

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, of the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York was held on TUESDAY, October 14, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Camposano, Raymond Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Jennifer Longo, Peter Scarlatos (arrived at 8:00 - left at 8:55), Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Executive Director for Finance and Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney and residents

The President opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations, matters of personnel, and a disciplinary appeal at 7:02 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014 and the Special Meeting of September 30, 2014.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Villagran seconded by Trustee Kranz made a motion that the decision of the Superintendent dated September 19, 2014 in the matter of student A-2014 be upheld and the appeal dismissed.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Dr. Farrelly highlighted the work of one the district's groups; the HS Gay/Straight alliance. She said that they are a youth organization that has done so much work, especially over the last two years, dedicating their time to participate in training that focuses on creating safe environments for students in school, supporting each other, learning about discriminatory behavior, and much more. They have also participated in a lot of training in upstander skills; learning how students can be more assertive and not allow situations to escalate. They have done presentations throughout the high school and during the ninth grade orientation and in a number of meetings throughout the year. She said that the students have been invited to present to the Suffolk County Department of Health tomorrow. The trustees agreed that they would like the group to be invited to a future Board meeting. Dr. Farrelly said that she will make the arrangements.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

None

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

None

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

PTA Council Rep. Daienna Edmunds said that PTA Council requested that each of the PTA Presidents survey their PTA members about support for the capital project.

Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Dr. Farrelly said that SYNTAX, the district's publicity firm, will begin with the plans for the press release for the Bond Vote, tomorrow. She said Kathy Beatty of SYNTAX will work with Mr. Graziano and take photos to show the proposed work. In addition, the district will hold community forums on Saturdays, and in the evenings to inform the community of the proposals. Dr. Farrelly indicated the proposed bond would cover the cost of major repairs and renovations throughout the district, including refurbishment of roofs; bathroom renovations; improvements to the electrical and heating systems; renovations to parking lots, curbs and sidewalks; installation of a synthetic turf field at West Babylon Junior High School and a synthetic turf field and baseball infield at West Babylon Senior High School; renovations to locker rooms; improvements to interior and exterior site lighting to enhance security; repairs to building masonry, ceiling tile and floor replacement; and the installation of an ADA compliant elevator at Forest avenue. Dr. Farrelly said that the Board will be kept informed of the dates.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves, retroactively, the following school districts to provide special education services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2013-2014 school year:

Lindenhurst Union Free School District
Massapequa Union Free School District

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide special education and related services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

Cleary School for the Deaf

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide pediatric therapies to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

Little Angels Center, Inc.

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide instruction for West Babylon School District resident students, with handicaps, during the 2014-2015 school year:

Maryhaven

#BE-5

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following independent contractor to provide physical therapy services to a West Babylon School District resident student during the period July 2014 through September 2014:

Jeanne M. Martin, MA PT

#BE-6

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide educational services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

The Daytop Preparatory School

#BE-7

WHEREAS, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews;
WHEREAS, the individuals named below have successfully completed a training course that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators:

- Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
- Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum
- Eleanor Levy, Principal
- Gregg Cunningham, Principal
- JoAnn Scott, Principal
- Charles Germano, Principal
- Patricia Acocella, Principal
- Scott Payne, Principal
- Jen Carere, Assistant Principal
- Ellice Vassallo, Principal
- Shawn Hanley, Assistant Principal
- Steve O'Leary, Assistant Principal

- Michael Mack, Director of Student Services
- Stephanie Nocerino, Coordinator of K – 12 Data & Instructional Technology
- Anthony Spinelli, Director of Athletics, Health & Physical Education

#BE-8

RECOMMENDED ACTION: “that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the West Babylon Union Free School District Board of Education approves the following resolution:”

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to embark upon the District Wide Proposed Bond Referendum (Project); and

WHEREAS, said Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the Project and has determined that the project as a whole listed is classified as a Type II Action as defined by Section 617.5(c)(8) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Project is a Type II Action which requires no further review under SEQRA; 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 and approval from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of said projects from the New York State Education Department.

#BE-9

RESOLUTION OF THE WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 14, 2014, CALLING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEYS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES AND THE LEVY OF A TAX THEREFOR.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), shall be held within the District, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following voting places: (1) Board Room of the Administrative Wing of the Senior High School, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 1; and (2) Santapogue Elementary School, 1130 Herzel Boulevard, West Babylon, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 2; as provided in the Notice calling said Special District Meeting hereinafter substantially prescribed. The voting at such Special District Meeting shall be by ballot using voting machines, as provided by the Education Law, and the polls shall remain open between the hours of **7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time)** on said day and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their votes.

