

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 13, 2012 – High School

PRESENT: Mr. Brady, Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich and Mr. Zotto

ABSENT: NONE

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy and Mr. Simon

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM, followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the November 15th, 2012 Regular Meeting and November 27, 2012 Planning Session.

The following students were recognized as recipients of Citizenship Awards – Semester 1

SEPTEMBER: Elementary – Ronan Clarke, Middle School – Thomas Marino, High School – Stephanie Rakiec. OCTOBER: Elementary – Jake Volovar, Middle School – Chris Kurtz, High School – Jake Ulrich. NOVEMBER: Elementary – Caitlin DeRosa, Alexandria Gallagher, Adrianna Gross, Emily Hayden, Christina Hayden, Jaimey Hill, Olivia Kolman, Healthier Lipari, Gabrielle Menken, Skylar Zimmerly, Gabriella Cetero. Middle School – Michael Nastasi, High School – Matthew Carusillo, Thomas Carusillo, Scott Nelson, Craig Nelson.

A Power Point Presentation on the Masera Parking Lot – Field Improvement Project with West Islip School District and Atlantic Auto Group was presented by Steve Gellar and will be posted on the school district website shortly.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: TENURE APPOINTMENT: Timothy Horan, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health & Recreation, effective January 1, 2013.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Linda Canonico, Elementary, effective December 3, 2012, Michelle Falco, Guidance, effective January 2, 2013.

Motion was made by George Smith, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Donamarie Belford, Special Education, effective January 1, 2013.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERK TYPIST: Diane Schollosser, effective December 14, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE: Maribeth Siskind, effective November 27, 2012, Amanda Williams, effective November 15, 2012.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2012-2013 HIGH SCHOOL WINTER COACHES: BOYS WINTER TRACK: James Dooley, Interim Varsity Coach, Michael Distefano, Interim Assistant Varsity Coach. WRESTLING: John Ferrara, Interim J.V. Coach.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve: OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Shane O'Neill, Drama Director, Justin DeMaio, Drama Director.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve: OTHER: HOME INSTRUCTION: Barry Martinek, effective October 12, 2012.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Mike Zotto, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Leanne Bartley, effective December 14, 2012, Michelle Brendli, effective December 14, 2012, Lauren Brown, effective December 14, 2012, Nicole Caggiano, effective December 14, 2012, Madelyn Canestro, effective December 14, 2012, Cristina Cutrone, effective December 14, 2012, Jenna Evarts, effective December 14, 2012, Heather Geoghan, effective December 14, 2012, Rachel Guerrero, effective December 14, 2012, Kristrin Macukas, effective December 14, 2012, Sarah Malloy, effective December 14, 2012, Kelly Marmo, effective December 14, 2012, Caitlin Morrell, effective December 14, 2012, Amanda Nocella, effective December 14, 2012, Beth Pessa, effective December 14, 2012, Loretta Radford, effective December 14, 2012, Kaitlin Rieu-Sicart, effective December 14, 2012, Donald Schaaf, effective December 14, 2012, Casey Smyth, effective December 14, 2012, John Verbeke, effective December 14, 2012, Caroline Weber effective December 14, 2012.

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Bernadette Burns informed the audience that professional development for teachers continues, with Social Studies and primary and middle school teachers attending workshops geared to the Common Core State Standards. She also spoke about changes at the Commencement Level to diploma requirements.

## REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance: George Smith discussed the topics addressed at the meeting that was held of 12/11/12 where the treasurer's report, payroll summary report, financial statements for the month of June and October, internal claims audit report, warrants, system manager audit trail, budget transfers, special education and health service contracts were discussed. A state aid analysis was also reviewed as well as there was discussion regarding the restrictions of refinancing the district's serial bonds.

Audit Committee: Bob Ulrich discussed the topics addressed at the meeting that was held 11/27/12 where our internal auditors discussed the Risk Assessment Update Report and Agreed Upon Procedure Report of Payroll Functions. The Risk Assessment Report noted that 17 items were closed from the prior year's report. Both reports will be available on the District website. Our internal auditors, Cullen & Danowski, will be reviewing the school lunch program in 2013.

Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting of 12/13/12 where professional development of teachers and changes to diploma requirements were discussed.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting that was held on 12/11/12. Some of the topics discussed and reviewed were bond construction projects, athletic storage buildings and the closeout of summer work. He also informed the audience that the natural gas conversion for the High School would be done in two-three weeks. This conversion will save the district \$277,000.00. Other matters discussed were cell phones instead of handheld radios, custodian inspections, High School locker rooms, storm tree branch disposal, Beach St. Middle School fence repair and High School floor machine repair. A LIPA rebate was received for \$50,400.00, the National Grid rebate to be determined and all pending insurance claims were approved.

Legislative Action Committee: – Scott Brady discussed the topics addressed during the meeting that was held on 11/20/12. District state aid, APPR, letter writing to meet with legislators was all discussed. A multi-district approach to discuss what issues to attack will be taken and a meeting will be held in January.

Special Education Committee: Annmarie LaRosa and Jeanne Dowling met at Oquenock on 12/12/12 to discuss new and existing IEP and preschool placements.

The Treasurer's Report for October 2012 was presented. Beginning balance as of July 30, 2012 \$ 29,676,445.26, ending balance as of October 31, 2012 \$19,577,978.80.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers numbered 3047 to 3053 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve: Eastern Suffolk BOCES Leasehold Space Agreement.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contracts for the 2012-2013 school year with Commack Union Free School District and Developmental Disabilities Institute.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve: Health Service Contract with East Islip UFSD.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Gellar wished everyone Happy Holidays.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Simon informed the audience that the Board has approved the plan to have school in session on Tuesday, 2/19/13 through Friday, 2/22/13. The reason for this is to ensure that all students receive the instruction and preparation needed for assessments in the spring. He assured the public that the schools will be appropriately staffed and regular instruction will take place. Mr. Simon also advised the audience that APPR has been formally approved by New York State and will be on the website shortly. Mr. Simon recommended Option B regarding the 2013-2014 Student-Teacher Calendar that was previously discussed at the 11/15/12 board meeting. This calendar will have school start on 9/3/13 and end on 6/20/14. The teachers will attend Superintendent Conference Day on 8/28/13 and 8/29/13. The Christmas/Chanukah recess will be 12/23/13 to 1/1/14. Spring break will be five days 4/14/14 to 4/18/14. Tuesday, 11/5/13, Election Day, will be a third Superintendent Conference Day to address APPR and Common Core. Mr. Simon announced December as the month of music in the district and complimented the students, parents and music teachers for all their efforts on behalf of the district. The West Islip Chorus will perform at United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau Children's Learning Center on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Lionheart Foundation continues to reach out to families in need and plays a leading role in obtaining district assistance. They are a vital part of the community and raised over \$40,000.00 since Hurricane Sandy. On Saturday, 12/15 the Lion Lights will support neighbors in the community who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. On 2/2/13 Lionheart will have a fundraiser at the Nutty Irishman in Bay Shore. Mr. Simon thanked John Mullins for all his efforts coordinating the many Lionheart events. Mr. Simon wished everyone Happy Holidays and wished a better year for all those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Motion was made by Mike Zotto, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adopt the 2013-14 Student-Teacher Calendar.

#### NOTICES/REMINDERS:

Annmarie LaRosa thanked all those who helped with the Lion Lights. Over 5,000 candles were made to remember those people affected by Hurricane Sandy. High School students put together the packages and WITA donated \$10,000.00 to The Lionheart Foundation.

The following residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public" – Gary Koffsky and Doreen Hantzschel. Subjects of concern can be found in the Public Participation Log.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:19 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:45 PM on motion by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by George Smith, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the West Islip Secretarial Employees Settlement Agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 PM on a motion by Mike Zotto, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Scott Brady and seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Super-Executive Session at 10:48 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 PM on motion by George Smith and seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Mary Hock*

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District Clerk

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