCann

ABSENT: Mr. Maginniss

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Romanelli, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: None

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Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Amanda Harvey, Principal, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 (Oquenock; \$150,000; replacing Jack Maniscalco {retired}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Brittany Probst, Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 (High School; \$131,500; replacing Donna Flynn {reassigned}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Renee Bandes-Sanchez, Director of Science and Engineering Technology, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 (Districtwide; \$145,000; replacing Debbie Langone {resigned}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lindsey Ednick, Assistant Director Special Education, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027 (Districtwide; \$131,500; new position).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Katlyn Colace, World Languages, effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (High School; Step 5<sup>1</sup>; replacing Sarah Willmann {LOA}).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$15.00/HR.): Carol Brennen, effective August 31, 2023; \*JoAnna DeRosa, effective August 31, 2023; Jacqueline Signorelli, effective August 31, 2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT 2023-2024: Justin Arini, Coordinator (\$2,787/year).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2022-2023: DISTRICTWIDE: Director, Chamber Orchestra, Udall - Milton Bonilla.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DEAN 2023-2024: Richard Ippoliti, effective September 1, 2023 (High School).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 6/20/2023 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS**

**TA-1                      RESIGNATION**

Colette Davies, Special Education  
Effective July 1, 2023  
(Udall)

**CIVIL  
SERVICE**

**CL-1                      PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

Teri Brett, Cafeteria Aide  
Effective September 1, 2023  
(Bayview; Step 1; replacing Mary Baritis {retired})

Vanessa Carballo, Office Assistant  
Effective June 26, 2023  
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing Melissa Fiore {resigned})

Katherine Griesmeyer, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective August 31, 2023  
(Paul J. Bellew; \$16.22/hr; replacing Maria Vangeli {reassigned})

**CL-2                      RESIGNATION**

Carol Churpita, Senior Office Assistant  
Effective June 29, 2023  
(District Office)

**CL-3                      RESIGNATION (AMENDED)**

Nicole Daley, Special Education Aide  
Effective June 8, 2023  
(High School; change in date from June 17, 2023)

**CL-4                      RETIREMENT**

JoAnna DeRosa, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective June 26, 2023  
(31 years)

Robert Guberski, Custodial Worker I  
Effective July 1, 2023  
(29 years)

Margaret Scharf, Office Assistant  
Effective July 29, 2023  
(9 years)

**CL-5**                    **SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN** (\$15.00/hr)

John Alvarado, effective June 21, 2023  
Sean Cassidy, effective June 21, 2023  
\*Jael Fernandez, effective June 21, 2023  
Matthew Ferro, effective June 21, 2023

*\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

**OTHER**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM 2023**

Teachers

Cara Douglas	Elizabeth Kelly
Paige Fogarty	Karen McCarthy
Mollie Healey	Maria Papakonstantis

**PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RESIGNATION**

Holly Gozinsky  
Effective June 24, 2023  
(Oquenock)

Isabella Lumley  
Effective June 24, 2023  
(Oquenock)

**REGENTS REVIEW SUMMER 2023**

Chris Salerno, Algebra 1  
Brian Daniels, Biology  
Danielle Dischley, Biology  
Brian Daniels, Chemistry  
Brian Haldenwang, Chemistry  
Danielle Dischley, Earth Science  
Savannah Rinne, English  
Nancy Yost, Geometry  
Ed Jablonski, Global  
Michael Krasnicki, Global  
Ed Jablonski, US History

OTHER  
continued

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** (\$130 per diem)

Paige Azzariti, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Gabriella Bianchino, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Jake Citarella, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Danielle DeAntonio, effective September 6, 2023, *student teacher*  
Samantha Ehmann, effective September 6, 2023, *student teacher*  
\*Tara Langford, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Ashley Lopez, effective September 6, 2023, *student teacher*  
Anthony Page, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Alyssa Rancke, effective September 6, 2023, *student teacher*  
Jennifer Savino, effective September 6, 2023, *student teacher*  
Allison Terrill, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
\*Ashleigh Tortorice, effective September 5, 2023, *student teacher*  
Allison Weston, effective June 21, 2023

*\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

**SPECIAL EDUCATION – ESY RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**SUMMER 2023**

Teachers

Kasey Connelly	Christie Rendio-
Alexa Pontillo	Cusanelli
	Megan Rooney

Speech Pathologist

Katherine Bayern

Behavior Specialist

Theresa Mercado

Aides

Margaret Barth	Shari Marano
Florence Burns	Tara Miller
Kimberly Degere	Marianna Pascarella
Patti DiMino	Jean Pozzini
Annemarie Flynn	Annette Rossi
Jennifer Held	Alyssa Siciniski

