

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, March 10, 2015, in the PAC in the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz  
Trustees: Dennis Kranz and Peter Scarlatos were absent

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

The President opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to Executive Session for contract negotiations and personnel matters at 7:31 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion resumed at 8:12 p.m.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2015.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:**

Dr. Farrelly stated that she just returned from NYSCOSS superintendent’s conference in Albany topics covered included; finance and operations, graduation pathways, residency and student registration changes, various legal updates, APPR, student assessments, senate and assembly updates, smart school bond, Chancellor Meryl Tisch and SED addressed various topics; and the list goes on. I’d like to highlight that the Assembly’s Democratic majority proposed a \$1.8 billion increase in school aid in the coming fiscal year; \$830 million more than the high end of Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s proposed aid increase. Senator Flanagan indicated they are looking to end the GEA this year - at worst next year. Regardless of what occurs with state aid we have to plan strategically for future finances.

Dr. Farrelly also shared that the 2015-2016 calendar was adopted at the last Board meeting. She pointed out that the 2015-2016 school year will begin prior to Labor Day. The calendar will be sent out via email to parents by Mrs. Tona, with this information highlighted. In addition, Dr. Farrelly proposed, and the Board agreed, that next year’s Board meetings will begin at 6:30 for executive session if needed and the public session will begin at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. She also recommended two Board meetings in the summer and then the addition of a workshop meeting in between to cover the Board and Superintendent’s goals and the new Superintendent’s evaluation model.

Dr. Farrelly said that Phase one of the capital project was just submitted to SED. As previously discussed, it included the following JHS scope of work: removal and replacement of steam and condensate piping in the crawl space, VAT floor replacement (flooring, wall base, and asbestos abatement) and field reconstruction at the JHS. It also included the removal and replacement of flooring and wall base, asbestos abatement, reconstruction of existing pavement, drainage, curbing and sidewalks at JFK elementary school. Now - we await their response.

Dr. Farrelly noted that the next budget presentation will be held on March 24th at 7:30 instead of March 31st. This change has been made on the district calendar. Mrs. Jones has also notified all groups of the change.

Dr. Farrelly highlighted a few “points of pride” in West Babylon for the month of March:

The JHS Science Olympiad team place 6<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams at the Eastern Suffolk Regional Competition.

Sophomore Brittany Korsah participated in the NYS Public HS Athletic Association/NYS Federation Combined Winter Track and Field Championships at Cornell University and ran a time of 42.4 seconds finishing 23<sup>rd</sup> overall in the state.

Varsity women’s basketball player Melissa Riback was named Academic All-County.

Varsity basketball player Timothy Kranz was named an All-Conference player.

Bowler Melissa Massman received the Dottie Maguire Sportsmanship Award.

Eight talented string musicians in grade 5-12 represented the district as participants in the Long Island String Festival Association’s string ensemble.

Dr. Farrelly offered kudos to Mrs. Kristen Ragusa’s class at Santapogue School recently posted messages of kindness on a tree as part of the celebration of Kindness is Contagious Day.

**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 Representative Daienna Edmonds reminded everyone that PTA Founders Day will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. She congratulated Board President Lucy Campasano who will be receiving the PTA’s Honorary Life Award and encouraged all to attend. Board President Campasano thanked Mrs. Edmonds and congratulated her for her upcoming award, as well.

**Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)**

**None**

**Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:**

**Foreign Language/L.O.T.E. Program Evaluation**

**Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction and Therese Coleman, Chairperson Foreign Language/L.O.T.E.**

Dr. Farrelly thanked Ms. Coleman, for coming this evening to present to the Board. She also thanked foreign language teachers Ms. Poggi and Ms. Romeo for attending, as well. Ms. Coleman shared a brief overview of the program evaluation. She said that this is the last year that Russian will be offered in the district and it is the first year of the phasing out of French.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz 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 hereby nominates Mr. Sydney Finkelstein and Mr. Salvatore Marinello as candidates for re-election to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.

**#BE-2**

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

- Hicksville Union Free School District
- Jericho Union Free School District
- Uniondale Union Free School District
- East Islip Union Free School District
- Deer Park Union Free School District

**#BE-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves an amended contract with Long Island Developmental Consulting, Inc. to provide behavior intervention services/autism services and related services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year.

**#BE-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the annual school election of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the two designated election districts in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the Notice of Annual Meeting be published four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the *Babylon Beacon* and *South Bay Newspaper*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district.

**RESOLVED:** that Peter Scarlatos is designated as permanent chairperson of election in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

**#BE-5**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Transportation Contract dated March 10, 2015, with parents of a child attending James E. Allen Elementary School, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. The West Babylon Union Free School District (District) is duly empowered by Education Law to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing transportation for a resident child of said District for the period March 10, 2015, and is anticipated to be in effect, through June, 2015. The District agrees to reimburse the parent(s) listed in the Transportation Contract for mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate in effect for the dates of travel.

