

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, April 28, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

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

Trustee Lucy Campasano was 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 Vice President opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to Executive Session for contract negotiations and personnel matters at 7:02 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Klein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2015.  
Trustee Gismervik was out of the room.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Kranz seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 22, 2015.  
Trustee Gismervik was out of the room.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Vice President Peter Scarlatos explained that President Lucy Campasano sent her apologies for not attending this evening because she is in the emergency room with her daughter.

Dr. Farrelly offered congratulations to all participants of Blue and Gold! She said she is sure all would agree that it was quite a spectacular performance! She also congratulated the Girls Varsity Track team on their first dual meet win in 2 years!! Brittany Korsah jumped a new school record in the triple jump with a distance of 34' 10.75" Dr. Farrelly said that excellent effort was given by all runners! She asked that everyone please be sure to congratulate them on a great win!!

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:** None

**Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:**

WBAA President Eleanor Levy congratulated the staff members that are on this evening's agenda for tenure recommendations. She offered special congratulations and thanks to Patricia Acocella, Stephen O'Leary and Christine Tona.

**Statement of CSEA Representative:** None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:** None

**Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)** None

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

**Capital Project Update:** BBS Landscape Architects John Longo and Curt Coronado presented the various material options for the turf fields for the trustees to consider. The trustees discussed the options and at Dr. Farrelly's suggestion will do site visits to the Islip School District and the Bellmore-Merrick School District to see their fields before making a determination. The scheduling for the start date on the fields was discussed. The consensus of the Board was to start right after graduation. The architects will begin the bid process at the end of May. At the next Board meeting, Dr. Farrelly will need direction from the Board regarding the type of infield turf material and the lining of the field.

**SAT Prep Update:** Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction, Ms. Christine Tona, thanked Dr. Vassallo and Mr. O'Leary for their assistance in preparing the SAT Prep update. Ms. Tona said that the SAT is offered in October, November, December, January, March, May and June annually. She reviewed the history of the SAT Prep in West Babylon, which included; being offered during the school day; offering a free course taught by district teachers (less than half of the 165 registered students attended); and the Method Test Prep program. She offered several options for the future including; encouraging the students to make use of their online Method Test Prep online accounts; distributing and expanding the current account access to students in grade 9; and sending mailings and school messenger calls informing parents of the availability of the program. The trustees were pleased with the suggestions. Ms. Tona also noted the student improvement in their SAT scores in recent years. There was a discussion about the possibility of SCOPE offering the course. The trustees were in agreement with checking with SCOPE about offering an SAT Prep course at no cost to the district.

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Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Klein made a motion to waive the fees for facilities use for SCOPE if there is interest in offering an SAT Prep course.  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Vice President Scarlatos congratulated the staff members who were recommended for tenure on this evening's agenda.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#BE-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide special education and related services to a parentally-placed West Babylon School District resident student, with disabilities, commencing upon the date of admission and continuing until and including June 30, 2015:

The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc.

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the district will, once again, provide one (1) classroom and supportive services for use by the Western Suffolk BOCES Alternate Learning Center Program, for the period September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The rental fee will be \$3,000 and the supportive services fee will be \$13,000.

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

14-P-19 Professional Personnel

14-C-19 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 14-P-19 Professional Personnel Schedule**

| NAME  | POSITION  | SCHOOL/<br>AREA | STEP/<br>SALARY | BEG/END<br>APPT. | COMMENTS             |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Orsi, Joan  | Physical Ed. Tchr.                              | HS              |                 | 1/5/15 -         | Family Medical Leave |
| Ochs, Lisa  | ESL Tchr.                                       | SB/JK           |                 | 4/13/15 -        | Family Medical Leave |
| <b>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel who have successfully completed their annual reviews are appointed to tenure as listed below:</b> |   |                 |                 |                  |                      |
| O'Leary, Stephen  | Assistant Principal                             |                 |                 | 7/1/15           | Tenure               |
| Tona, Christine   | Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction |                 |                 | 7/1/15           | Tenure               |
| Acocella, Patricia  | Principal                                       |                 |                 | 7/27/15          | Tenure               |
| Durkin, Kelly   | Elementary Tchr.                                |                 |                 | 9/1/15           | Tenure               |
| Koentje, Nicholas   | Elementary Tchr.                                |                 |                 | 9/1/15           | Tenure               |
| Shield, Joanne  | Special Education Tchr.                         |                 |                 | 9/1/15           | Tenure               |
| Poggi, Antonella  | Foreign Language Tchr.                          |                 |                 | 9/23/15          | Tenure               |

