

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, November 25, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Raymond Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz (arrived 7:10), Jennifer Longo, Peter Scarlatos, 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 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag. Board President Campasano called for a moment of silence in memory of Dillon Smith, and in support of his family. Dillon was a high school senior, who passed away over the weekend.

Gay Straight Alliance Presentation: E. Vassallo, Principal; S. Hanley, Asst. Principal; S. O'Leary, Asst. Principal and T. Prizzi, Teacher and GSA Advisor and John Martin from the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Peer Education: Healthy Communication and Bullying Prevention –

Students: Matthew DeConza, Nadine Doerbecker, Samantha LoBasso, Sarah Murray, Nicole Palazzolo, and Destiny Vernon

The students explained that the alliance is in existence for students to assist other students in learning healthy ways to communicate and not bully each other. They shared wonderful exercises in which the administrators and trustees participated. The students said that they would like to offer these presentations and skills as early as elementary school.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 8:05 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Board President Campasano apologized for the late start to the meeting.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2014.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Dr. Farrelly offered the following words: During this extremely sad and difficult time, the West Babylon School District Board of Education, Administrators and staff extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of Dillon Smith. At this tragic time, we offer the family our condolences and support. The family, students and many staff members are now grieving. Our primary focus is to help our children grieve, help them to cope with stress, help them to cope with loss, help them deal with personal problems and help them to understand this tragedy. School district guidance counselors, social workers, school psychologists, and administrators are available to assist students and staff as needed.

On a happier note, Dr. Farrelly shared that based on NYSSMA scores and teacher recommendations both Brian Thompson (for violin), and Eric Froehlich (for bass), have been selected to participate in the Long Island String Festival Association ensemble. The organization accepts the top nominated students from cooperating districts and the students perform with other equally talented musicians throughout Long Island. West Babylon is proud to have students who have been selected for this honor. Dr. Farrelly also congratulated Mrs. Kelly, the district's Orchestra Director. The students will perform on February 1, 2015 at Ward Melville HS under the direction of Dr. David Rudge, Director of Orchestra and Opera at SUNY Fredonia.

Dr. Farrelly wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with their families.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini said that during this time of Dillon's loss it is even more important to embrace our families and hold them close. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

WBAA President Ellie Levy wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. She thanked Dr. Farrelly for the way in which she handled the tragic situation over the weekend and for sharing the information with the administrators in a caring and professional manner.

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

Daeinna Edmonds noted that last week was Supervisors and Administrators appreciation week and she thanked them for all that they do for the district. She said that at this time we must be thankful for all that we have in our lives.

Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)

None

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Dr. Farrelly noted the wonderful presentation from the GSA earlier in the evening. She had no other report.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Klein 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 the following school districts to provide special education services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

East Islip Union Free School District

Half Hollow Hills Central School District

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following private school to provide special education instruction, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2014-2015 school year:

Summit School at Nyack

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the destruction of the voting ballots from the May 20, 2014 Budget Vote & Trustee Election.

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the independent consultant agreement with Dr. Shane Higuera, of SBA Website Inc., to provide mentoring to the Executive Director for Finance & Operations during the period January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The fee for these mentoring services shall be \$12,000.

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

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

14-P-10 Professional Personnel

14-C-10 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 14-P-10 Professional Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Salary Adjustment:

		<u>Retroactive to 9/1/14:</u>
	FROM:	TO:
Angelon, Jennifer	A-6-19/\$104,241.	A-7-19/\$106,801.

S.A.T. Proctors:

Powers, Daniel	4 hrs.
Simone, Linda	4.5 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia	6 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle	6 hrs.
Heaton, Bryan	6 hrs.
Heaton, Elise	6 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine	6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick	6 hrs.
McGrath, Donna	6 hrs.
Mucaria, Donna	6 hrs.
Romeo, Marta	6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence	6 hrs.
Valensisi, Valerie	6 hrs.
Shaffer, Donna	7 hrs.

SCHEDULE 14-P-10 Professional Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
S.A.T. Proctors:			\$22.47/hr.	11/8/14	
Montalvo, Andrea					9 hrs.
Powers, Brian					9 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor				9 hrs.
Student Teacher/Observer:				Fall, 2014	
Vogelsang, Jordan	Special Education	HS			
Per Diem Substitutes: DW		\$90./day	2014-2015		
Levy, Jesse					[cert: Phys. Ed]
Rosina, Alyssa					[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6]

SCHEDULE 14-C-10 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Benitez, Cristobal	School Bus Driver	Trans.		11/3/14 - 1/2/15	Leave of Absence
Bianco, Maureen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB		1/5/15 - 3/27/15	Leave of Absence
Mareno, Dean	PT/Maintenance Supervisor	DW	\$2,100. (prorate)	11/26/14-6/30/15	[repl. C. Palminteri]
Per Diem Substitutes: DW		\$9./hr.	2014 - 2015		
Bensen, Colleen					Clerical/Paraprofessional/Food Service
Berenblatt, Alena					Clerical/Paraprofessional
Marsden, Melissa					Clerical/Paraprofessional
Rhatigan, Marion					Clerical/Paraprofessional
Falk, Patricia					Paraprofessional

FINANCE**#FI-1**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the corrective action plan (CAP) in response to the findings and recommendations made in the June, 2014 External Audit Report. The Executive Director for Finance & Operations will file a copy of the CAP with the State Education Department pursuant to NYCRR Section 170.12(e)(4).

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$18.08, from Ohiopyle Print. The donation will be deposited into the Senior High School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$371.76, from Stop & Shop's A+ Rewards Program. The donation will be deposited into Santapogue School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 2014.

FACILITIES

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares emergency remediation of the garage pit as determined by the Department of Transportation.

POLICY:

5500 – Student Records – Second Time Discussion

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by trustee Scarlatos made a motion to move the policy to third time adoption

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

5280 – Interscholastic Athletics – Board Review/Discussion

Mrs. Tona explained that she recently met with Mr. Spinelli, (who was unable to attend this evening's meeting) and he explained the reason for current the timeframe for parents to notify him of their interest in having their child selectively classify for winter sports (on file in the district clerk's office). The current timeframe is from July 15 through September 15 for parents to notify him of their interest in having their child selectively classify. The Board discussed the time frame and said that the September 15 deadline was too close to the beginning of school. Trustee Longo said that the trustees had reviewed this policy in September and she felt that they should not have rushed to adopt in one meeting without going through the three step process. Board President Campasano explained that at times the Board needs to adopt a change quickly, as time is of the essence. After further discussions, the trustees agreed that the window of time for notifying the athletic director for winter sports will be changed to July 30 through September 30. Mrs. Jones will make the policy change and have it ready for first time reading on the December 9 agenda.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: None

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS: None

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk