

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 6, 2022 – Beach Street Middle School**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Tussie, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Compitello, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. McCann

**ABSENT:** Mr. Antonello, Mrs. Kelly

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Dr. Romanelli, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati, Mr. Taylor

**ABSENT:** None

**ATTORNEY:** Mr. Volz

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Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Tussie announced that the Board of Education fully supports proposed legislation Senate Bill S.1388/A939. This legislation targets overburdened homeowners who are responsible for more than 50% of the tax levy in their district.

Dezy Strong Foundation Volleyball fundraiser Friday, October 7 - Varsity game at 4:30 p.m. and JV game to follow.

The Halloween Parade will be back this year.

The West Islip School District would like to acknowledge World Dyslexia Day on Friday, October 14, 2022 by encouraging students and staff to wear red to school.

Mr. Tussie thanked Tim Horan for the Football Jerseys worn by the administrators and board members at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Planning Session.

**RECOGNITION:** School Board Recognition Week ~ *West Islip Board of Education*

**PERSONNEL**

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 10/6/22 Personnel Agenda as listed below:

**TEACHERS**

**T-1**

**RESIGNATION**

Janine Lalia, Family and Consumer Science  
Effective October 22, 2022  
(Beach and West Islip High School)

**CIVIL**  
**SERVICE**

**CL-1**

**RESIGNATION**

**CIVIL  
SERVICE,  
continued**

Elizabeth Hammels, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective September 28, 2022  
(Paul J. Bellew)

Jeanette Lynch, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective September 22, 2022  
(High School)

**CL-2**

**CHANGE IN TITLE**

Kimberly Richichi, Library Aide  
Effective October 7, 2022  
(High School; Step 4; change from Cafeteria Aide)

**CL-3**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

Laura Doyle, Part-Time Food Service Worker  
Effective October 7, 2022  
(Paul J. Bellew; \$15.90/hr; replacing Elizabeth Hammels {Custodial Worker I})

\*Robert Kelly, Bus Driver  
Effective October 24, 2022  
(Transportation; \$27.18/hr ; new position)

**CL-4**

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN** (\$15.00/hr)

Mitchell Palminteri, effective October 7, 2022

**CL-5**

**LEAD NURSE** (\$2,000 stipend)

Sharon Kerrigan, effective October 7, 2022

*\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

**OTHER**

**Creation of Position**

*Be it resolved, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective September 15, 2022, a stipend position in the West Islip Public School District be created in the Athletic Coaching area (1 Special Education Athlete Assistant) of classification.*

**ATHLETE ASSISTANT**

Noreen Matthews, effective September 15, 2022

**PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** (\$150 per diem)

Kristen Bergin, Bayview Elementary School  
Effective October 7, 2022 through June 23, 2023

Isabella Lumley, Oquenock Elementary School  
Effective October 7, 2022 through June 23, 2023

Jacquelyn Manely, Manetuck Elementary School  
Effective October 7, 2022 through June 23, 2023

Keith Warns, Udall Middle School

Effective October 7, 2022 through June 23, 2023

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** (\$130 per diem)

Diane Burkhardt, effective October 7, 2022  
Thomas Col, effective October 7, 2022  
Samantha Ehmann, effective October 7, 2022  
\*Austin Henningsen, effective October 7, 2022  
Meghan Lyons, effective October 7, 2022  
Ryan McMullen, effective October 7, 2022  
Maximiliano Navarro, effective October 7, 2022  
\*Kaitlin Norton, effective October 7, 2022

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

April Virga, effective September 28, 2022, leave replacement (\$279.94 per diem)  
Sierra Koehler, effective September 28, 2022, leave replacement (\$253.28 per diem)

**Creation of Club**

***Be it resolved,** that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, effective October 7, 2022, a stipend position in the West Islip Public School District be created in the Middle School and High School Club Area (1 DIY Club at Beach Street Middle School, 1 Wellness Club at Udall Road and 1 Math Honor Society at the High School and 1 BNL STEM coders at the High School) of classification.*

*\*Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2022-2023**

**BAYVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Art Club, Sophia Stokkeland  
Arts and Crafts Club, Jaymee Gagliardi  
Board Game Club, Denise Campasano  
Drama Club, Justin DeMaio  
Math Club, Scott Key  
Teaching Mindfulness to Kids Club, Debra Magee  
Ukulele Club, Victoria Kavitt

**BEACH STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Art Club, Jill Culver  
Costume Director, Maura Maynard  
Diversity Club, Carly Racanelli  
Drama Director, Justin DeMaio  
Drama Director, Shane O'Neill  
Executive Club, Amy Wheeler  
Helping Hands, Kathleen Crowley  
Homework Club Grade 6, Theresa Robertson  
Innovation Club, Danielle Rufrano  
Makerspace Club, Andrea Miller  
Mathletes Grade 7, Christopher Salerno  
Mathletes Grade 8, Jeannine Conaghan  
Mindfulness Club, Kathleen Crowley  
Musical Director, Justin DeMaio  
National Junior Honor Society, Theresa Robertson and Christopher Scharf (shared)

Newspaper, Danielle Rufrano  
Peer Tutoring Grade 6, Christopher Scharf  
Peer Tutoring Grade 7 & 8, Kathleen Crowley  
Photography, Wendy Loddigs  
School Store, John Lavery and Christopher Salerno (shared)  
Science Olympiad 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Andrea Miller  
Science Olympiad 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Andrea Miller  
Set Director, Shane O'Neill  
STEM/Technology Club, Ashley Pope  
Strategic Games & Activities Club, John Kennedy  
Student Council, Camille Persico and Lisa Cosgrove  
Video Production Club, Lisa Cosgrove  
World Cultures Club, Theresa Robertson  
Yearbook, Theresa Robertson

### DISTRICTWIDE

Director, Chamber Orchestra, Beach, Vincent Melia  
Director, Chamber Orchestra, Udall, Lynnette Fawess  
Combined Band , David Kaufman  
Combined Chorus, Melissa Senatore  
Combined Orchestra, Ryan Jensen  
Director, Jazz Band, Beach, Stephen Smith  
Director, Jazz Band, Udall, LuAnn Peskanov  
Director, Jazz Ensemble, James Kraiss  
Director, Jazz Lab, David Kaufman  
Director, Marching/Pep Band, James Kraiss and Victoria Kavitt {shared}

### HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Decathlon, Brainstormers, Kevin Murphy  
Academic Decathlon, Jr. Brainstormers, Noreen Matthews  
Art Club, Linda Marino  
Audio-Visual Club Director, Ronald Weber  
Band Music, David Kaufman  
Chamber Singers, Melissa Senatore  
Chess Club, Christine Maniscalco  
Coordinator, One Act Plays, Elaine Longo  
Costume Director, All Productions, Elaine Longo  
Creativity Action Service, Edward Jablonski and Virginia Scudder (shared)  
Director Flag Team, Victoria Kavitt  
Director Musical Play, Ryan Jensen  
Director Senior Play, Elaine Longo  
Distributive Education Club of America, Diana Saadat  
Drama Coordinator, Melissa Senatore  
Environmental Club, Brian Haldenwang  
Extra-Curricular Treasurer, Kelly Sepe  
Freshman Class Advisor, Dara Depouli and Alexandra Ragin  
Future Business Leaders Club, Monica Krawczyk and Joanne Macrelli (shared)  
Gay-Straight Alliance, John Koroneos  
Junior Class Advisor, Tara Annunziata and Alissa Nanda  
Literary Magazine, David Gershfeld  
Mathletes Sr. High, James Como and Nancy Yost  
Mathletes Jr. High, Craig Michel  
Mindfulness Club, Meghan Schou  
Mock Trial, Edward Jablonski

**OTHER,**  
**continued**

Music Director, Musical Production, Melissa Sentaore  
National Art Honor Society, Richard Santeramo  
National English Honor Society, Tina Schaefer  
National Honor Society, Dina Barone and Beth Crimi (shared)  
New York State Business and Marketing Honor Society, Joanne Macrelli and Patricia Stack  
Newspaper, Heather Enright and Christine Maniscalco (shared)  
Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook, Heather Enright and Christine Maniscalco (shared)  
Pit Director, Musical, David Kaufman  
S.A.D.D., Brittany Probst  
School Store, Diana Saadat  
Science Honor Society, Kathleen Scrivani  
Science Olympiad, Jessica Alvarez and Linda Tong (shared)  
Senior Class Advisor, Diana Saadat and Shawn Wallace

**CLUBS/ADVISORS 2022-2023**

**HIGH SCHOOL, continued**

Sets Director (All Productions), Michael Taranto  
Sophomore Class Advisor, Stephany Camacho and Brittany DiLuciano  
Student Senate, Edward Jablonski and David Moglia  
Thirst Project Club, Kristie Ferruzzi  
Tri-M Music Honor Society, Ryan Jensen  
World Language Honor Society, Stephany Camacho and Brittany DiLuciano (shared)  
Yearbook, Christine Maniscalco and Savannah Rinne (shared)

**UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Activities Grade 6, Thomas Mac Loudon  
Activities Grade 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens  
Art Club, Gregory Ziems  
Backyard Games, Brian Cameron  
Be Yourself Club, Dawn Morgan  
Beautification Club, Suzanne O'Connor  
Chess and Game Club, Thomas Mac Loudon  
Costume Design Director, Shane O'Neill  
Current Events, Deborah Pulitano  
Drama Director, Justin DeMaio  
Health Club, Tricia Mileti  
Homework Club Grade 6, Amy Harvey  
Homework Club Grade 7 & 8, Lawrence Sciarrino  
Mathletes Grade 7 & 8, Lawrence Sciarrino  
Mindfulness Club, Melissa Morales  
Musical Director, Justin DeMaio  
National Junior Honor Society, Danielle Dischley  
Peer Tutoring, Kathryn Waters  
School Store, Denise LaMattina  
Science Olympiads Grade 6, 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens  
Set Design, Justin DeMaio & Shane O'Neill {shared}  
STEAM Club, Nicole Costa  
Student Council Grade 6, Thomas Mac Loudon  
Student Council Grade 7 & 8, Kristine Hagens  
Study Skills 6, 7 & 8, Janet Renganeschi  
Yearbook, Amy Harvey  
Yearbook/Newspaper Photographer, Michael Taranto  
Yoga Club, Kristen Finnegan

**OTHER,**  
continued

**EARLY WINTER 2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES**

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

Tara Annunziata, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Kaitlin Palmieri, 7-8 Beach Coach

**EARLY WINTER 2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES, continued**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Christopher Salerno, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Scott Mattera, 7-8 Beach Coach

**CHEERLEADING**

Marissa McAllister, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Marissa McCandless, 7-8 Beach Coach

**WINTER 2022-2023 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach  
Kristen Doherty, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Charles (Kevin) Osburn, J.V. Coach

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Thomas Cross, Varsity Coach  
Richard Zeitler, Assistant Varsity Coach  
John T. Denninger, J.V. Coach

**WRESTLING**

Nicholas LaGiglia, Varsity Coach  
John Ferrara, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Paul Vasaturo, J.V. Coach  
Robert Ulrich, Varsity and J.V. Volunteer Coach

**BOYS SWIMMING**

Thomas Loudon, Varsity Coach  
Edward Jablonski, Assistant Varsity Coach

**BOYS BOWLING**

Frank Rapczyk, Varsity Coach

**GIRLS BOWLING**

Frank Franzone, Varsity Coach

**BOYS WINTER TRACK**

Vincent Melia, Varsity Coach  
Matthew Sullivan, Assistant Varsity Coach

**GIRLS WINTER TRACK**

Michelle Studley, Varsity Coach  
Gregory Ziems, Assistant Varsity Coach

**KICKLINE**

Jessica Cichy, Varsity Coach

**OTHER,**  
continued

**WINTER 2022-2023 HIGH SCHOOL COACHES, continued**

**CHEERLEADING**

Dina Barone, Varsity Coach  
Lauren Brady, Assistant Varsity Coach  
Jillian Bohnaker, J.V. Coach  
Jennifer Basile, Assistant J.V. Coach

**LATE WINTER 2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES**

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Christopher Salerno, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Patrick Tunstead, 7-8 Beach Coach

**WRESTLING**

Thomas Longobardi, 7-8 Udall Coach

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Daniel Sliwowski, 7-8 Udall Coach  
Scott Mattera, 7-8 Beach Coach

**INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM & FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMS 2022-2023**

Lifeguard \$15 per hour

Brian Branigan	Luis Kinney	Nicholas Nuzzi
Katie Callaghan	Gabby Martorella	Kaylah Thompson
Katie Clark	Micahel Nuzzi	Andriyana Vaskiv

**CURRICULUM**

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that the district continues to roll out standards based reading at the elementary level and professional development will continue to be provided for teachers. Superintendent Conference Day will take place on 11/8 and will focus on various content areas and student assessments. There are 2 remaining Parent Academies that will take place on 10/17 and 11/15 at Paul J. Bellew in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Morrison advised that she has received requests for virtual parent academies and will be looking into scheduling them shortly.

Mrs. Morrison also spoke about Superintendent Conference Day content which would include standards based reading, student assessment and world re-known author, George Clorus, will be speaking. Mrs. Morrison advised that the district continues to prepare for the curriculum review process to establish goals, timelines, evaluation tools and the documents that will be utilized. K-8 students finished benchmarking to determine if students need additional support and the results will be available to parents on 10/17 via the student portal. Information will be going home on 10/13 to parents regarding accessing the portal.

Mrs. Brown spoke about October being Dyslexia Awareness month and raising awareness.

Health and Wellness Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 9/20/2022. Items reviewed included mission statement, overview of past health and wellness initiatives, financial report, Spring into Wellness event from May 2022, Color Run 10/16/22, family connect schedule, senior scholarships, 2022 community survey, newsletter, inspirational/motivational posters and annual staff Breast Cancer Awareness Day – October 21, 2022.

