

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**December 14, 2017 –Beach Street Middle School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Brady, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Michaluk, Mr. O'Connor

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. followed by the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017 Planning Session Meeting.

RECOGNITION

Athletic

Girls Varsity Gymnastics ~ *Averie Alessi, Kimberly Arena, Emily McGrade, Delaney Rivera, Alyssa Woltmann*

Girls Varsity Tennis ~ *Lenna Paulsen*

Girls Varsity Soccer ~ *Morgan Iacono, Melissa Khoury, Lauryn Schmidt*

Boys Varsity Soccer ~ *Thomas Parson, Josh Young*

Girls Varsity Cross Country ~ *Klaire Klemens*

Boys Varsity Volleyball ~ *Anthony DiMino*

Varsity Football ~ *Anthony Giardina, Kyle Haff, Michael LaDonna, Timothy Mullane, Joseph Rota*

Varsity Field Hockey ~ *Hailey Hickey, Riley Wallace*

Varsity Boys Golf ~ *Joseph Tammaro*

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Celia Field, Special Education, effective November 27, 2017 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$115 per diem): Anna Maria Cipriano, effective December 15, 2017; Laura Dowsey, effective December 15, 2017.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2017-2018: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: National Junior Honor Society, Julia Cardo; Sets Designer, Justin DeMaio and Shane O'Neill (shared).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30/hour): Constance Papayani, effective November 29, 2017; Kristen Papillo, effective November 29, 2017; Tina-Marie Sarnicola, effective November 29, 2017.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$115 per diem): Rachel Brielmeier, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher; Allison Buser, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher; \*Theresa Cardello, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher; \*Talia Carrigan, March 5, 2018, student teacher; Amanda Gallagher, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher; Karissa Mooney, effective January 29, 2018, student teacher; \*Jenna Pessoni, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher; Oliver Rosales, effective December 15, 2017, Rianna Schwartz, effective January 18, 2018, student teacher.

Motion was made by Paul Michaluk, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem): Dawn Pizzuto, effective December 18, 2017.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Rachel Brielmeier, effective January 18, 2018; Allison Buser, effective January 18, 2018; \*Theresa Cardello, effective January 18, 2018; \*Talia Carrigan, March 5, 2018; Amanda Gallagher, effective January 18, 2018; \*Jenna Pessoni, effective January 18, 2018; Oliver Rosales, effective December 15, 2017; Rianna Schwartz, effective January 18, 2018.

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that on December 1, while elementary faculty and staff participated in parent-teacher conferences, Superintendent's Conference Day was held for middle school and high school faculty and staff. Workshops offered included Google Classroom, Google collaboration, Go Guardian, EdPuzzle, Research, HyperDocs, Apps and Extensions and SMART Learning Suite online.

On December 11, students at Udall Road interacted with the Google Expedition Augmented Reality (AR) Pioneer Program as part of a grant award. This program uses Google Tango technology to effectively scan and map the physical classroom and accurately project 3D models. Select teachers in all three grade levels participated in the Pioneer Program and viewed images from probability and phases of the moon to historic Pompeii and the human circulatory system.

Dr. Rullan shared a visit with kindergarten students engaged in creating their own masterpieces using circles and ovals and secondary colors after being inspired by the artist Mondrian, who used rectangles and primary colors to create his pieces.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Audit Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 11/28/17. The committee met with Ali Battaglia, partner with R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP to review the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2017. The financial statements reflect a positive position for the school district. The net expenses were under budget and improvements were made to the reserve accounts. Mrs. Duffy explained the savings in several areas of the 2016-2017 budget which included purchasing chromebooks for the English department instead of textbooks and renewing the copy machines lease through BOCES rather than with the vendor. There were also savings in service fees for liability insurance, legal fees, utilities, student related services and other expenses. The district also refinanced the 2005 serial bond for a savings of \$200,000 in debt costs. The final audit report reflects no material weaknesses in internal control and no new audit findings.

Finance Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 12/12/17. Items reviewed included the October treasurer's report; October Extra-Curricular; October payroll summary; October financial statements; claims audit report and November system manager audit report. Also reviewed were warrants, payroll certification forms, budget transfers and surplus of science textbooks for Beach St. and Udall Rd. Other items reviewed included contracts for Deer Park and South Huntington school districts and Mrs. Duffy reviewed the results of the Bond Refinancing bid.

Building and Grounds Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 12/12/17. BBS and School Construction Consultants provided a bond project update for Phases 1, 2a and 2b. The high school roof project was completed in one year instead of two, bleachers, pool liner, gym windows and high school generator were all replaced and window screens will be provided at the middle and elementary schools. The committee also discussed revised plans for the security vestibules at the elementary buildings. The Board will visit the middle schools and high school in the near future. Other items discussed were winter gym accessibility and the installation of an air conditioner in the Westbrook cafeteria, for which Divine Rhythms will pay all related costs.

Safety Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held 12/12/17. Mr. Brady informed the audience that the committee and administration are very passionate about the safety of students and staff. Items reviewed included protocols for rights to security cameras, additional camera coverage at the footbridges and other areas of concern as the budget allows, access to the district's fields and grounds during school hours, and completion of security vestibules for each of the buildings.

Mrs. LaRosa spoke about the five year anniversary of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School and the role of teachers as protectors of our children. Mrs. LaRosa would like the security vestibules for each of the buildings completed as quickly as possible. Mr. Gellar added that the four elementary schools should be done this summer but the district is at the mercy of the State Education Department for project approval.

Committee on Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 12/14/17. Items reviewed included CPSE/CSE recommendations and issues about which the committee needs to be aware.

Health and Wellness Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting held on 12/12/17. Items reviewed included the financial report, preparation of the newsletter addressing adolescent mental health, social media, vaping and "Screenagers" – creating awareness to the dangers of unrestricted use of digital devices. The next meeting will take place on January 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at P.J. Bellevue Elementary School.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for October was presented. Beginning balance as of 9/30/17: \$41,152,786.69; ending balance as of 10/31/17: \$28,265,050.26.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers 3439 – 3449.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following contract: 2017-2018 Deer Park UFSD/Health Services - \$4,755.70.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Paul Michaluk, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following contract: 2017-2018 South Huntington UFSD.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following surplus items: Science textbooks ~ Beach Street MS and Udall Road MS.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: destruction of unused and full ballot booklets.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WISE Memorandum of Agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns thanked the Chamber Orchestra for their performance in the Beach Street lobby prior to the Board meeting and encouraged all to attend the High School Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school.

Mrs. Burns also informed the audience that because of the good and charitable work of the Health and Wellness Alliance, West Islip is one of twenty schools nominated to participate in the Team Up 4 Community Service Challenge and has a chance to win a \$3,000 grant. Additional information is on the district website.

Mrs. Burns wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and new year.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

The following resident wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public":

Jake Maresca, 688 Pat Drive, West Islip - Jake Maresca spoke about the importance of robotics and a presentation he made at Zebra Technologies in Holtsville regarding robotics and the impact robotics has on students and the community. Jake and a student from the Huntington School District met with the CEO of Zebra Technologies; the West Islip and Huntington robotic teams will be organizing an event to encourage young women to work in the engineering field.

Mrs. Burns spoke about the importance of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) curriculum and the opportunities it provides to students beyond high school. Mrs. Burns also advised that the district is looking at high school space allocations so STEM classes have adequate room to operate.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:06 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution – Personnel Action Resolution – Employee "A".

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Paul Michaluk and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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