

MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Board of Education Members present

Trustees: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Trustee Ray Downey arrived at 6:25 PM and Trustee John Evola arrived at 6:40 PM. Trustee Peter Scarlatos was absent.

Also present

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Meeting opened at 6:05 PM.

Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Action: C. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss CSEA and Paraprofessionals contract negotiations (upon completion of the Budget Hearing).

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Diane Klein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

2. PUBLIC SESSION-BUDGET HEARING-6:08 PM

Information: A. 2018-2019 Budget Hearing-Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Board President Lucy Campasano called the Budget Hearing to Order. Mrs. Psarakis reviewed the Budget Hearing PowerPoint presentation. The 2018-2019 highlights are as follows: maintain all current programs; health insurance cost increase of 9%; increase in TRS rate from 9.8% to an estimated 10.63%; increase mental health support (add part-time social worker, increase part-time psychologist to full-time, new K-12 Director of Guidance); increase district-wide equipment budget; increase security budget; and implement a Senior High School science research program. Per Mrs. Psarakis - 2.0992% of the Allowable Tax Levy increase is the result of the \$19,000,000 capital bond issued in September 2017. With regards to the Projected Tax Levy-Proposed Budget, homeowners who purchased their home prior to May 1, 2014 will continue to receive the STAR exemption as a reduction to the school district portion of their property taxes. Homeowners who purchased their home after May 1, 2014 will receive a STAR credit in the form of a check. The dollar value of the credit will be the same as the property tax exemption.

If the budget does not pass, the Board of Education has the following options: 1. submit the defeated budget for the Statewide Budget Revote on June 19, 2018; 2. submit a revised budget for the Statewide Budget Revote on June 19, 2018; or 3. adopt a contingent budget. If the budget is defeated for a second time, the Board of Education must adopt a contingent budget. A contingent budget is restricted to ordinary contingent expenses. Ordinary contingent expenses are those necessary to provide the minimum services legally required to:

- Operate and maintain school buildings and educational programs
- Preserve the property of the district; and
- Ensure the health & safety of students and staff

Ordinary contingent expenses do **not** include the following:

- New equipment
- Public use of school buildings and grounds, except where there is no cost to the district
- Nonessential maintenance
- Capital expenditures, i.e., transfer to capital
- Consultant services

The tax levy under a contingent budget can be no greater than the prior year actual tax levy. In addition to the \$2,723,892 use of reserves and appropriated fund balance projected, a contingent budget requires an additional \$2,064,147 in appropriated fund balance, programs/staff reductions or a combination of both. The budget brochures

has been sent out to residents and the budget notice will be mailed out to eligible voters after the Budget Hearing, but not later than 6 days prior to the Budget Vote day. The Budget Hearing presentation will be posted to the website.

3. PUBLIC SESSION-7:25 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): April 24, 2018 Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 24, 2018.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Ray Downey, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Procedural: B. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent

Dr. Farrelly shared, as approved by the Board of Education, the District, on May 11th, will be dedicating the Junior High School track to Coach Don Bohlinger. Mr. Lou Howard, Director of Athletics, is coordinating all details and will be sending out invitations.

There are two employee recognition weeks coming up - May 7th - May 11th Teachers & Teaching Assistants and May 14th - May 18th Transportation Personnel. On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, Dr. Farrelly said she would like to thank and acknowledge our teachers and teacher assistants for being instructional leaders, coaches, counselors and for providing a wonderful support system for our students. She also thanked our transportation personnel for ensuring that our students arrive at school and home safely each day and also, for being a friendly, welcoming presence at the start and end of our student's day.

Dr. Farrelly thanked Mr. Payne for hosting the parent evening presentation held last night (April 30th) regarding K-5 elementary scheduling updates.

With regards to school safety and security, the central administrators and Mr. Salas (Director of School Safety) have been meeting weekly to focus on school safety. The individual buildings have ongoing meetings. The first Board of Education subcommittee meeting on safety will be held on May 21st.

Procedural: C. Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association Representatives

Dr. Patricia Neville, WBTA Secondary Vice President, said the WBTA is looking forward to participating in the upcoming Wellness Fair. The WBTA will be distributing Italian ices and prizes. She gave credit to Mr. DiFruscio for creating the slogan "Have an ice time!"

