

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 9, 2024 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 7/9/2024 Personnel Agenda item T-1 as listed below:

TEACHERS

T-1

RESIGNATION

Brittany DiLuciano, World Languages
Effective July 1, 2024
(High School)

Louis Riley, Elementary
Effective June 30, 2024
(Manetuck)

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS:

Katlyn Colace, World Languages, effective August 30, 2024 through August 29, 2027 (West Islip High School; Step 1A ⁴, replacing Brittany DiLuciano {resigned}).

Christine Breslin, Elementary, effective August 30, 2024 through August 29, 2028 (Paul J. Bellew; Step 1 ⁴, {new position}).

Regina Hartnett, Elementary, effective August 30, 2024 through August 29, 2028 (Bayview, Step 1A ⁴, replacing Maria Lucie {retired}).

Jillian Ruffo, Special Education, effective August 30, 2024 through August 29, 2028 (Oquenock, Step 1A ⁴, {new position}).

Jessica Schilling, Special Education, effective August 30, 2024 through August 29, 2028 (Manetuck, Step 1A ⁴, {new position}).

In order to be granted tenure a classroom teacher or building principal shall have received composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant 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 Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following 7/9/2024 Personnel Agenda items T3, T1A, CL-1, CL-2 and Other as listed below:

T-3 PART-TIME APPOINTMENT

April Virga, ASL (.4)
Effective August 30, 2024
(Beach Street and Udall; Step 1A ¹ {pro-rated}; {new position})

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-1 RESIGNATION

Jillian Ruffo, Special Education
Effective July 1, 2024
(Manetuck)

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1 CHANGE IN TITLE

Rosemary Reichert, Senior Account Clerk
Effective July 10, 2024
(District Office; Step 7; change from Senior Office Assistant replacing Eva Gonzalez {resigned})

Paul Shields, Acting Custodial Worker III
Effective July 9, 2024 through October 9, 2024
(Kirdahy; Step 2; change from Custodial Worker I; replacing Robert Verito {LOA})

CL-2 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Jacqueline Signorelli, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective August 29, 2024
(Beach Street; \$16.54/hr; replacing Khaleda Gousuzzaman {resigned})

OTHER

MENTOR PROGRAM 2023-2024

Mentor
Caryn Drezner (Katlyn Colace, World Languages)

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RESIGNATION

Christina Bonfiglio
Effective July 5, 2024
(Oquenock)

OTHER
continued

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RESIGNATION

Helene Mendez
Effective June 27, 2024
(Oquenock)

PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE

Scott Mattera
Effective July 1, 2024
(High School; \$178.78/day; {reassigned})

PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE (PART-TIME)

April Virga (.6)
Effective August 30, 2024
(High School; \$107.27/day; {new position})

REGENTS REVIEW 2023-2024

Mathematics
Melanie Vecchione

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER REINSTATED

Christina Bonfiglio, effective September 4, 2024
Helene Mendez, effective September 4, 2024

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

Buildings and Grounds Committee (6/18/2024): Mrs. Brown reported on the meeting held 6/18/2024. Items reviewed included air conditioning rebate from PSEG that totaled \$672,212.00. Tom Cahill from PSEG presented the rebate information to the committee. Masera/BOCES roof is mostly completed, trim work is remaining, concrete sidewalks, paving, HVAC, interior finishes, etc. have been completed. The Board of Education will tour Masera-BOCES in August and will report back. Summer camp and cleaning project have all been scheduled and are on track. The High School basement cleanout was done in May and completed with great success. The Beach Street Middle School waste ejection pumps replacement project has been started and in progress. The District Office Security vestibule renovation is on schedule and front entrance has been demolished.

Special Education Committee: Mrs. Brown reported on the abbreviated meeting held 7/9/2024 via telephone. Items reviewed included ESY (Extended School Year), IEPs from CSE and CPSE recommendations from respective committees and will be approved at this evening's meeting.

Policy Committee:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following item # 1 Annual Review listed below:

1. Annual Review:
 - 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}

The policies listed under the annual review are from the old policy manual. As the policy manual continues to be updated there will be new policy numbers and titles associated with these policies listed above.

There was a new policy manual reading of the items listed below.

2. Second Reading – Series 0000 Philosophy, Goals & Objectives
3. Third reading – Series 1000 Community Relations
4. First reading – Code of Conduct

CURRICULUM REPORT:

Mrs. Morrison congratulated and welcomed all the new hires and is looking forward to collaborating with them.

Mrs. Morrison advises that the Summer Investigations program for grades 1-5 is up and running at Paul J. Bellew and approximately 140 students are attending. Students are engaged in the Foundations and Ready to Rise program to support their grade level literacy needs, along with hands-on, interactive math activities. The district received the AP and IB results from the June exams and results will be reviewed, along with the Regents exams and shared at an upcoming meeting. The data reviewed will be utilized to inform instruction for the 2024-2025 school year. All AP exams will be administered digitally in the Spring of 2025. Summer PD for teachers and staff has commenced. PD sessions are focusing on the Science of Reading, the utilization of various technology applications to supplement instruction, effective implementation of the district's electronic use policy; the Profile of a Graduate and much more.

