

**PLANNING SESSION**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**November 14, 2023– Beach Street Middle School Media Center**

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

ABSENT: Mr. Tussie

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

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 Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. McCann commented on the outpouring of support from the community regarding the tragic house fire in West Islip the morning of 11/4/2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the personnel consent agenda - T-1, T-2, CL-1 and Other as listed below:

**PERSONNEL**

**TEACHERS**

**T-1**                      **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (unpaid)

Shanan Mauro, Health  
Effective November 8, 2023 through June 30, 2024  
(Beach, Paul J Bellew and Bayview)

**T-2**                      **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (unpaid)

(Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-  
12-week continuous medical coverage)

Patricia Stack, Business  
Effective November 1, 2023 (Intermittent)  
(High School)

**CIVIL  
SERVICE**

**CL-1**                      **SUBSTITUTE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC II** (\$30/hr.)

Brad Stentiford, effective November 15, 2023

**OTHER**

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2023-2024**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Thirst Project Club, Kristie Ferruzzi

**HIGH SCHOOL (AMENDED)**

National English Honor Society, Erika Nolan and Tina Schaefer (shared)  
(change in Advisor from Erika Nolan)

**EARLY WINTER 2023-2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES**

**CHEERLEADING**

Olivia Gmelch, Volunteer Beach Coach

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve SEDCAR Contracts 2023-2024: ACLD, AHRC Suffolk, Alternatives for Children, Brookville Center for Children's Services, Center for Developmental Disabilities c/o IGHL, Developmental Disabilities Institute, Inc., Eden II Programs, The Hagedorn Little Village School, Island Therapies - Liberty Resources, Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center, Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center, Kids in Action of Long Island, Inc., Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC, Leeway School, Little Angels Center, Metro Therapy, Mid Island Associates, Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc. The Opportunity Pre-School, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk, Wood Services.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contract: 2023-2024 Syosset Central School District Special Education Services.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2023-2024 Lease Agreement: The Bridges Academy Lease Agreement – First Amendment.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Donation: Thomas Riedy of Riedy-Marano Wealth Management – value \$1,500.00 – Cradle of Aviation Museum field trips.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Special District Meeting Bond Vote – January 23, 2024.

**RESOLUTION OF THE WEST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 14, 2023, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.**

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the West Islip Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the “District”), shall be held within the District, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 o’clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the West Islip High School, 1 Lions Path, West Islip, New York; as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting as hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by voting machine or paper ballot, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open from 7:00 o’clock A.M. to 9:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in the “*Babylon Beacon*” and “*Islip Bulletin*,” two newspapers having a general circulation in the District, such publications to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
OF THE WEST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District, Town of Islip, Suffolk County in the County of Suffolk, New York, adopted a resolution on November 14, 2023, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on Tuesday January 23, 2024, at the West Islip High School, 1 Lions Path, West Islip, New York, 11795, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot upon the following Bond Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to expand the existing 5-lane indoor pool to a new 6-lane pool, including all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and construction requirements, at the West Islip High School, substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects & Engineers, P.C., which report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, the foregoing is to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$13,850,574;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$13,850,574 to pay such cost, said tax is to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$13,850,574 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to expand the existing 5-lane indoor pool to a new 6-lane pool, substantially as described in a report prepared for the District by BBS Architects, Landscape Architects & Engineers, P.C., and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$13,850,574; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$13,850,574 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$13,850,574 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, or pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the voters may register with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the District Administration Office, 100 Sherman Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) when school is in session at any day prior to January 18, 2024 to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid Special District Meeting, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register provided that at such meeting with the Clerk of said School District he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Clerk of said School District to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Special District Meeting for which the Register is prepared. The Register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk, at her office in the District Administration Office, 100 Sherman Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on and after Thursday, January 18, 2024, between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M., (Prevailing Time), on Saturday, January 20, 2024 by prearranged appointment only between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), and on January 23, 2024, the day set for the Special District Meeting except Sunday, and at the polling place(s) on the day of the vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots are obtainable at: [www.wi.k12.ny.us](http://www.wi.k12.ny.us) and will be obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk beginning Tuesday, January 2, 2024; completed applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than December 26, 2023. For in-person applications, applications must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than January 2, 2024, at least seven (7) days before the Special District Meeting, January 16, 2024, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Special District Meeting, January 22, 2024, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the Office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, January 18, 2024, on each day prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Sunday, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on Saturday, January 20, 2024 by prior appointment only between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 1:30 P.M. (Prevailing Time), and at the polling place on January 23, 2024, the day set for the Special District Meeting. Any qualified voter then present in the polling place may object to the voting of the ballot upon appropriate grounds by making his or her challenge and the reasons therefore known to the Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. An application for registration as a military voter can be requested from Mary Hock, District Clerk, West Islip Union Free School District, 100 Sherman Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795 by mail or e-mail [m.hock@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:m.hock@wi.k12.ny.us) Monday through Friday when school is in session from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), the application for registration must be received in the office of the clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on December 21, 2023, which is the day before the last day for the transmission of military ballots. In the request for an application for registration, the military voter is permitted to designate his/her preference for receiving the application for registration by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may submit an application for a military ballot from Mary Hock, District Clerk, West Islip Union Free School District, 100 Sherman Avenue, West Islip, New York 11795 by mail or e-mail [m.hock@wi.k12.ny.us](mailto:m.hock@wi.k12.ny.us) Monday through Friday when school is in session from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time); in order to receive a military ballot, the military ballot application must be received no

later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on December 21, 2023, which is the day preceding the last day

for transmission of military ballots. In the request for an application for a military ballot, the military voter is permitted to designate his/her preference for receiving the application for a military ballot, and the military ballot, by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. All qualified military voters' ballot application and military ballot must be returned by mail or in person. Ballots for military voters shall be distributed to qualified military voters no later than December 22, 2023. Military ballots must be received by the District Clerk (1) before the close of the polls, on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and must show a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or must show a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government, or are signed and dated by the voter and one witness thereto with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election, January 22, 2024 and which must be received in the office of the clerk of the school district not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. on the day of the election in order to be canvassed.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: November 14, 2023

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters of the District shall be by voting machines or by paper ballot, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot printed in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Policy Update

Second Reading No. 3110 School Sponsored Media

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Policy No. 3110 – School Sponsored Media.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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