Safety & Security Committee: Tom Compitello reported on the meeting held on 9/20/2022. Items reviewed included technology updates on blue lights, cameras/servers and scholarship. Other items reviewed included classroom locks, Lion's Path speed bumps, district-wide signs, Barberry gate schedule, safety and security updates regarding armed guards, school safety supplies, SCPD-School Resource officer and District Emergency Response Plans.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Peter McCann spoke about the items that will be discussed at the meeting to be held on 10/18/22. Items that will be reviewed are quotes on air conditioning for classrooms, air conditioning in the cafeterias are up and running and solar panels are all functioning except for high school they are awaiting parts. A discussion regarding the three options on the Masera property will take place on Tuesday, 10/18/22, at 7:00 p.m. at Beach Street prior to the Planning Session meeting,

Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting held 10/3/22. Items reviewed included Curricular updates from Mrs. Lauren Lay, Director of 6-12 English, ENL (K-12) & LMC (K-12), Dr. James Grover, Director of Math, Business and FACS and Ms. Elyse Patti, Lead Teacher - World Languages. Other items discussed were draft of updated professional development plan and Superintendent's Conference Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 10/3/22. Items reviewed included the June, July and August extra-curricular, July payroll summary, internal claims report, September system manager audit report, payroll certification forms, and surplus. Mrs. Pellati advised that the auditors, R.S. Abrams, are finalizing their audit of the 2021-2022 school year and discussed the proposed legislation S.1388 regarding property tax relief for residents.

Special Education Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting that took place on 10/4/22. Items discussed included upcoming visits to special education classes by school board members and student placements.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2022-2023 General Fund budget transfer 4240-4245 and 2022-2023 Capital Fund budget transfer 4242.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus – Two-door Reach-in-Freezer - Bayview Elementary.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve WITA Memorandum of Agreement re: salary schedule placement of leave replacements.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: State Environmental Quality Review Act ~ SEQRA Resolution ~ construct of new security vestibule at administrative entrance at Beach Street Middle School.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: "That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the West Islip Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:"

### **SEQRA RESOLUTION**

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities as set forth herein and as listed in the working budget: (1) construction of a new security vestibule at the administration entrance located at the Beach Street Middle School; (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project"); and*

*WHEREAS, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and*

***WHEREAS**, construction or expansion of a primary or accessory/appurtenant, nonresidential structure or facility involving less than 4,000 square feet of gross floor area and not involving a change in zoning or a use variance and consistent with local land use controls, but not radio communication or microwave transmission facilities are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQOR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(9)); and*

***WHEREAS**, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQOR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(10)); and*

***WHEREAS**, the purchase or sale of furnishings, equipment or supplies...other than the following: land, radioactive material, pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQOR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(31)); and*

***WHEREAS**, the SEQOR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQOR; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(9),(10), and (31) of the SEQOR Regulations;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQOR; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed Projects from the New York State Education Department.*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Romanelli thanked the High School Pep Band for their performance and is looking forward to Homecoming.

Dr. Romanelli informed the audience that the district is planning the Fall Newsletter and spoke about two emerging themes. One was the positive start and energy people have across the district to have the best possible year for students, and the second was about discussions regarding teaching and learning. Dr. Romanelli spoke about discussions taking place regarding student practices, student engagement, innovative teaching, meaningful assessments and what teaching and learning should look like for West Islip. Dr. Romanelli expressed how it is an exciting time to be in West Islip and is looking forward to collaborating on the great things that lie ahead.

## Notices and Reminders:

Mr. Tussie reminded everyone that there will be a ceremony on Saturday, 10/8/22, at Udall Road Middle School renaming the driveway Hal Anderson Way, in honor of Hal Anderson who was the principal of Udall for many years.

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

Glenn Luchen – Mr. Luchen is a volunteer vendor for the West Islip High School Robotics team for 15 years. Mr. Luchen spoke about the accomplishments of the Robotics Team and thanked the Board for their support. Mr. Luchen invited the Board to a Robotics Competition at Half Hollow Hills on 10/29 and advised that the Robotics team meets on Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:00, and invited the Board to stop by and see the many things the team is working on.

Patty McCabe – Mrs. McCabe asked if the district is prepared for medical emergencies at athletic events and if coaches are CPR certified, trained on using the AED and do they have contact information for each student if an emergency were to happen. Mr. Tussie advised that coaches are trained and he would follow up with Mr. Horan regarding emergency contact information for students.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m. on motion by Tom Compitello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution to file PERB proceeding.

*Resolved, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the commencement of PERB proceeding to seek a confidential designation for a clerical position in the Business Office.*

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement for acting Grounds/Maintenance Supervisor October 6, 2022 with Local 237.

*Resolved, the Board of Education hereby approves the October 6, 2022 Memorandum of Agreement with Local 237 for out of title pay for Maintenance and Grounds employees.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on a motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Tom Compitello and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Hock  
District Clerk

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