Section 2. The business to be acted upon at said Special District Meeting shall be as stated in the Notice thereof, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the Notice of said Special District Meeting to be published in at least **two** of the following: “*The Babylon Beacon*,” “*South Bay’s Neighbor Newspaper*” or “*Newsday*,” newspapers each having a general circulation within the District, such publication to be made four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such Special District Meeting, the first publications to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of said Special District Meeting.

Section 3. Said Notice of Special District Meeting shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING
WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, has adopted a resolution on October 14, 2014, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015** between the hours of **7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time)**, at the following voting places: (1) Board Room of the Administrative Wing of the Senior High School, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 1; and (2) Santapogue Elementary School, 1130 Herzel Boulevard, West Babylon, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 2; for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct alterations and improvements to all District buildings and/or the sites (the "Project"), substantially as described in a Report entitled "Recommended Bond Items" dated September 23, 2014, prepared by Burton, Behrendt, & Smith Architects, (the "Report"), which Report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including: reconstruction and reconfiguration of interior space; roof reconstruction and/or replacements; improvements to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, fire, communication, lighting, mechanical, and plumbing systems; door, window, wall padding, fence, ceiling, floor, locker, and casework replacements; improvements to facilitate access by the physically challenged; fuel tank abatement; exterior masonry, canopy, lighting, driveway and parking improvements; drainage, asphalt, pavement, curb, and sidewalk improvements; and the construction of athletic facility improvements, including the construction of new synthetic turf fields; reconstruction and reconfiguration of existing fields, playground upgrades; and basketball court enhancements; all of the foregoing to

include all original equipment, furnishings, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$29,953,754; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;

(b) that a tax is hereby voted therefor in the amount of not to exceed \$29,953,754 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and

(c) that in anticipation of said tax, the Board of Education may authorize the issuance of bonds of the District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$29,953,754 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following abbreviated form:

BOND PROPOSITION

YES

NO

RESOLVED:

(a) That the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to all District school buildings and/or the sites thereof, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$29,953,754; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$29,953,754 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$29,953,754 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

The voting will be conducted by ballot using voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open between the hours of **7:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time)** and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Education Law §2014 personal registration of voters is required, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Voter registration for the District is ongoing until Wednesday, January 7, 2015, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on any school day, in the Main Office of any school building of the District and in the office of the District Clerk, Administration Offices, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York, for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that he/she is known or proven to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting for which such register is prepared. All inquiries for information concerning voter registration can be made by contacting Ms. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk, West Babylon Union Free School District, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York 11704, telephone (631) 376-7008.

The register of the qualified voters of said School District prepared at the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 20, 2014, shall be used as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on January 13, 2015. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2011, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County under the provisions of the Election Law, shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

Immediately upon its completion, said register will be filed in the office of the District Clerk, Administrative Offices, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on Thursday, January 8, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on weekdays and each day prior to the day set for the Special District Meeting, except Sunday and holidays and by advance appointment on Saturday and at the polling places on the day of the vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, Administrative Offices, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, January 6, 2015. If the ballot is to be received by the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than Monday, January 12, 2015.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk during regular business hours on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and shall be available at the polling places on the day of the vote.

All inquiries for information concerning the use of an absentee ballot or requesting an application for such absentee ballot, can be made by writing to Ms. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk, West Babylon Union Free School District, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York, or via telephone (631) 376-7008. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk of the West Babylon Union Free School District not later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of said Special District Meeting.

The boundaries of the election districts are designated as being those areas as follows:

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 - comprises all that portion of West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, lying south of Sunrise Highway.

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 - comprises all that portion of West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, lying north of Sunrise Highway.

A person shall be entitled to vote at said Special District meeting only if such person is a qualified voter.

BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dated: October 14, 2014

AMY E. JONES

District Clerk

Section 4. The vote upon the Bond Proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters shall be by the ballot prepared for the voting machines, used in connection therewith, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to have the necessary ballot prepared, in form corresponding as nearly as may be with the requirements of the Education Law.

Section 5. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 3 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

#BE-10

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2014, the District experienced unprecedented rainfall and consequential flooding of the West Babylon HS which required the District to cancel the high school morning regents program and the special education summer program for the day; and

WHEREAS, many District employees were not able to report to work as a result thereof, and many employees were physically unable to get to work because the road conditions on Long Island were impassable; and

WHEREAS, the District is desirous of providing additional leave time to employees who reported to work despite these conditions that were inadvertently not included in the September 8, 2014 BE-3 resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dr. Ellice Vassallo, Mr. Raymond Graziano, Mr. Henry Bianco, Mr. John Meyer, Mr. Stewart Hirshkowitz, and Ms. Michele Elliott shall be provided with an additional personal day to be used during the 2014-2015 school year.

