

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 9, 2014 – High School**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ulrich, M. Zotto

**ABSENT:** Mr. Maginniss was absent from the Regular Board Meeting but did arrive at 8:55 p.m. and attended Executive Session

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ATTORNEY:** Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., followed by the pledge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 regular meeting.

RECOGNITION:

The following students were acknowledged in their respective sports for All County recognition:

Girls Varsity Gymnastics - *Hanna Battaglini, Lauren Coll, Caitlyn Leibman, Sydney Matone*  
Girls Varsity Soccer - *Nicole Crofton, Erin Tyrie, Shannon Walter*  
Girls Varsity Cross Country - *Brooke Catalano*  
Boys Varsity Cross Country - *Kyle Kelly, Craig Nelson, Scott Nelson*  
Boys Varsity Volleyball - *Joseph Ragusa*  
Girls Varsity Tennis - *Kristin Hazelton, Madeline Ulrich*  
Varsity Football - *Sam Ilario, Matthew McKeon, Kyle Ziegler*  
Varsity Field Hockey - *Kiera Kelly, Martina Tinnirello*  
Honorable Mention Varsity Field Hockey - *Justine DeLuca, Olivia Kelly*

The following students were recognized for Music:

*Alexa Abbatiello, Charles Allegretto, John Berdolt, Alexandra Brewer, Jake Brodmerkel, Anna Byington, Tristan Cadiz, Carol Chen, Joseph Delligatti, Nicole Delligatti, Alexandra DelOrfano, Robert Esposito, Julia Fetter, Gregory Florio, Alyssa Frazier, Natalie Frazier, Lindsey Gellar, Michael Giambrone, Sean Gordon, Blakely Grunenberg, Dylan Hornik, Samuel Hudson, Hannah Kim, James Khoury, Matthew Mastroianni, Edward Matin, Joseph Melia, Sara Mercurio, Zachary Mike, Sarina Morakkabi, Alexander Moy, Nicole Moy, Ryan O'Shea, Victoria Panagos, Gina Parisi, Joseph Randazzo, Casey Read, Kevin Riegel, Edward Ryan, Alyssa Shipman, Kyle Small, Kylie Walsh, Katherine Weintz, Daniel Welborn*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective January 10, 2014: Lori Suprenant, Reading.

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 APPOINTMENT: Amanda Joyce, Special Education, effective September 3, 2013 (High School; Step 14; replacing Kimberly Peters).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE (paid): Anne-Marie Dunn, effective January 6, 2014 (High School).

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: Bernard Maxwell, Custodial Worker I, effective January 10, 2014 (building to be determined; Step 1; replacing J. Mangone {retired}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR: HIGH SCHOOL: James Farnworth, Creativity Action Service; MUSIC: David Kaufman, Jazz Lab; UDALL: Timothy Van Wyen, Sets Director (replacing Gregory Ziems {approved at the October 10, 2013 BOE meeting}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): \*Jessica Pozankowski, effective January 22, 2014, *student teacher*, \*Jillian Rutigliano, effective March 17, 2014, *student teacher*.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Carrie Stern, effective May 1, 2014.

CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan discussed ongoing professional development as it relates to the NYSUT rubric and new K-5 report cards. The Professional Development Committee has almost completed its task of gathering information to design a professional development plan to meet the needs of the district.

Dr. Rullan wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the students receiving recognition for their athletic and music accomplishments.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 1/7/14. Items reviewed included the November treasurer's report, extra-curricular report, payroll summary, internal claims audit report and system manager audit trail. Warrants, November financial statements, budget transfers, special education contracts for Deer Park and South Huntington school districts, along with the health service contract for the Jericho School District, were also reviewed. Wendy Duffy informed the committee that STAR aid in the amount of \$9,808,983.00 was received in January.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 1/9/14. Items reviewed included professional development, the current report cards, kindergarten screening and new graduation requirements for some high school students with disabilities; this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance

Buildings and Grounds: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting that was held on 1/7/14. Items reviewed included National Grid tenants leaving Kirdahy, Winkler Realty leasing additional space, boiler leak at Oquenock and district fire inspections.

Safety and Security Committee: Scott Brady reported on the meeting that was held on 1/7/14. Security at the high school main entrance successfully eliminated the need for a vestibule at this time. Other items reviewed were budget considerations, additional card access for doors, radios, security cameras and building emergency and evacuation plans.

Committee on Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that was held on 1/8/14. CSE and CPSE recommendations and placements as well as budget issues were discussed.

#### FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for November was presented. Beginning balance as of October 31, 2013 - \$21,305,187.27 ending balance as of November 30, 2013 - \$11,529,931.66.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2013-2014 Budget Transfers 3117 – 3118.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 special education contract for South Huntington UFSD and the 2012-2013 special education contract for the Deer Park UFSD.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 2013-2014 health services contract for Jericho UFSD for one student @\$952.34.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve accepting out-of-district student; 1 student @ \$7,260 ~ January 6, 2014 through June 27, 2014.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Gellar informed the audience that the contract with Winkler Real Estate will be extended one year and all the terms will remain the same. Winkler Real Estate is seeking additional occupants to fill the National Grid vacancy.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve amendment to contract with Winkler Real Estate.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Burns announced that there will be an All District Concert at the High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. It is a terrific event and encouraged all to attend. There is also a Blood Drive at Beach Street Middle School on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 2:45 p.m. There is a chance to win a pair of Super Bowl tickets for each pint of blood donated.

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

Doreen Hantzschel, 1129 Jefferson Avenue, West Islip, NY - Mrs. Hantzschel had several concerns regarding the new elementary report cards: some of the assessment indicators are confusing to students, report cards were received in home two days before Christmas. Mrs. Hantzschel also stated the district should adopt a reading program that targets decoding skills. Dr. Rullan will follow up with Mrs. Hantzschel. Mrs. Burns explained that the report cards were sent late due to a technical glitch.

Valerie Rivera, 408 Myrtle Avenue, West Islip, NY - Mrs. Rivera expressed how pleased she was with the district's parent portal and finds it to be very helpful. Mrs. Rivera inquired about the 2014-2015 school calendar and asked when it would be available. Mrs. Burns explained that the District recently received the testing schedules from SED, so the process of developing a calendar for next year will begin.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Mike Zotto and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:00 p.m. on motion by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. on a motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady 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.