Procedural: D. Statement of School Administrators Association Representatives

None

Procedural: E. Statement of C.S.E.A. Representatives

Mrs. Donna Rocchio Delorme, CSEA President thanked Lucy Campasano and Jennifer Wandasiewicz for meeting with the newly formed Political Action Committee. She said the committee enjoyed meeting with them both and look forwarding to meeting with Mr. Evola as well.

Procedural: F. Statement of Student Association Representatives

None

Procedural: G. Statement of PTA Council Representatives

None

Procedural: H. Statement of Residents re: agenda items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]

None

4. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Information: A. 2018-2019 Budget Information: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

Please take note of the 2018-2019 Budget Dates in this section of the agenda. Tonight, the 2018-2019 Budget Hearing took place earlier this evening. The 2018-2019 West Babylon School District Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held on May 15, 2018 from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Our two voting sites are the Administration Building and Santapogue School. Dr. Farrelly encouraged all to exercise their right to vote.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Jennifer Wandasiewicz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Ray Downey, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization for the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement with the Director of Facilities III

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mr. Raymond Graziano, Director of Facilities III, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 17-A (N/A)

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 17-P-18

Action (Consent): A. Resignation - JH

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Travaglia	Jennifer	ESL	JH		6/30/18	Resignation

Action (Consent): B. Tenure Recommendations

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

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:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Mauro	Kathryn		ESL		9/1/18	Tenure
Torre	Andrew		Special Education		9/1/18	Tenure

Action (Consent): C. ACT Proctors

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
ACT Proctors:			HS	\$22.64/hr.	4/14/18	
Ofsharick	Shannon					5.5 Hours
Goodwin	Deborah					5.5 Hours
Borgo	Danielle					6.0 Hours
Hickey	Susan					6.0 Hours
Kohler	Amy					6.0 Hours
McArdle	Patrick					6.0 Hours
McMullen	Brook					6.0 Hours
Robinson	Alice					6.0 Hours
Ruiz	Lawrence					6.0 Hours
Fealy	Miranda					6.5 Hours
Shaffer	Donna					6.5 Hours
Amaya	Idalia					8.0 Hours
Satriano	Paul					9.0 Hours
Thomas	Stephanie	Test Coordinator				9.0 Hours

Action (Consent): D. Math, Science, Social Studies Regents Workshops - HS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Math Regents Workshops:			HS	\$37.42/hr.	May-June 2018	
Kunzig	Christopher	Algebra				up to 2.5 hrs.
Valensisi	Valerie					"
Gladysz	Michelle					up to 5 hrs.
Mucaria	Donna					"
Ryan	Diana					"
Kunzig	Christopher	Geometry				up to 3 hrs.
Valensisi	Valerie					"
Fulton	Sherri					up to 6 hrs.

Owenburg	Kristina					"
Quinn	Melissa					"
Silvio	Kathryn	Algebra 2				up to 5 hrs.
Montalvo	Christina					"
Schad	Melanie					"
Shinners	Walter					"
Science Regents Workshops:		HS	\$37.42/hr.	May-June 2018		
Baranek	Steve	Earth Science				up to 5 hrs.
Galvin	Donna					"
Mendoza	Aimee					"
Rizzo	Laura					"
Conte	Joseph	Living Environment				up to 4 hrs.
Jones Desiderio	Amy					"
Durbin	Andrea					"
Kirby	Susan					"
Prizzi	Theresa					"
Konopa	Kenneth	Chemistry				up to 6 hrs.
Belina	Michelle					"
Peraza	Rosemary					"
Salerno	Loretta					"
Hansen	Kevin	Physics				up to 5 hrs.
Jones	Taylor					"
Social Studies Regents Workshops:		HS	\$37.42/hr.	May-June 2018		
Leonard	Matthew	Global History				up to 4 hrs.
Klein	Brendan					up to 8 hrs.
Leonard	Matthew	U.S. History				up to 4 hrs.
Darby	Nicholas					up to 6 hrs.

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 17-C-18

Action (Consent): A. LOA Returnee - JK

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
McDonald	Mildred	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		5/7/18	Returning from LOA

Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absence Request - Transportation

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Lindemann	Theresa	School Bus Driver	Trans.		4/23/18-5/23/18	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): C. Probationary Appointment - SA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Gutowska	Dorota	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.78/hr.	5/2/18	Probationary Appt.

