

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**July 7, 2015 – West Islip High School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Ulrich, Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 7:49 p.m., followed by the pledge.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Planning Session.

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Kristen Caulfield, Art (Step 4<sup>6</sup>; increase in sections) effective September 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Deborah Chizik, Elementary (Step 9<sup>8</sup>; increase in sections) effective September 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Anne Davis, Elementary (Step 10<sup>4</sup>; increase in sections) effective September 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Melanie Solnick, Elementary (Step 6<sup>6</sup>; increase in sections) effective September 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED TEACHERS: Soley Vita, Elementary (Step 8<sup>7</sup>; increase in sections) effective September 1, 2015.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Kerryann DeMauro, Special Education, effective November 26, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (Manetuck; Step 2<sup>4</sup>; replacing M. Sanchez).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANTS: RECALL: Christine Ferretti, effective September 1, 2015 (Beach Street Middle School; Step 8; replacing E. Thalhamer {resigned}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lori Kaich, Security/Receptionist Paraprofessional, effective September 1, 2015 (High School; Step 3; replacing K. Santangelo {retired}).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): RESIGNATION: Annette Zelaya, Special Education Aide, effective June 26, 2015 (High School).

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED (CIVIL SERVICE): SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75 per hour): Kyle Kickel, effective July 8, 2015.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2014-2015: High School: Gay-Straight Alliance, Nicole Perperis (half of second semester).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: FALL 2015 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: FOOTBALL: James Dooley, Assistant Varsity Coach (approved at the June 11, 2015 BoE meeting as Varsity Volunteer Coach).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PSAT/SAT COORDINATOR 2015-2016: Dennis Adams (\$5,000 stipend).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: REGENTS REVIEW PROGRAM SUMMER 2015: Regents Review Coordinator: Kathleen Sapanski; Regents Review Teachers: Algebra I: Christina Bivona, Thomas Longobardi; Algebra II: Tara Annunziata, James Como, Beth Crimi, Alyssa Urbach; Geometry: Alissa Ferrucci; Chemistry: Brian Haldenwang.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CURRICULUM WRITING SUMMER 2015: Advanced Digital Photography: Dennis Mazzalunga; English Language Arts: Marissa Anselmo, Dina Barone, Kimberly Crouch, Dawn DiVisconti, Heather Enright, David Gershfeld, Siobhan Kelly, Barbara Krollage, Maria Lucie, Christine Maniscalco, Kevin McLoughlin, Jane Murray, Erika Nolan, Karen Nordland, Theresa Robertson, Tina Schaefer, Ann Staak. Mathematics: Tara Annunziata, Paul Bodnar, Nicole Cagno-Angerame, Beth Crimi, Danielle Davis, Alissa Ferrucci, Maureen Murphy, Karen Nordland, Paul Pekurney, Theresa Robertson, Alicia Sepulveda, Ann Staak, Michelle Studley, Alyssa Urbach, Nancy Yost.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM 2015: Summer Investigations Aides: Debra Costantino, Tara Miller.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Teryn Aimetti, effective September 2, 2015; Sarah Jagiello, effective September 2, 2015; Jenna Seddon, effective September 2, 2015.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan congratulated the graduating class of 2015 and informed the audience that this is the second year in a row that the International Baccalaureate Program had a 100% graduation rate. Dr. Rullan also spoke about end-of-year testing, summer curriculum writing, the results of the Algebra 2/Trigonometry Regent's exam and NYS grades 3-8 test results. A presentation of these results will take place at the September 10, 2015 Board meeting.

## REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES

### Policy Committee:

The committee had a Second Reading on the following policies: No. 3410 Maintenance of Public Order on School Property; No. 3412 Conduct at School Activities and Events; No. 3510 Emergency Closings; No. 3520 Use of Automated External Defibrillators.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the above listed policies.

The committee had an Annual Review on the following policies: No. 5220 District Investments; No. 5412 Purchasing Procedures; No. 5421 Procurement of Goods & 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).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the above listed policies.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations: Ahold Financial/P.J. Bellew - \$1,799.37; Ahold Financial/Oquenock - \$752.75; Ahold Financial/Beach - \$1,557.03; Box Tops for Education/Beach - 793.50; Suffolk Association of Business Officials Scholarship 2015-2016/W. Islip HS - \$500.00; Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. Scholarship 2015-2016/W. Islip HS - \$2,000.00.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2014-2015 Health Services Contract for: Manhasset UFSD - \$985.18.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP 2015-2016 Engagement Letter.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Cullen & Danowski, LLP 2015-2016 Engagement Letter.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve The Omni Group Service Agreement for 2015-2016.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Special Education Contracts: ACLD Kramer Learning Center, Hillcrest Educational Center, Inc., Little Flower School District, Maryhaven Center for Hope, The Hagedorn Little Village School, Mountain Lake Academy and Access 7 Services, Inc.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve South Shore Children's Center of West Islip Amendment to Lease.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: ASK US Amendment to Lease.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Bridges Amendment to Lease.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: part-time status.

Mr. Gellar followed up with the audience regarding placing a gazebo on school grounds at the West Islip Library. Mr. Gellar visited the library grounds and determined there is not enough space for the gazebo without imposing on the athletic fields. Therefore, other locations should be considered, including the area in front of the Transportation building. Mr. Bosse, Director of Buildings and Grounds, will check that area for drainage issues and other concerns. Further discussion will take place at the August 26 Planning Session meeting.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Burns informed the audience that high school graduation went very well. The IB program had a 100% graduation rate and three students scored 37 out of 45 possible points, while typically the average score is 29-30. Mrs. Burns reminded the audience that the District Office is closed on Fridays through August 28.

## NOTICES/REMINDERS

Bob Ulrich thanked Mr. Bosse and Mrs. Burns for an amazing job regarding the Relay for Life event. \$77,000 was raised and a total of \$210,000 has been raised over the last three years.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, and seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m. on motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, and seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve a 1.62% salary increase for non-represented staff effective 7/1/2015. Upon retirement, confidential employees shall be permitted to accumulate up to 150 sick days, and convert to cash one hundred and thirty-five (135) unused accumulated sick days at a rate of \$150 per day, to a maximum payment of \$20,000.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, and seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 9:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich, and seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, and seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve a 1.62% salary increase for Wendy Duffy, effective 7/1/2015 and a salary of \$180,000 for Anne Rullan, effective 7/1/2015 with 100% optical coverage for both Wendy Duffy and Anne Rullan, effective 7/1/2015.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m. on a motion by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

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.