

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

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

ABSENT: None

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to newly elected trustees, Richard AntonIELLO and Debbie Brown.

Mr. Tussie opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year. Richard AntonIELLO nominated Anthony Tussie for President and there were no other nominations. In favor were Mr. AntonIELLO, Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Marks, and Mr. McCann. No one was opposed. Mr. Tussie abstained. Motion passed 6-0.

Peter McCann nominated Debbie Brown for Vice President of the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year. In favor were Mr. Tussie, Mr. AntonIELLO, Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Marks, and Mr. McCann. Mrs. Brown abstained. Motion passed 6-0.

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to President Tussie and to Vice President Brown.

Mr. Tussie expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the nomination. Mr. Tussie thanked his fellow Board members for trusting him with this position again. Mr. Tussie wished Debbie Brown best of luck as the new Vice President of the Board.

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

Requests for membership on the Board Committees/Liaisons were distributed to trustees; President Anthony Tussie will assign members accordingly.

Building Inspections:

Bayview Elementary	Udall Road Middle School
Manetuck Elementary	West Islip High School
Oquenock Elementary	Kirdahy
Paul J. Bellew Elementary	Masera
Beach Street Middle School	Westbrook

Motion was made by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve a consent agenda for the following items listed on the agenda:

1. Appointment of Board Committees/Liaisons for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Appointment of Elizabeth Davis as District Clerk, Maureen O'Connor (alternate) for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Appointment of Deborah Falcon as District Treasurer and Kristi Macchione as Deputy Treasurer for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Appointment of Anne Kuhlwillm; alternates Rhonda Rauch and Rosemary Dowling as Board of Registration for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Treasurer's Bond set amount at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
6. Claims Auditor's Bond set amount at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Appointment of Patricia Plompen as Claims Auditor for the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Appointment of Robert Nocella as Purchasing Agent for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Appointment of Christine Kearney as Deputy Purchasing Agent for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. Appointment of Elizabeth Davis as Records Access Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Appointment of New York State Insurance Reciprocal as insurance carrier for the 2024-2025 school year.
12. Appointment of Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC as Attorney/Legal Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Appointment of Chief/School Physicians for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:
L. Atkinson, RPA; Dr. Jules Cohen; Dr. Costa Constantatos; Dr. Sarita Duchatelier and Dr. Keith Chu Cheong, Pediatric Neurology; Yvette Feis, PhD, Neuropsychologist; Dr. Eugene Gerardi; Dr. Richard Gold; Dr. Joseph Grillo, Chief School Physician; Island Gastroenterology Consultants, P.C; Dr. Roger Keresztes; Dr. Jack Marzec; Dr. Brian McHugh; Dr. Jennifer Mingione, Internal Medicine; Dr. Jorge Montes; Dr. Tracy Onal; Dr. Gregory Puglisi; Dr. Leonard Savino; Dr. Phil Schrank; Amna Sher, MD; Dr. Robert A. Smolarz; South Shore Neurologic Associates; Joseph Tommasino, RPA; Emergency Medical Technician Coverage for Athletic Events: Robert Mallimo, Richard Naeder, Dean Timmons, Kristine Ostrem, Robert Mallimo Jr., Matthew Mallimo.
14. Newspapers Designated to Carry Legal Notices for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: Babylon Beacon, Islip Bulletin and Newsday.
15. Depositories Designated for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: J.P. Morgan Chase, HSBC, NYCLASS, Empire National Bank, People's United Bank, N.A., T.D. Bank and Webster Bank.
16. Appointment of Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre-School Special Education/Alternates/Secretaries for the 2024-2025 school year (list included in supplemental file).
17. Appointment of District Team – New Compact for Learning for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: Luann Dunne, teamsters Local 237 Clerical; Denise Hayes, PTA-Elementary; Tiffany Pepitone PTA-Middle School; Patricia McCabe PTA-High School; Student Senate Representative, WIHS Student; Student Senate Representative, WIHS Student; Dr. Paul Romanelli, Superintendent; Rhonda Pratt, WIASA – Elementary; Dr. Daniel Marquardt, WIASA – Middle School; Andrew O'Farrell, WIASA – High School; Karen Desz, WITA – Elementary; Michele Holt, WITA – Middle School; Joseph Dixon, WITA – High School.
18. Appointment of Health and Wellness Alliance Committee Members for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: Lauren Albanese, Lindsay Bevis-Hamchuk, Debbie Brown, Angie Carpenter, Marcelle Crudele, Christina Elefante, Kiersten Girardi, Erin Harris, Jannette Hofmann, Tim Horan, Tara Howe, Grace Kelly-Peleg, Sharon Kerrigan, RN, Shanan Mauro, Patty McCabe, Peter McCann, Tricia Milet, Kristin Miller, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Kristin Miller, Dawn Mullins, Noreen Panzner, Nicole Perperis, Rhonda Pratt, Lee-Ann Puccia, RN, Nicole Rosenberg, Dave Rubano, Carrie Russo, Meghan Schou, Diana Sepe, Marc Soto-YES, Melanie Steinweis, Ariana Stubbmann, Lynn Summers, Barbara Vouris-YES. Dr. Joseph Grillo & Dr. Gregory Puglisi – Chief School Physicians.