Action (Consent): D. Probationary Appointment - SA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Watson	Tanisha	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.78/hr.	5/2/18	Probationary Appt.

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Alternate Learning Center Program Classroom Space Rental

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 of September 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The rental fee will be \$3,000 and the supportive services fee will be \$13,000.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Westbury UFSD 2017-2018 Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Westbury Union Free School District to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2017-2018 school year.

Action (Consent): C. Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Resolution

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a resolution to participate with various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York in joint bidding of RFP #16-17-03P-IE5-LH, for Tutorial and Special Education Services for students, Western Suffolk BOCES and Component School Districts. The Bid was opened on March 17, 2016, Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; First Extension of Contract: July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; Second Extension of Contract: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Action (Consent): D. Approval of Budget Transfers

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following budget transfers:

Account Code	Account Description & Transfer Explanation	From	To
A1620.4770	Buildings & Grounds Electric	\$45,000.00	
A1620.4710	Buildings & Grounds Heating Gas		\$45,000.00
A1910.4490	Unallocated Insurance and Loss Fund	\$45,000.00	
A1620.4710	Buildings & Grounds Heating Gas		\$45,000.00
	Funds needed to cover National Grid invoices		

Action (Consent): E. Acceptance of Donation - SA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts, from Santapogue School PTA, a donation in the amount of \$716.00. The donation is to be used to purchase picnic tables for the courtyard. In the courtyard, the students have the opportunity to learn and excel in a safe and fun setting.

11. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): A. Acceptance of Donation - JHS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following donations, to the JHS Library, from DonorsChoose.Org:

- # 146684 Botley The Robot Activity Set - Quantity 2
- # 146683 Botley The Coding Robot Single - Quantity 3
- # 142337 Botley Robot & Access Pack - Quantity 2

Action (Consent): B. Declaration of Obsolete Library Books - JHS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares 444 library books (list available upon request), located in the West Babylon Junior High School, obsolete. The materials are either no longer relevant, correct or are damaged.

12. FACILITIES (N/A)

13. POLICY REVIEW (N/A)

14. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: A. NYSSBA Board Conference - October 25th-October 27th: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

The New York State School Boards Association annual conference is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 25th through Saturday, October 27th in New York City at the New York Hilton Hotel. The conference cost is \$465 per person and the hotel is \$325 single/double occupancy per night. One option is to travel in daily by train and the district would reimburse the trustees for travel expenses. Dr. Farrelly asked which trustees would be interested in attending. Six trustees committed to attending. Dr. Farrelly will also be in attendance. A seventh trustee may travel in each day by train. After a discussion, it was agreed that the trustees would stay in the city overnight. The Board has not attended this conference in several years.

Dr. Farrelly brought up the spring Board retreat. She said NYSSBA has a flexible schedule and can provide a workshop on the subject of legal pitfalls for the trustees to be aware of, team building or present on any topic the Board chooses. Discussion was held and the date/time of Monday, June 11th at 6:00 PM was selected for the spring retreat and the topic will be legal pitfalls.

With regards to the West Babylon Alumni Foundation Hall of Fame wall - Dr. Farrelly conducted a walk through of the Senior High School lobby to review the Board's wishes. A visual computerized display will be created so the Board will be able to see how the wall will look when completed. Dr. Farrelly shared the suggestion regarding the relocating of the veterans plaque. After discussion, it was decided to keep the plaque where it is currently located and make the display more prominent by affixing a "title" with an American flag.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Jennifer Longo raised a question regarding whether or not the Board is looking into stipends for music activities. Board President Lucy Campasano said it was agreed to review this during the next budget cycle. Dr. Farrelly said Mr. Hanley has reached out to other district to obtain data relating to general titles.

16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Follow-up to Residents' Statements

Procedural: B. Statements of Residents re: other district items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]*

Mr. Gregg Lewis, the Director of Marketing from Miss Midgies Preschool, which is located at 155 Route 109, shared that he had a "Good Neighbor" honorary diploma he would like to present to Mr. Raymond Graziano, our Director of Facilities III. Mr. Lewis said he had contacted Mr. Graziano regarding overgrown weeds/shrubbery and Mr. Graziano had the situation taken care of immediately. Mr. Lewis said, on behalf of Miss Midgies Preschool, thank you.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 10:00 PM)

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:47 PM.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Ray Downey, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Attested to:

_____ District Clerk