Substitute Aide

Kathleen Slayback

Nurse

Sharon Kerrigan

Bus Paraprofessional

Jean Pozzini  
Annette Rossi  
John Latkowski

**SUMMER INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM 2023**

Teachers

Kristen Amoia	Kayla Covello	Jade Lawrence
Tim Bauernfeind	Tammy Dragelin	Kelly Minicozzi
Kristen Bergin	Danielle Ferruggiari	Maria Papakonstantis
Danielle Blaise	Paige Fogarty	Christina Puglisi
Michelle Bonkov	Paige Gillespie	Marybeth Qualliotine
Rebecca Burleson	Mollie Healey	Louis Riley
Gianna Covello	Anmarie Katzer	

**OTHER,**  
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Teaching Assistants  
Pam Gaffney

Aides

Lindsay Aumock	Jennifer Fortune	Diane McKeon
Ava Catapano	Louise Guastella	Donna Minieri
Linda Daniels	Courtney Kuzmiak	Michelle Varley
Jennifer Dolan	Kimberly Librizzi	Jennifer Wormuth

**ENL SERVICE PROVIDER SUMMER 2023**

Katrina Bausch

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023**

Amanda Schilling, Algebra I  
Daniel Codispoti, Algebra II  
Edward Jablonski, American History  
Michael Fusaro, Biology  
Michael Fusaro, Chemistry  
Michael Fusaro, Earth Science  
Dawn Divisconti, English 10& 11  
David Gershfeld, English 10 & 11  
Savannah Rinne, English 10 & 11  
Amanda Schilling, Foundations of Advanced Math  
Daniel Codispoti, Geometry  
Edward Jablonski, Global 9  
Michael Krasnicki, Global 10

**SUMMER RECREATION CAMP 2023**

John Mullins, Director  
Timothy Horan, Assistant Director  
Debra Federico, Clerical Support  
Laurie Luquer, Nurse  
Debra Costantino, Lead Crafts Counselor  
Sophia Stokkeland, Art Teacher

Camp Counselors

Isabella Artusa	Gina DeMasi	Taylor Moran	Alexa Reale
John Cannistra	Alex Dumitru	Karah Mullins	Taylor Riley
Brianna Compitello	Caitlin Krupski	Madison Nicolosi	Nicole Russo
Akeeliah Coombs	Amy Leonard	Mia Nicolosi	Caitlin Salus
Alex Czarnomski	Milayna Litrenta	Kadyn Olson	Kyle Shierant
Shannon Daley	Aiden Mackin	Julia O'Sullivan	Julia Schmidt
Christina D'Achille	Dean Miller	Victoria Recenello	Erin Thaxter
Joe D'Angelo	Grace Mineo	Vincenza Robiglio	Isabella Tussie
			Sahara Ukaiki

Student Volunteers

Summer Carosella  
McKenna Miller

Ryan Washington

**OTHER,**  
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**WEST ISLIP SPORTS ACADEMY SUMMER CAMPS 2023**

Pat Plompen, Clerical Support

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Tom Cross, Director  
Richard Zeitler, Assistant Director  
John T. Denninger, Assistant Director

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

John Schrank, Director  
Erin Harris, Assistant Director  
Matthew Sullivan, Assistant Director  
Steven Schrank, Coach

**CHEERLEADING**

Dina Barone, Director  
Lauren Brady, Assistant Director  
Jennifer Basile, Coach  
Jillian Bohnaker, Coach

**Volunteer Counselors**

Aneliese Ammirata	Calleigh Ferraro	Gianna Longo
Emerson Ammirata	Kayla Friaglia	Madison Madonia
Cate Aniano	Ava Gabrell	Abbey Miller
Brenna Balkunas	Lila Gmelch	Alex Mortarella
Kaleigh Barany	Gianna Guadagnino	Ashley-Rose Prefontaine
Riley Bedell	Sammie Guercio	Ally Sesto
Charlotte Begg	Nikki Isolano	Jenna Tyler
Rachel DeLuca	Christine Lombardi	Ava Verderosa
		Gabby White

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Christopher Scharf, Director  
Kristen Doherty, Assistant Director  
Kevin Osborn, Assistant Director  
Peyton Ryan, Counselor  
Brynn Scharf, Counselor

**GYMNASTICS**

Maryann McGrade, Director  
Gina Calderone, Assistant Director

**Counselors**

Cassidy Cullen	Olivia Marker	Victoria Mueller
Amelia DiBenedetto	Becky McCann	Katie Tapp
Grace Iehle	Emily McGrade	Sophia Ward

**OTHER**, continued

Volunteer Counselors

Emily Ball	Cameron Giorgianni	Victoria Lopez
Leah Bilozur	Ariah Grabhorn	Lena Okurowski
Dana Dileo	Callie Jones	Jenna Tussie

**SOFTBALL**

Colleen Reilly, Director  
John T. Denninger, Assistant Director  
Steven Fasciani, Assistant Director  
Tara Annunziata, Coach  
Keri Blum, Coach

