

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 9, 2023 – Beach Street Middle School

PRESENT: Mr. Tussie, Mr. Antoniello, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. McCann

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATORS: Dr. Romanelli, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Pellati

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

Meeting called to order at 7:31p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 Planning Session.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve **ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED):** Patrick Kiley-Rendon, Executive Director Technology and Innovation, effective April 17, 2023 to April 16, 2026 (Districtwide; change in effective date from April 17, 2023 to April 16, 2027).

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following **TEACHERS: RETIREMENTS:** Dennis Adams, Science, effective July 1, 2023 (20 years); Denise Campasano, Elementary, effective July 1, 2023 (23.5 years); Pamela Cooke, Elementary, effective July 1, 2023 (33 years); Lynn Genovese, Special Education, effective July 1, 2023, (24 years); Joanne Macrelli, Business, effective July 1, 2023 (16 years); Karen Nordland, Elementary, effective July 1, 2023 (22 years); Lawrence Sciarrino, Mathematics, effective July 1, 2023 (21 years); Suzanne Sciarrino, Elementary, effective July 1, 2023 (32 years); Shelia Siragusa, Reading, effective July 1, 2023 (24 years); Elizabeth Winter, Science, effective July 1, 2023 (26 years).

On behalf of the board, Mr. Tussie thanked all the retirees for their service to the district and congratulated them on their retirement. Dr. Romanelli advised that the retirees had a total of 240 years of service to the district and Mr. McCann expressed his appreciation for all of these teachers.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the following **TEACHING ASSISTANT: TENURE APPOINTMENT:** G Patricia Love, Teaching Assistant, effective March 27, 2023.

Motion was made by Richard Antoniello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the 3/9/23 Personnel Agenda as listed below.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-2

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Ava Catapano, STEM

Effective March 10, 2023 to March 9, 2027

(Oquenock; Step 1; replacing Diane Calderone {retired})

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1

RESIGNATION

Olga Alma-Cruz, Part-Time Food Service Worker
Effective March 9, 2023
(Oquenock)

Mark Robuffo, Custodial Worker II
Effective March 7, 2023
(High School)

CL-2

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Olga Alma Cruz, Custodial Worker I
Effective March 10, 2023
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing Dustin Cogliano {resigned})

OTHER

ADULT EDUCATION SPRING 2023

Kathryn Mushorn (Lifeguard) \$25/hour

CURRICULUM:

Mrs. Morrison informed the audience that elementary schools would be taking part in Celebrate Math Week during the weeks of March 13 and March 27. Students will explore math puzzles, learn about a famous mathematician, learn how math is used in sports and various ways math is utilized in art, design and music.

Mrs. Morrison recognized and congratulated Mary Kroll, a Science Research Teacher at the high school and the Principal Investigator for BNL's SPARK (Student Partnerships for Advanced Research and Knowledge) program. Her role includes collaborating with five other Suffolk County school districts, and scientists at BNL, to develop and carry out research projects. Mrs. Kroll co-authored an article, Using Planetary Sciences for Early Engagement and Development of the Next Generation of STEM Professionals with the SPARK Team at Brookhaven National Labs (BNL) and has been invited to present its content at the upcoming Lunar and Planetary Science Conference in March.

Mrs. Morrison recognized research students Asfar Chaudhry and Emma Fallon as finalists for the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Both students are members of the SPARK program. Mrs. Morrison also recognized junior research student Tadhag O'Sullivan-Bakshi who worked with doctors at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra and Northwell Health this past summer. Mrs. Morrison gave a special thank you to Mrs. Kroll and Mr. Haldenwang for supporting Asfar, Ella and Tadhag on their accomplishments.

In the STEM Lab at Paul J. Bellew, fifth grade students listened to the Book How to Catch a Leprechaun by Adam Wallace and used a variety of materials to create a contraption to trap their own leprechaun.

Mrs. Morrison advised that letters will be sent out regarding the Math and ELA tests for Grades 3-8 and letters were sent out regarding the 2023-2024 Pre-K Lottery on 3/23/2023 at 2:00 p.m. and the first 40 students from each elementary will be placed in district schools. Mrs. Morrison advised the Curriculum and Instruction Budget Presentation would take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beach Street Auditorium.

