

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 10, 2016 – Beach Street Middle School

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

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 Planning Session.

RECOGNITION:

West Islip Varsity Kickline Team ~ *Kelly Olsen, Coach*

Antonia Abbatiello, Keriana Amico, Michelle Behyski, Danielle Corbett, Janette Delgado, Kristina DeMarco, Emily Dieli, Melodi Doganay, Alexandra Doherty, Lillian Dookram, Catherine Fries, Madeleine Gaffney, Gwyneth Harrell, Julia Harrell, Jenna Hofmann, Sabrina Keller, Alyson Lundie, Samantha Massmann, Palma Millet, Danielle Minieri, Julianna Moses, Patricia Mueller, Farrab Naja, Ainsley Nowakowski, Kathleen Polley, Alyson Roberts, Jennifer Romeo, Jillian Rudolph, Grace Schaefer, Rebecca Welborn, Emily White

West Islip Relay Team ~ *Anthony Yuli, Coach / James Dooley, Assistant Coach*

Daniel Cameron, Charles Hetterich, Kyle Kelly, Michael Martiny

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Lisa Braat, Mathematics, effective July 1, 2016 (33 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: William Eidenback, Music, effective July 1, 2016 (20 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Theresa Holland, Health, effective July 1, 2016 (33 years).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Vivian Hollinger, Elementary, effective July 1, 2016 (27 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Kathleen Macchione, Elementary, effective July 1, 2016 (31 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Robert Pitagno, Science, effective July 1, 2016 (28 years).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: John Simeone, Music, effective July 1, 2016 (31 years).

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: William Turri, Physical Education, effective July 1, 2016 (32 years).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Lynette Fawess, Music, effective March 7, 2016 (Beach/Udall).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Virginia Mullins, Counselor, effective March 7, 2016 - June 30, 2016 (High School).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Bridget Reilly, Special Education, effective September 4, 2015 (Bayview; Step 2⁴; replacing J. Kouroutis).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Lisa Zdenek, School Lunch Manager, effective March 31, 2016 (Districtwide).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Messina, Special Education Aide, effective March 14, 2016 (Beach; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2016 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: GIRLS LACROSSE: Stacy Piropto, Assistant J.V. Coach (replacing C. Lang {approved 2/11/2016}); Alyssa Costantino, Assistant J.V. Coach.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2016 SPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES:

BASEBALL

Kevin Osburn, 7-8 Udall Coach
John T. Denninger, 7-8 Beach Coach

SOFTBALL

Kim Michaluk, 7-8 Udall Coach
Frank Franzone, 7-8 Beach Coach

BOYS TRACK

Kevin Murphy, 7-8 Udall Coach
Vincent Luvera, 7-8 Beach Coach

GIRLS TRACK

Tara Annunziata, 7-8 Udall Coach
Lindsay Morgan, 7-8 Beach Coach

OTHER - continued

BOYS LACROSSE

Greg Schmalenberger, 7-8 Udall Coach
Dennis J. Coleman, Assistant Udall Coach
Robert Pitagno, 7-8 Beach Coach
Michael Delgado, Assistant Beach Coach

GIRLS LACROSSE

Sara Sangiorgio, 7-8 Udall Coach
Jessica Lynch, Assistant Udall Coach
Chelsea Reimer, 7-8 Beach Coach

BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING

Tanya Carbone, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach
Mindy Renner, Assistant Udall/Beach Coach

BOYS TENNIS:

JoAnne Orehosky, 7-8 Udall/Beach Coach

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Alexandria Keleher, effective March 11, 2016; Aarti Yadav, effective March 11, 2016.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that Superintendent Conference Day will take place on March 11, 2016 and will provide professional development opportunities for teachers and staff. Some of the topics to be addressed include Career and College Readiness, Response to Intervention, working with New Science Standards, Introduction to Coding, Developing a Research Guide and Multi-Sensory Reading. Teacher assistants and aides will attend a workshop "Supporting Students with Autism in Community Schools."

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Course Name Changes:

Astronomy 1 to Astronomy: Our Universe
Astronomy 2 to Astronomy: Our Solar System.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following New Course Proposals: Introduction to College Math; Italian 5 Advanced Placement; IB Italian HL1/HL2; IB Spanish HL1/HL2; Algebra II Common Core (Self-Contained).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Curriculum Writing Projects: Introduction to College Math; Algebra I Common Core (Self-Contained); Foundations {Mathematics}; Italian 5 Advanced Placement; IB Italian HL1/HL2; IB Spanish HL1/HL2.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/9/16. Items reviewed included January treasurer's report; January payroll summary; claims audit report, February system audit trail report, warrants and January's financial statements. 2015-2016 Health Service Contracts for Deer Park UFSD - \$4,486.15; Hicksville UFSD - \$647.74; Smithtown CSD- \$3,370.48 and Target donations for Beach Street - \$506.35; Paul J. Bellow - \$945.18; Oquenock \$1,158.14; Bayview - \$555.34 were also reviewed and Mrs. Duffy reviewed the results of the R.S. Abrams Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 3/9/16. The committee is in the process of reviewing and revising the Policy Manual. The committee reviewed policies #7410 through #7700, and policies related to students and staff use of technology.