Counselors

Tori Brower	Christina Hughes	Alex Michaluk
Annie Chambers	Lauren Lettieri	Stephanie Olivieri
Katerina DaSilva	Amanda Librizzi	Julia O'Sullivan
Katie Fix	Camryn Mariano	Kayla Sauers
Caitlyn Herzing	Maureen McMahon	Krista Sgambati
		Allison Weston

Volunteer Counselors

Emily Bourous  
Leah Giana

**WRESTLING**

Nicholas LaGiglia, Director  
John Ferrara, Assistant Director  
Thomas Longobardi, Assistant Director  
Robert Ulrich, Assistant Director  
Paul Vassataro, Assistant Director  
Jason Lella, Coach

**SWIM PROGRAM AND SWIM TEAMS 2023-2024**

Colleen Reilly, Director  
John T. Denninger, Assistant Director  
Daniel Gschwind, Assistant Director  
Edward Jablonski, Assistant Director  
Thomas Loudon, Assistant Director  
Jeremy Robertson, Assistant Director

Lifeguards

Angela Acosta	Patrick Lynam
Nico Acquista	Kevin McCabe
Alexa Alvarado	Lauren McCann
Angelina Amatulli-Griffith	Alexander Montes
William Antippas	Kathryn Mushorn
Shawn Boyle	Joseph Pace
Salvatore Calderone	Lea Parascandola
Michael Cea	Christopher Piropatto
Makayla Comer	Mason Plouffe
Logan Coppola	Ciaran Pollard

Lifeguards - continued

Braedon Dedcovich	Vincent Puglisi
Dominic Delta	Isabella Randazzo
Makenna Gagliardi	Nicholas Scarmozzino
Anghelo Hernandez	Angelina Shannon
Kaden Heyman	Courtney Skahill
Caylee Klimuszko	Seamus Smith
Sasha Lavrosky	Daniel VonThaden

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Cullen & Danowski Engagement Letter for Risk Assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC - General Counsel Services Agreement July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Scholarship Donation from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials - \$500.00 – WIUFSD.

DONATION:

*WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$500.00 from Suffolk Association of School Business Officials, to be awarded to High School students selected by the District.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: Negotiated Agreement ~ July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: bid jointly on Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies 2023-2024 (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2023-2024 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Lunch (resolution in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2023-2024 School Breakfast Program Exemption.

*RESOLVED, that the West Islip Union Free School District shall request an exemption from implementing a school breakfast program in the below listed schools for the 2023-2024 school year.*

BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MANETUCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OQUENOCK ELEMENTARY  
PAUL J. BELLEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus items – miscellaneous books – Bayview Elementary and chemistry books at the West Islip High School.



Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SEDCAR ARP Contract 2021-2023 – Suffolk County Department of Health Services.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Stipulation of Settlement and Release – Student “A”.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve East Moriches UFSD – Instructional Contract July 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023.

## POLICY

### Policy Updates:

A *second reading* was done on the following policies: No. 3320 - Confidentiality of Computerized Information; No. 3321 - Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation; No. 4212 Table of Organization; No. 7224 Civic Engagement Requirement (formerly Community Service Requirement); No. 7512 Student Health Services; No. 8331 – Controversial Issues.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 3320 – Confidentiality of Computerized Information.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 3321 – Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification Regulation.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 4212 – Table of Organization.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 7224 Civic Engagement Requirement (formerly Community Service Requirement).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 7512 – Student Health Services.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 8331 – Controversial Issues.

*A first reading* took place on Code of Conduct.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: the retirement of James Como and the WITA Memorandum of Agreement dated June 17, 2023 with the West Islip Teachers Association.

*Resolved, The Board of Education hereby approves the memorandum of agreement dated June 17, 2023 with the West Islip Teachers Association and James Como regarding convertibility of unused sick leave and retirement, and authorizes the Board President to execute it on behalf of the District.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Amendment to the Benefits for Confidential Employees effective July 1, 2023.

*Resolved, The Board of Education hereby approves the Amendment to the Benefits for Confidential Employees effective July 1, 2023 as follows.*

*AMENDMENT TO BENEFITS FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES*

*Effective July 1, 2023*

*The Stipend provision set forth in Article II – Longevity & Stipend is modified to state:*

*Stipends – Employees as defined herein shall receive an annual stipend of \$4,500. The confidential stipend will increase by \$500 After (5) years, \$750 after ten (10) years, \$1,000 after fifteen years and \$1,250 after twenty (20) years in confidential position. The effective date of the increases shall be the anniversary date of hire in a confidential position. In addition, confidential employees who possess a Master's Degree shall receive an annual stipend of \$1,250. The stipend payments set forth in this paragraph shall be added to the base salary.*

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: approving Memorandum of Agreement 6/20/2023 regarding additional days worked with West Islip Association of School Administrators.

*BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip UFSD hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement concerning the rate of pay for additional days worked with the West Islip Association of School Administrators dated June 20, 2023, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the agreement.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hock

District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.