

PLANNING SESSION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 21, 2025 – District Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Antonello, Mr. Bedell, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Marks, Mr. McCann

ABSENT: Mr. Tussie

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

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: None

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Grace Kelly, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting.

PERSONNEL

Motion was made by Grace Kelly, seconded by Richard Antonello, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve consent agenda A-1, T-1, TA-1, CL-1, CL-2, CL-3, CL-4, and Other as listed below:

ADMINISTRATIVE

A-1 RESIGNATION

John Ballantyne, Assistant Principal
Effective March 6, 2025
(High School)

TEACHERS

T-1 CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid)

Ashley Smar, Special Education
Effective January 27, 2025 through June 30, 2025
(Udall)

TEACHING ASSISTANTS

TA-1 PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT (AMENDED)

Kate Klarikaitis, World Languages
Effective January 2, 2025 to January 1, 2029
(High School; change in date from January 2, 2025 through January 1, 2026)

CIVIL SERVICE

CL-1 CHANGE IN TITLE

Angela Grucci, Paraprofessional
Effective January 22, 2025
(Beach Street; Step 3; change from Cafeteria Aide to Special Ed Aide; replacing Kate Klarikaitis {reassigned})

CL-1 continued

CHANGE IN TITLE, continued

Kristina Sullivan, Paraprofessional
Effective January 22, 2025
(High School; Step 1; change from Cafeteria Aide to Special Ed Aide; replacing Sasha Napoli {resigned})

CL-2

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Hina Asma, Cafeteria Aide
Effective January 22, 2025
(Oquenock; Step 1; new position)

Susan Barbieri, Paraprofessional
Effective February 3, 2025
(Oquenock; Step 1; replacing Susan Ferguson {leave})

Jessica Frigano, Cafeteria Aide
Effective January 22, 2025
(Udall; Step 1; new position)}

Cynthia Noeth, Cafeteria Aide
Effective January 27, 2025
(Paul J. Bellew; Step 1; replacing Angela Grucci {reassigned})

Genie Worthman, Paraprofessional
Effective January 22, 2025
(Udall; Step 1; new position)}

CL-3

RESIGNATION

Nancy Camelliri, Cafeteria Aide
Effective January 10, 2025
(High School)

CL-4

RETIREMENT

Maureen Rendino, Bus Attendant
Effective March 1, 2025
(22 years)

OTHER

ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2025 (\$408 per session)

Danielle Dischley (Got Science 1 & 2)
Justin DeMaio (LEGOS 1 & 2)
Matilda Duthie (No-Bake Treats 1 & 2)
Kristin Keller (Coding 1 & 2)
Kaylee Martin (Intro to Cheer 1 & 2)
Theresa Robertson (Creative Cooking 1 & 2)

OTHER, continued

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$130 per diem)

*Grace Delaney, effective February 3, 2025, *student teacher*
Victoria Recenello, effective January 22, 2025, *student teacher*

SWIM PROGRAM AND SWIM TEAMS 2024-2025

Lifeguard
Brady Tyler

**Conditional pending fingerprinting clearance*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Motion was made by Grace Kelly, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve contract: Little Angels Center, Inc. Consultant Services 2024-2025.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Surplus items: Miscellaneous Books ~ Paul J. Bellew Elementary.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation resolutions re: Donation from Designatronics, Inc. – Brass and Aluminum metal stock for use by the students in the West Islip High School Engineering Technology Department ~ Value \$2,000.00.

DONATION

WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of brass and aluminum metal stock valued at approximately \$2,000 from Designatronics Inc., which has been donated to the Engineering Technology students of West Islip High School.

Motion was made by Grace Kelly, seconded by Peter McCann, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement – Chromebooks and Accessories (Project #WI-49-120624-2024-2028) – 1/21/2025 to 12/31/2028.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Peter McCann, seconded by Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve resolution re: Suspension.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Islip School District denies the suspension appeal for Student A related to Incident ID # 27796.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. on motion by Peter McCann, seconded Grace Kelly, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Davis
District Clerk

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