New Teacher orientation will take place on August 27, 28 and 29th. Superintendent's Conference days are August 30th and September 3rd.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2024 – 2025 General Fund budget transfers 4419-4423 and Capital Fund budget transfer 4420.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Tax Anticipation Resolution re: Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$20,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the receipt of taxes levied or to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF WEST ISLIP UNION
FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW
YORK, ADOPTED JULY 9, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN
ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES LEVIED OR TO BE
LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

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

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of West Islip Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000.00, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes levied or to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of one of the following: the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Richard Antonello and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2024-2025 Contracts: Center for Developmental Disabilities Consultant Services; Access 7 Consultant Services Inc.; Health Source Group, Inc. Consultant Services; Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc./The Martin C. Barel School Consultant Services; Nassau Suffolk Services for the Autistic, Inc./The Martin C. Barel School Special Education; NYSARC, Inc., Suffolk Chapter Special Education; Reach for the Stars Tutoring, Inc. Consultant Services; United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Suffolk, Inc. Special Education.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus: Miscellaneous books - Oquenock Elementary; Cardiac Science Powerheart AED G3 - Districtwide; Large Stand Mixer - West Islip High School; Miscellaneous I.T. Equipment – Districtwide.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Bids 2024-2025: Bagels; Bread; Dairy; Direct Diversion; Drinks-Non-Student; Drinks-Student; Frozen; Grocery; Ice Cream; Meat; Paper and Disposables; Snack-Compliant; Snacks – Non-Compliant; Kitchen Equipment and Smallwares.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: 2024-2025 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Lunch.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Contract of Superintendent of Schools – amended dates – 7/1/2024-6/30/2029.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the West Islip UFSD hereby approved Amendment #1 to Dr. Romanelli's terms and conditions of employment for the amended dates July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029 and authorizes the Board President to sign the Agreement.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of agreement re: WITA Teaching Assistants' Chapter.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement re: WITA Nurses' Chapter

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve The Bridges Academy Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve After School Kids Under Supervision, Inc. Sixth Amendment to the Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Compact for Learning Plan.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Capital Improvements Projects at Masera.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District the West Islip Union Free School District agrees to approve the following capital improvements projects at the newly renamed Masera Middle School, as presented by the lessee, Eastern Suffolk BOCES: (i) Renovations to the existing Kitchen (\$1,172,158); and (ii) a New Parking Lot (\$973,575). Funding for these projects is to be provided entirely by the Agency, not by the West Islip Union Free School District, and shall include all related Soft Costs (i.e. environmental pre-construction testing, soil analysis, soil borings/geotechnical report, advertising fees, copy fees, Architectural/Engineering design fees, Construction Management fees, etc.) Renovations to the Kitchen shall include, but not be limited to: new mechanical and plumbing equipment, new kitchen cooking/serving equipment, new electrical power, new floor/ceiling/wall finishes, and light general construction. The new Parking Lot shall include, but not be limited to: construction of a new (71) stall parking lot located at the front of the school adjacent to Udall Road and inclusive of new asphalt paving, new concrete curbs, new drainage, new signage, new site lighting, and new fencing.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: State Environmental Quality Review Act – SEQRA Resolution – Proposed Site Improvements and Construction Project at Masera.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District the West Islip Union Free School District agrees to approve the following:

SEQRA RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District Board desires to embark upon the following improvements at the Masera Learning Center as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) construction of a new 27,000 sf parking lot including curbs, sidewalks, site lighting, drainage, and landscaping (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, construction of a new 27,000 sf parking lot is not classified as a Type I Action or Type II Action as determined under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.4 and 617.5; and

WHEREAS, for Unlisted Actions the lead agency making a determination of significance must: (1) consider the action as defined in Sections 617.2(b) and 617.3(g); (2) review the EAF, the criteria contained in Section 617.7(c) and any other supporting information to identify the relevant areas of environmental concern; (3) thoroughly analyze the identified relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and (4) set forth its determination of significance in a written form containing a reasoned elaboration and providing reference to any supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Board, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement project and has determined that the Project is classified as an Unlisted Action and determined pursuant to Section 617.7(c) of the SEQR Regulations that the Project will have no significant adverse impact on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares that the Project is an Unlisted Action, with a Negative Declaration which require no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed Project from the New York State Education Department

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, 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, 2025.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Special Education Committee of students as listed in the District’s back-up and authorizes the District to arrange for appropriate services.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the recommendations of the Special Education Committee of students as listed in the District’s backup and authorizes the District to arrange for appropriate services.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement - Instructional Computers (Project #WI-49-030724-2024-2028) – 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2028.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Romanelli expressed that with every new year comes new, exciting possibilities. One of things he loves most about working in the world of education is starting a new school year, which we are in the process of preparing for. The first cabinet meeting for this school year was held earlier today and we reflected on the many of the accomplishments that happened throughout this past school year and are looking forward to continuing the work we have been doing to make West Islip the best district we can possibly be. A big priority this year will be remaining Future Focused which will be our theme that will be discussed at Superintendent’s Conference Day.

Dr. Romanelli stated that the district is proud to have been a step ahead of many of the initiatives coming out of New York State from Mrs. Morrison's leadership in the curriculum office. We have a development of our Profile of a Graduate, which preceded the New York State Portrait of a Graduate that recently came out.

Dr. Romanelli stated that the cell phone policy launching in the coming school year is a hot topic in many districts and the government level, which we are ahead of the curve. The new graduation requirements being proposed by New York State are in line with all the work that we have been doing regarding performance based assessments and multiple ways to demonstrate mastery of knowledge. We are very happy with all that work that has been taking place and looking forward to staying future focused and being ahead of the curve. We are continuing working on a number of initiatives already underway including crafting a district statement on artificial intelligence, launching a mental health sub-committee as part of our Health and Wellness initiative, the expansion of our IB program at the High School, and reviewing achievement and attendance at all levels. 2024-2025 is going to be our best school year yet and we are working hard this summer to get ready for that.

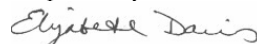
Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. on motion by Debbie Brown, seconded Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Davis
District Clerk

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