19. Adoption of the following resolution and appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2024-2025 school year: WHEREAS, the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Pursuant to Sections 207, 3214, 4403, 4404 and 4410 of the Education Law, Part 200, amended January 2007, Section 200.2(e) states that “the Board of Education or trustees of each school district shall establish a list of: (1) The names and statement of the qualifications of each impartial hearing officer who is: (i) certified by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 200.1(x)(2) of this Part and; (ii) available to serve in the district in hearings conducted pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1). Appointment of impartial hearing officers pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1) shall be made only from such list and in accordance with the rotation selection process prescribed herein and the timelines and procedures in section 200.5(j) of this Part. Such names will be listed in alphabetical order. Selection from such list shall be made on a rotational basis beginning with the first name appearing after the impartial hearing officer who last served or, in the event no impartial hearing officer on the list has served, beginning with the first name appearing on such list. Should that impartial hearing officer decline appointment, or if, within 24 hours, the impartial hearing officer fails to respond or is unreachable after reasonable efforts by the district that are documented and can be independently verified, each successive impartial hearing officer whose name next appears on the list, shall be offered appointment, until such appointment is accepted. The name of any newly certified impartial hearing officer who is available to serve in the district shall be inserted into the list in alphabetical order (list included in supplemental file).”
20. Appointment of George Christopher Marzuk as Hearing Officer for Superintendent’s Hearings for the 2024-2025 school year.
21. Appointment of Lisa DiSibio as Data Protection Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
22. Dates/building sites for the 2024-2025 Regular and Planning Session meetings of the West Islip Board of Education (list included in supplemental file).
23. Date/time for 2025 West Islip High School Commencement Exercises - Friday, June 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
24. Adoption of resolution re: District’s participation in ECIA Title I Program and other federal programs for 2024-2025 and authorization for the Superintendent to apply for all federal funds for the 2024-2025 school year (resolution in supplemental file).
25. Adoption of resolution re: designation of Superintendent to determine entitlement for attendance of the schools of the district (resolution in supplemental file).
26. Adoption of resolution re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators of teachers and building principals having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution in supplemental file).
27. Adoption of resolution re: certification of qualified Lead Evaluators and evaluators of teachers having successfully completed the training requirements (resolution in supplemental file).
28. Adoption of resolution re: certification of coordinators in accordance with the requirements of the Dignity for All Students Act (resolution in supplemental file).
29. Adoption of resolution re: Chief Emergency Officer (resolution in supplemental file).
30. Appointment of James Cameron as Title IX Compliance Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
31. Appointment of Instructional Review Committee for the 2024-2025 school year as follows: Dawn Morrison, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Andrew O’Farrell, Secondary Principal; Rhonda Pratt, Elementary Principal; To be named as appropriate, Program Director; Kristyna Acerno, Library-Media Specialist; Tina Schaefer, Secondary Teacher; Christina Kruer, Elementary Teacher; To be named as appropriate, Community Member.
32. Appointment of Maureen O’Connor and Elizabeth Davis (alternate) as person authorized to accept service re: subpoenas, lawsuits, etc. for the 2024-2025 school year.
33. Appointment of Board of Education as Audit Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.
34. Appointment of Cullen & Danowski, LLP as Internal Auditor
35. Appointment of R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP as District Auditor(s) for the 2024-2025 school year.
36. Cell Phone Usage as per Board Policy 5570 (list included in supplemental file).
37. Adoption of the following resolution re: empowering Board President to authorize member attendance at conferences, workshops, conventions, etc. {Board Policy No. 2320}: BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Education of the West Islip UFSD designates the President of the Board of Education to authorize Board of Education member attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc. for the 2024-2025 school year.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on motion by Debbie Brown, seconded by Richard Antonello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.