**The following probationary teacher is being recalled from the Preferred Eligibility List:**

|                     |                   |    |                                       |         |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|----|---------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Kunzig, Christopher | Mathematics Tchr. | HS | Step A-9-6/<br>\$82,405.<br>(prorate) | 4/23/15 | [from part-time] |
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| NAME                                     | POSITION               | SCHOOL/<br>AREA | STEP/<br>SALARY | BEG/END<br>APPT. | COMMENTS       |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Testing/Psych. Evaluations:</b>       |                        |                 |                 |                  |                |
| Kuncman, Lauren                          | Psychologist           |                 | \$272.95/day    | April - May 2015 | [up to 3 days] |
| <b>Math Regents Review Workshops:</b>    |                        |                 |                 |                  |                |
|  |                        | HS              | \$37.14/hr.     | May-June, 2015   |                |
| Gladysz, Michele                         | Algebra                |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Kunzig, Christopher                      | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Selvaggi, Sally                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Valensisi, Valerie                       | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Brennan, Ellen                           | Geometry               |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Mucaria, Donna                           | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Quinn, Melissa                           | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Selvaggi, Sally                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Shinners, Walter                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 3 hrs.   |
| Doyno, Ian                               | Algebra 2/Trigonometry |                 |                 |                  | up to 4.5 hrs. |
| Fulton, Sherri                           | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4.5 hrs. |
| Owenburg, Kristina                       | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4.5 hrs. |
| Schad, Melanie                           | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4.5 hrs. |
| Silvio, Kathryn                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4.5 hrs. |
| Tweeddale, Kristine                      | Substitute             |                 |                 |                  |                |
| <b>Science Regents Review Workshops:</b> |                        |                 |                 |                  |                |
|  |                        | HS              |                 |                  |                |
| Baranek, Stephen                         | Earth Science          |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| Galvin, Donna                            | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| McKenna, Theresa                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| Rizzo, Laura                             | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| Conte, Joseph                            | Living Environment     |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Jones Desiderio, Roberta                 | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Kearon, Kimberly                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Kirby, Susan                             | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Montalvo, Andrea                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Prizzi, Theresa                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| Mendoza, Aimee                           | Chemistry              |                 |                 |                  | up to 6 hrs.   |
| Konopa, Kenneth                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 6 hrs.   |
| Peraza, Rosemary                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 6 hrs.   |
| Salerno, Loretta                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 6 hrs.   |
| Hansen, Kevin                            | Physics                |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| Spitzer, Andrew                          | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 5 hrs.   |
| Entwistle, Tania                         | "                      |                 |                 |                  | up to 4 hrs.   |
| <b>Student Teacher/Observer:</b>         |                        |                 |                 |                  |                |
|  |                        |                 |                 | Spring, 2015     |                |
| Vogelsang, Jordan                        | Social Studies         | HS              |                 |                  |                |
| <b>Per Diem Substitute:</b>              |                        |                 |                 |                  |                |
|  | DW                     |                 | \$90./day       | 2014-2015        |                |
| Adams, Danielle                          |                        |                 |                 |                  | [cert: FACS]   |

**SCHEDULE 14-C-19 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

| NAME              | POSITION                               | SCHOOL/<br>AREA | STEP/<br>SALARY | BEG/END<br>APPT.  | COMMENTS             |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Mingo, Norman     | Custodial Wrkr. I                      | FA              |                 | 4/13/15 -         | Family Medical Leave |
| Fasitta, Debra    | Paraprofessional<br>(school monitor)   | FA              |                 | 4/14/15 - 6/30/15 | Leave of Absence     |
| Medina, Nancy     | Paraprofessional<br>(special ed. aide) | TA              |                 | 4/21/15           | Resignation          |
| Catapano, Kristen | Paraprofessional                       | JK              | Step 1/         | 4/29/15           | Probationary Appt.   |

(school monitor)

\$13.50/hr.

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Fund Surplus Resolution Agreement and Release with Questar III for the District's full and complete entitlement to its share of the Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") accrual amount.

**#FI-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$250.00, from the West Babylon Teachers Association. The donation will be used for the May 18, 2015 Wellness Fair.

**#FI-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$250.00, from the West Babylon Administrators Association. The donation will be used for the May 18, 2015 Wellness Fair.

**#FI-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the January, February and March, 2015 claims auditor's reports and recommendations.

**CURRICULUM**

**#CU-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation of books from the West Babylon Public Library. The books are extra copies of books from past school summer reading collections. These books will be made available to South Bay School students in the school library and in grade level classrooms.

**#CU-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation, from the Bonnie Plant Company, to Tooker Avenue School:  
a shipment of cabbage for each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student  
Teacher guides were also included with specific directions to enable students to learn about gardening. Students will also be enrolled in a contest to win an award certificate.

**BOCES**

**#BC-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education will cast one vote for each of the two vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education:

One vote for: Mr. Sydney Finkelstein

One vote for: Mr. Salvatore Marinello

**#BC-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Western Suffolk BOCES 2015-2016 Administrative and Capital Budget in the amount of **\$316,302**.

**FACILITIES**

**#FA-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the technology equipment, on the attached list, as recommended by Ms. Diane DeBlasio, Master Technologist-ITS, obsolete.

**POLICY:**

**1500-E Public Use of Facilities Exhibit - Fee Schedule (Revision)**

The trustees noted the change to the fee for the use of the PAC from \$6000 to \$9000 and the deposit increase from \$3000 to \$4500

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Wandasiewicz inquired about putting some measures in place in the event of a student's cell phone being taken. After some discussion the Board agreed that Dr. Farrelly can reach out to West Islip Schools to determine their procedures in such instances.

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In response to Trustee Klein's question, Mrs. Tona said that the SCOPE pre-k registration was increasing and may be combining the 13 total students. The district is not publicizing the program as this is a SCOPE run program.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Resident Kelly Randazzo asked what was meant by the architects about the extra material being available for repairs and who would be responsible for the repairs to the turf fields. Dr. Farrelly explained that once the fields are installed, maintenance and repairs would be the responsibility of the district.

She then asked, with due respect, what she should tell parents who ask about what is being done about recent incidents at sporting events regarding Trustees Scarlatos and Kranz. She asked if she should continue telling people that they should come and address the Board. Attorney Mr. Morrell said that they can write a letter to the Board or come to a meeting. Mr. Scarlatos said that the issue has been resolved by the Board and he has received a letter of criticism from the Board. Mr. Kranz also apologized to the Board and said that he was asked not to attend the game following the game in question, which he honored.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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District Clerk