School Board/Student Liaison Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meetings that took place on 3/1/2016{Beach Street} and 3/8/2016 {Udall}. Mr. O'Connor met with Andrew O'Farrell and the Beach Street Student Council and discussed the role of the School Board with the students. Students were very receptive and spoke about a ping pong tournament and other events they were anticipating.

Mr. O'Connor also met with the Udall Road Student Council and spoke about the capital bond project. The students were happy about improvements that will be made. The students discussed the food drive, toy drive, volleyball tournament and different charities that have benefited from fundraising events.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 3/10/16. The Grading Committee is reviewing grading practices and the Curriculum Review Committee discussed curriculum choices and various courses.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 3/9/16. Items discussed included finalizing a date for the Dzus Superfund Site Community Forum, bond projects, including an update on roof inspections and playground designs for Paul J. Bellew and Manetuck, Westbrook occupancy and completion of the turf scoreboard. Field containers were removed from Beach Street and the high school, Udall dry erase boards will be replaced during April break, Westbrook item disposal has been completed and security camera installation throughout the district is scheduled during the spring.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 3/9/16. Items discussed included CPSE/CSE recommendations for the month and policy review.

Health and Wellness Committee: Tim Horan reported on the meeting that took place on 3/2/2016. Items reviewed included the fifth and sixth grade volleyball tournament that took place on 3/5/16, social host signs to be distributed to local businesses in April and a "Steer Straight, Stay in Your Lane" presentation will take place on 3/14/16 at East Islip High School focusing on decision making regarding tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. The Health & Wellness newsletter is at the printer, a "Mindfulness" pilot program is being considered for the elementary level, the committee is exploring holding another "Shed the Meds" event in the fall, an "Ignorance is Not Bliss" parent awareness event is being held at Sayville Middle School and the committee discussed the recent DEC report about the Dzus factory. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Paul J. Bellew.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that took place on 3/8/2016. The code of conduct is being reviewed and changes will be finalized, including language addressing transgender students. The committee discussed having stronger communication between DASA and the Health and Wellness committees. The committee is considering adding a column to the district newsletter as well as a parent resource tab educating parents about drug awareness and other topics. Mrs. McVeety is developing a mediation group to facilitate resolving conflicts, and a Career and College Center was discussed.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for January was presented. Beginning balance as of 12/31/15: \$6,560,494.69; ending balance as of 1/31/16: \$47,835,538.05.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 budget transfers 3278-3279.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Health Service contracts for Deer Park UFSD - \$4,486.15; Hicksville UFSD - \$647.74; Smithtown CSD - \$3,370.48.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following Target donations: Beach Street - \$506.35; P.J. Bellew - \$945.18; Oquenock - \$1,158.14; Bayview \$555.34.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve surplus 20 foot storage container {WIHS} and 40 foot storage container {Beach Street}.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Single Audit Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The PAWS Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, March 18, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Captain Bill's. Honorees ~ Carrie Beth Russo (Education Award – District Social Worker) and Steve Gellar (Community Award – Board of Education President).

Mrs. Burns also spoke about The Council of School Superintendents conference she attended in Albany. Mrs. Burns attended many valuable workshops and MaryEllen Elia, Commissioner of Education, answered the many questions posed. Mrs. Burns and her colleagues also met with Senator Phil Boyle regarding myriad issues and the challenges faced by districts due to the tax levy cap.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Budget Worksessions ~ March 15, March 22 and April 5,
Beach Street Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

March 14 ~ Nominating Petitions for Board Trustee seats available at District Office until 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gellar read a letter from United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County thanking the district for the Vocal Motion performance at their school.

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Gellar spoke about how phenomenal the high school performance of *Guys and Dolls* was and thanked Mr. Kaufman for all his hard work. (*Editor's note: Mr. Kaufman was in attendance at the Board meeting.*)

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

Mr. John Barrett, 265 Oak Neck Lane, West Islip – Mr. Barrett, representing the High School Robotics Team, invited the Board and administration to the upcoming Robotics Regional Competition at Hofstra University on Friday, April 1, 2016 and Saturday, April 2, 2016.

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: William Martinez, Head Custodian, effective April 28, 2016.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Board of Education of the West Islip UFSD approves the Stipulation of Settlement in the Due Process Complaint, NYS Case ID No. 88938 and authorizes the Board of Education to sign Stipulation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mary Hock
District Clerk