

REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 2, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Compitello, Mrs. LaRosa,
Mr. McCann, Mr. Michaluk

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. immediately followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL - None

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Mrs. Morrison advised that the district's Continuity of Instruction Plan started today. The plan includes the introduction of new coursework as well as opportunities for students to interact with their teachers. A guidance document for students and parents outlining the plan was posted on the district website on Monday. Mrs. Morrison thanked the district's administrators for their leadership throughout these unprecedented times and thanked all the teachers for their dedicated efforts in supporting their students.

Mrs. Morrison also spoke about the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which requires the New York State Education Department to post the Participation Rate Status Report for all school districts. Manetuck and Oquenock elementary schools and Beach Street Middle School were identified with participation rates in the bottom 10%. Bayview and Paul J. Bellew elementary schools and Udall Middle School were flagged and are in jeopardy of being on the list for the 2020-2021 school year. For the 2020-2021 school year we will work as a District to re-engage our students with the assessment process.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/31/2020. Items reviewed included the February treasurer's report; March payroll summary; February financial statements; March system manager audit report. Other items reviewed were payroll certification forms, donation, health service contracts, approval of request for proposal for Cullen & Danowski, LLP, bid extensions, affordable care act administration agreement, and a change order. Mrs. Pellati advised the committee that the district began serving grab-and-go lunches and breakfasts on Monday, March 30 and fed 60 children. The district also fed 81 and 69 students on Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1, respectively. The committee asked about lost revenue due to the pandemic and the status of the district's state aid. Mrs. Pellati advised that more information will be forthcoming in the next few days.

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Paul Michaluk reported on the meeting held on 3/31/2020. Mr. Bosse discussed the actions taken due to the closure of all school buildings. Each day a custodian performs a building check to ensure all mechanical systems are performing correctly, other tasks such as payroll are addressed, and mail is picked up and delivered twice a week. Mr. Bosse gave a bond update regarding Phase 4B and Phase 5. All Phase 4B work has been preapproved and Phase 5 will be going out to bid on April 14, 2020. Mr. Bosse advised there may be a delay in the start of some projects due to the Executive Orders relating to Covid-19, and the limitations as to the type of construction work that can be done, so some projects may be delayed. Other items discussed included proposals from Johnson Controls and Noresco for the PV solar project.

Mr. Bosse will be contacting Noresco with questions about how contingencies will be handled. Other items reviewed included an extension that was submitted by the district and accepted by NYSED for fire code compliance inspections and the donation of a tent by VJ Entertainment that was set up at the high school to distribute meals to eligible families in accordance with recent Executive Orders.

Mr. Gellar responded to Mr. Maginniss about the state budget and if the Foundation Aid is to remain constant for all districts from last year with gaps coming from federal money to help fight Covid-19. Mr. Gellar spoke about potential issues because the governor has authority to make changes to the state aid. Mrs. Burns advised that she had a conference call with NYSCOSS and Superintendents and the group was advised not to move forward with budget adoption until updated aid numbers are posted on or about May 1.

Special Education Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held on 4/1/2020. Items reviewed included special education services; annual reviews are taking place virtually throughout the district.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 4/2/2020. Items reviewed included Phase 2 of the Continuity of Instruction Plan and a guidance document outlining the plan that was posted to the district website. The NYSED Participation Rate Status Report, as required by the State approved Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was discussed. Manetuck and Oquenock elementary schools and Beach Street Middle School have been identified as having participation rates in the bottom 10% of the state. Building principals will be required to create a Participation Rate Improvement Plan to increase testing participation rates for the 2020-2021 school year. Bayview and Paul J. Bellew elementary schools and Udall Road Middle School have been flagged and are in jeopardy of being on the list next year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The treasurer's report for February was presented. Beginning balance as of 2/1/2020: \$61,287,196.37; ending balance as of 2/29/2020: \$54,509,277.12.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 General Fund budget transfers 3828-3831 and 2019-2020 Capital Fund budget transfers 3829-3833.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution/donation: Bridgeport Milling – WIHS Technology Department – from CPI Aerostructures, Inc. - \$4,000 value.

DONATIONS:

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of a Bridgeport Manual Milling Machine valued at \$4,000.00 from CPI Aerostructures, Inc., which has been donated to the West Islip High School for use in the Engineering Technology Department.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2019-2020 Health Services Contracts: Bay Shore UFSD ~ \$20,197.32; Deer Park UFSD ~ \$2,794.50.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Request for Proposal #2000 - Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2020-2021 bid extensions: #1904 Advantage Music; #1905 Best Climate Control Corp.; #1906 Commercial Instrumentation Service; #1907 Ideal Fence Corp.; #1807 Riddell All American.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2020-2021 Affordable Care Act Administration Agreement 2020-2021.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order LoDuca Associates, Inc. – West Islip High School - \$27,281.45.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Compact for Learning Plan.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns advised that an e-mail was sent out to the community regarding the expectations for instruction and learning next week. The district will provide flexibility to all students due to various religious obligations throughout the week. Mrs. Burns thanked Mrs. Morrison for all her hard work coordinating the distance learning program with the administrators and teachers on behalf of students.

The Budget Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 will be rescheduled once the district receives an updated timeline for the budget vote and trustee elections from the state.

Mrs. Burns reminded everyone to complete the census.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa, and carried when all Board members present voted in five in favor, Tom Compitello was opposed and Peter McCann abstained from voting, to approve Wayne DiMarzo as Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator effective April 13, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m. on motion by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa 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.