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

- 14-P-16 Professional Personnel
- 14-C-16 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 14-P-16 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Lemmo, Jaime	School Social Worker	HS		1/16/15 -	Family Medical Leave [date change]

**SCHEDULE 14-P-16 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Cipparulo, Rose Lyn	Elementary Tchr.	JH		2/23/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Rogers, Allison	Special Ed. Tchr.	JH		2/23/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Kunzig, Christopher	Mathematics Tchr.	HS		2/24/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Axelson, Gregory	PT/Health Tchr. (.1)	JH		9/1/14 - 1/30/15	Appointment Date Change [back to PEL]
<b><u>Intramural Advisor:</u></b>			\$28.21/hr.	2014-2015	
Bellacosa, Michael		TA			
<b><u>Epi-Pen Training:</u></b>			\$42.77/hr.	2014- 2015	
Lentricchia, Janet		Registered Nurse			[up to 4.5 hrs.]
<b><u>Volunteer Coaches:</u></b>			-\$0-	Spring, 2015	
Richert, Danielle		Softball			
Letterel, Anthony		Lacrosse(B)			[pending First Aid/CPR]
<b><u>Student Teachers/Observers:</u></b>				Spring, 2015	
Chowdhury, Sameer		Elementary	JK		
Sumner, Kateri		Social Studies	HS/JH		
Valensisi, Bryan		Social Studies	HS		

**SCHEDULE 14-C-16 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Thompson, Gloria	Paraprofessional (pt/clerk typist)	JH		2/23/15 - 3/27/15	Leave of Absence
Keil, Janice	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH		3/3/15 – 6/30/15	Leave of Absence [extension]
O'Sullivan, Lorraine	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		2/2/15	Resignation
Doumas, Denise	Clerk Typist	HS		4/1/15	Resignation to Retire
Spatafora, Michael	Custodial Worker I	SA		07/01/15	Resignation to Retire
Grippo, Marilyn	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.50/hr.	3/11/15	Probationary Appt.
<b><u>Per Diem Substitute:</u></b>		DW	\$9./hr.	2014-2015	Clerical/Paraprofessional
Germano, Jo-Ann					

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the following budget transfers are, retroactively, approved:

<i>ACCOUNT CODE</i>	<i>ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION &amp; TRANSFER EXPLANATION</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
A2110.4900	Services from BOCES	\$26,425.70	
A2010.4900	Services from BOCES		\$26,425.70
A2250.4900	Services from BOCES	\$77,553.19	
A2630.4900	Services from BOCES		\$77,553.19
	To cover cost of current BOCES contract		

**#FI-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of said District, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$9,900,000, therefore, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$9,900,000 refunding serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto.

**#FI-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program in the amount of \$141.89. This donation will be deposited into the Forest Avenue School Trust and Agency account.

**#FI-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program in the amount of \$107.11. This donation will be deposited into the Junior High School Trust and Agency account.

**#FI-5**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program in the amount of \$98.91. This donation will be deposited into the South Bay School Trust and Agency account.

**#FI-6**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2015.

**CURRICULUM**

**#CU-1**

**RESOLVED:** that 70 books, located in the Junior High School library, be declared obsolete. Per Dr. Alice Robinson, K-12 Library Chairperson, the books are outdated, damaged and/or have a poor circulation history (the items have not been signed out during the last 5 year period).

**FACILITIES**

**#FA-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares an emergency to repair water damage in the Administration Building which was caused by a pipe rupture during the February winter recess.

**POLICY:**

The following policies are on the agenda for first time reading.

**5280:** Athletics (First Time Reading)

**5405:** West Babylon School District's Wellness Policy (First Time Reading)

Trustee Villagran asked for clarification about home baked goods served after school hours, and whether the policy reflects that they are permitted. Mrs. Tona noted that in the policy it is stated that any time after thirty minutes after the end of the school day, foods served which include home baked goods, are not subject to the USDA requirements.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to waive reading the policies and move them to second time discussion.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Farrelly followed up with a response to a resident's question from the last meeting about the district's requirement to have a twelve month meals program if the district or an individual building in the district has 40% of its students receiving free and reduced price meals. She said that this applies to 40% of students receiving free meals, not a combination of free and reduced meals. Therefore, the district is in compliance.

Trustee Wandasiewicz asked for an update on the SCOPE pre-school program. Mrs. Tona said that registration is still ongoing and the district has not received any recent updates. Dr. Farrelly said that there will be a follow up with SCOPE and she will report to the Board in News & Notes.

Budget Presentation: Dr. Farrelly and Mrs. Psarakis shared that there are no changes from the last presentation which is available on the district's website. Trustee Longo asked about a program evaluation for the special education program to determine the needs of the program. Mrs. Tona explained that the schedule is posted in the front of the program evaluation booklet. In response to Board President Campasano's question about the 4 year rotation timeframe for program evaluations, Mrs. Tona explained that the timeline was set by the Board in policy. Dr. Farrelly suggested presenting a brief general overview in June, to which the Board agreed.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Resident Bill Smith shared some information he had pertaining to contractors for the turf fields. He gave the paperwork to Board President Lucy Campasano to share with the architects.

Resident Tony Verdi inquired about the status of the investigation of the recent incident after the basketball game. He said that he is aware that the response will be that there can be no response from the Board because this is an ongoing investigation. He asked if the district turned over all information to the police and said that he knows that the police are waiting for the video of the events of that evening. Mr. Verdi asked if this is an ongoing investigation why hasn't the Board member been suspended and the other party has been banned. He said that this is not going to go away.

Resident Diane Thiel asked if the district is in compliance with the second year of the tax cap requirement to show the savings in order for the community to receive the rebate checks this year, and if not, will this be made clear to the residents. Dr. Farrelly and Mrs. Psarakis explained the process and said that there are still many unknowns in the requirements and that all districts are in the same boat. Dr. Farrelly said that she will join Mrs. Campasano and Mrs. Psarakis at a meeting in Kings Park next week to discuss this topic.

Resident Leslie Cozzi said that she recently emailed the Board about her concerns. She said she wants to add that the district's Code of Conduct applies to all students, school personnel, parents and other visitors when attending a school district sponsored function either on or off school property. She said that if a student had been involved in the recent incident after the basketball game it would not matter what his intentions were or why he was acting in that manner, the student would face disciplinary action. Mrs. Cozzi added that smoking is prohibited on school grounds and Mr. Scarlatos has been seen smoking on school property while the students are coming out of a sporting event. She added that the Board needs to take action on these matters.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Villagran made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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District Clerk