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

RESOLVED: that the following schedules, as attached, are approved:

- 14-P-7 Professional Personnel
- 14-C-7 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 14-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Hilbert, Edward	Physical Ed. Tchr.	FA		9/16/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Soldano, Susan	Special Ed. Tchr.	SA		10/3/14 -	Family Medical Leave
<u>Common Core Math Curriculum Parent Workshops:</u>				10/2/14, 11/6/14, 12/3/14	
Bedford, Paula			\$99.15/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Borland, Bridgette			\$95.54/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Christie, Diane			\$95.54/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Giorgianni, Allison			\$91.02/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Squicciarini, Patricia			\$99.15/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Szypula, Jaime			\$79.85/hr.		up to 6 hrs.

***Intramural Advisors:**

Christie, Diane	FA	\$28.21/hr.	2014-2015
Raimondi, Theresa	"		
Riviezzo, Frances	"		
Seibert, Kaitlyn	"		
Durkin, Kelly	SA		
Fitzgerald, Jeanne	"		
Morris, Megan	"		
Szpilka, Yvonne	"		
Turano, Nancy	"		
Castelli, Erin	SB		
Russo, Michael	"		
Szypula, Jamie	"		

*pending CPR/AED/First Aid/Certification

SCHEDULE 14-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Coaches:					
Matthews,Autum	JHS Head	Cheerleading(1.0)	\$2,469. (prorate)	Fall, 2014 9/3/14-10/14/15	[changes to fall season]
Matthews,Autum	JHS Head	Cheerleading(.6)	\$2,469. (prorate @ 60%)	10/15/14-11/9/14	
Jones,Ebony	JHS Head	Cheerleading(.4)	\$2,469. (prorate @ 40%)	10/15/14-11/9/14	
Coach:					
Jones,Ebony	JHS Head	Cheerleading	\$2,469.	Winter, 2014-15	
Student Teachers/Observers:					
				Fall, 2014	
Johnson, Jaclynn	Elementary/SpEd	FA			
McManus, Kyle	Physical Education	HS			
Miller, Jessica	Social Studies	HS			
Morante, Elisa	Social Studies/English	HS			
Prendergast,Alyssa	Phys. Ed./Health	HS			
Per Diem Substitutes:					
		DW	\$90./day	2014-2015	
Hennessy, Kevin					
McNamara, Stephanie					[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6, SWD Math 5-9, Math 5-9]

SCHEDULE 14-C-7 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Cox, Richard	Custodial Wrkr. I	HS		9/8/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Agostinho, Lisa	Sr. Clerk Typist	SB		10/3/14	Resignation
Compensated Absences:					
Carbonaro,Daniel	Chief Custodian	JH	\$17,209.20	9/7/14	[retirement payment for 59 vacation days and 1 personal day]
The following Probationary Paraprofessional is being recalled from the Priority List:					
Familia, Eileen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 2/ \$14.02/hr.	10/16/14	
Sayar, Shazia	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	JH	Step 1/ \$11.61/hr.	10/15/14	Probationary Appt.
Cianciaruso,Michael	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.93/hr	10/15/14	Probationary Appt.
Per Diem Substitutes:					
		DW	\$9./hr.	10/15/14 - 6/30/15	Clerical
Gernavage, Eileen					
Orkwis, Barbara					

FINANCE

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$292.50, from Target's "Take Charge of Education" Program. The donation will be deposited into the Forest Avenue School Trust and Agency account.

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$431.22, from Target's "Take Charge of Education" Program. The donation will be deposited into Santapogue School's Trust and Agency account.

FACILITIES

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following piece of equipment, located in the Senior High School Art Department, obsolete:

One (1) Omega Photo Enlarger

The equipment is missing parts and broken beyond repair.

STUDENT SERVICES

#SS-1

RESOLVED: that the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education be approved.

POLICY

COMMITTEES:

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Wandasiewicz asked if SCOPE will be using our buildings for a Pre-K program. Dr. Farrelly said that Mr. Cacciola will be reaching out to SCOPE about the program. She added that the principals have said that there does seem to be an interest in the program. The program would not have a cost to the district.

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Don Krogman spoke about information he has read about the dangers of turf fields. He noted that they are claimed to be a heat hazard, have chemical run off to the water supply and also need to be washed of bacteria.

Resident Kristine Hancock inquired about selective classification for cheerleading. She will contact Mrs. Tona in the morning.

Resident Jay McGraw commented that he believes that the district needs to close the exits in the fences from the high school field. He said that students are still leaving school grounds during the day. He added that there are security personnel at the front of the building and he believes they should be at the back of the building. Mr. McGraw also suggested moving the containers from near the fence area. In response to his question, Mr. McGraw was told that the fuel tanks at the transportation department are not leaking.

Resident Chris Critchley asked about selection classification and was informed that the district's policy has already been revised to allow 7th and 8th grade students to selectively classify for varsity teams.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Villagran made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk