

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-VIDEO CONFERENCE OF JANUARY 28, 2021

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021 through Zoom.com-Meeting ID# 974 3701 0306.

Board of Education Members present

Trustees: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Matthew Amore, Raymond Downey, Diane Klein, Christopher Paolillo, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. 2nd Vice President Peter Scarlatos and Trustee John Evola were not present.

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. There were approximately 22 people logged into the meeting.

1. OPENING OF MEETING-7:00 PM

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Procedural: C. No Executive Session

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

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

Dr. Farrelly welcomed all to the Special Board Meeting and explained the necessity of the special meeting which was for the Board of Education to authorize her to sign the Suffolk County Memorandum of Agreement relating to the reinstatement of high contact sports at the high school level and COVID-19 testing for student athlete participation in such sports (Basketball, Cheerleading and Wrestling).

Below are highlights from the discussion held regarding the topic:

1. Since students are required to be COVID-19 tested, will coaches and referees have to be tested weekly? Dr. Farrelly said coaches will be tested weekly and she would look into the question as to whether referees would have to be tested as well.
2. Are JHS students eligible to participate in sports at this time? No, at this time, only SHS students are eligible to participate. JHS athletic programs may be authorized to begin as of March 22nd.
3. Three 8th grade students are seeking selective classification to participate in SHS sports. The requests are being processed and the students must meet the classification criteria requirements in order to participate.
4. A parent meeting was held today (1/28/21). All procedures sheets/forms will be posted to the district website and coaches will reach out to parents so all are properly informed.
5. In order to participate, a student/parent/guardian must sign/comply with **all** required paperwork.
6. Do we have a boys volleyball team or a boys swim team at this time? No.

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Procedural: A. No report.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Action (Consent): A. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Christopher Paolillo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Suffolk County Memorandum of Agreement relating to Reinstatement of High Contact Sports

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Suffolk County Memorandum of Agreement relating to the reinstatement of high contact sports and COVID-19 testing for student athlete participation in such sports.

6. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 20-C-13

Action (Consent): A. High Risk Sports/COVID-19 Testing

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
High Risk Sports/COVID Testing:					2020-2021	
Carey	Janet			\$33.39/hr.		up to 25 hrs.
Daly	Adair			\$41.08/hr.		"
Giudice	Rosemarie			\$33.39/hr.		"
Chiappone	Jane			\$32.74/hr.		"

7. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents: Public Statements will be taken using the Chat feature of Zoom

There were no questions or statements from residents. Dr. Farrelly suggested if anyone has a question, in the future relating to this topic, they should email the SHS administrators staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 9:00 PM)

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:17 PM.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Diane Klein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Attest: _____
District Clerk