Buildings and Grounds: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 3/7/23. Items discussed included generator at Beach MS and District Office, air conditioning in classrooms, PJ Bellevue parking lot expansion, H.S. fire alarm system replacement and the security vestibule project at the District Office will be delayed until summer 2024. Other items discussed were Bond Vote for High School pool in 2024, review of projects and tasks that were recently completed: stage lighting, high school ceiling tiles, Beach Street rotunda painted. Other items discussed were installation of the new 40-foot flagpole, National Grid rebates, obsolete junk, equipment auctioned off, and new epoxy floors.

Education Committee: Richard Antonello reported on the meeting held 3/7/23. Mr. Antonello advised that elementary students performed above national norms and the district is happy with the progress of the students. Other items reviewed included discussion about new teachers, survey on standard based grading, panorama survey, parent academy and Narcan training.

Finance Committee: Ron Maginniss reported on the meeting held on 3/7/23. Items reviewed included the January treasurer's report, January extra-curricular reports, January payroll summary, January financial statements, February internal claims audit report, February system manager audit report, payroll certification forms, surplus, resolution, change order, health service contracts, bids and surplus. The Committee discussed the 2021-2022 Single Audit and related Corrective Action Plan being approved at the March 9, 2023 Board of Education Meeting.

Special Education Committee: Debbie Brown reported on the meeting that took place on 3/7/23. Items reviewed included update to student placements, special education annual reviews have begun and Mrs. Dowling spoke about Effective Health Solutions, a mental health group the district is looking to partner with.

Health and Wellness Committee: Grace Kelly reported on the meeting held 3/8/23. Items reviewed included financial report, Newsletter at the printer, 5th & 6th Grade volleyball tournament, exploring dates for 4th & 5th grade presentations and community presentation regarding Don't Press and Send, exploring a Halloween themed event, Narcan community training, health and wellness scholarships, substance abuse awareness and mental health.

Peter McCann gave an update on Maseru. He advised that tours of various programs at other districts are in process and underway and there is great information and possibilities. Mr. McCann also advised that the SEPTA Bowl was a fun event and raised a lot of money.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2022-2023 General Fund budget transfers 4278-4282.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Bids: Bid #2214 – Allendale Machinery Systems ~ \$32,910.00 and Base Bid GC-1 – Single Prime – Lighthouse Designs, Inc. ~ \$323,000.00.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2022-2023 Health Service Contracts: Bay Shore UFSD - \$18,589.60 and Brentwood UFSD - \$1,832.50.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus – Miscellaneous IT equipment ~ Districtwide.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution (A) – Joint Municipal Cooperative bidding Program 2023-2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Change Order – Roland's Electric, Inc. – (\$1,421.59) – Manetuck.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: receipt of the Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP; approval of Corrective Action Plan in response to Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2022 submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District acknowledge receipt of the Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 from R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP.

Recommend the Board of Education approve the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2022, submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the Affordable Care Act Administration Agreement 2023-2024.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: Nomination of Candidates of the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Education Services (ESBOCES).

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the nomination of the following candidates for the Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Education Services (ESBOCES) for a three year term commencing on July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

*Susan Lipman (West Islip UFSD)
Anne Mackesey (Sag Harbor UFSD)
William Miller (Longwood CSD)
Catherine Romano (Islip UFSD)
Norman A. Wagner (Central Islip UFSD)*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Romanelli reminded the audience that the "Most Likely to Succeed" film screening will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the West Islip High School. This film is about what the future holds for the education system. The PTA will be providing water and refreshments.

Dr. Romanelli spoke about his site visits to the Mineola School District and Sachem High School East. At Mineola, Dr. Romanelli toured their Synergy Program/ Alternative School and at Sachem he saw where students were building a house from scratch as well as their cosmetology course where students come out licensed. Next week Dr. Romanelli will be visiting Roslyn and will be checking out their research class and finance lab. Dr. Romanelli will also be looking at the West Islip's internal programs, BOCES offerings and will be considering what type of programs to bring back to the district.

REMINDERS:

Dr. Romanelli advised that the Budget Workshop on Curriculum and Instruction will be on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beach Street auditorium.

Mr. Tussie reminded everyone that the next board meeting is Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Mr. Tussie thanked everyone for attending the board meeting and to be safe and continue to do the right thing and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m. on motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: donation of sick days.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District hereby authorizes unaffiliated staff (non-represented) to donate accrued sick days, at their discretion for use by an employee discussed in executive session, referred to as Employee A, during the 2022-2023 school year, and use of any such days shall be at Employee A's daily rate of pay.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Richard Antonello, seconded by Peter McCann 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.