

## MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF MAY 3, 2022

**\*\*\*The MAY 3, 2022 Board of Education Meeting, including the Budget Hearing, can be viewed on Youtube accessed through the West Babylon School District website at [www.wbschools.org](http://www.wbschools.org). The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.\*\*\***

**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 3, 2022 in the Board Room of the West Babylon School District Administration Building, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York. The meeting was held in-person and live streamed through YouTube.**

### **Board of Education Members present**

**Trustees:** Board 2nd Vice President Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, and Kristen Sciame. Board President Lucy Campasano, Board Vice President Diane Klein and Board trustees Matthew Amore and Peter Scarlatos 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; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk. Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, was not present. There were approximately 16 people in attendance.

## **1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-5:00 PM**

**Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

**Action: C. Executive Session**

**Motion to enter into executive session to discuss CSEA negotiations, WBAA negotiations and individual contracts; to exit to attend the Budget Hearing; and to re-enter executive session upon the completion of the Budget Hearing.**

Motion by John Evola, second by Ray Downey.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Sciame

## **2. PUBLIC SESSION-6:00 PM**

**Presentation: A. 2022-2023 Budget Hearing: Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations**

Mrs. Psarakis conducted the budget hearing presentation. Upon completion of the presentation, the Board entered back into executive session.

## **3. PUBLIC SESSION-7:15 PM**

**Procedural: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting - N/A**

Dr. Farrelly shared that the minutes from the April 26, 2022 Board Meeting will be approved at the May 24th Board meeting. There are no minutes for approval tonight.

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

Dr. Farrelly welcomed all to the meeting. She shared that this week is Teachers and Teacher Assistants recognition week. On behalf of the Board of Education and the district administration team, Dr. Farrelly extended her thanks to our West Babylon Teacher's Association for all they do to support our students. Depending on the day, all these individuals serve as teachers, mentors, and guidance counselors for our students. They continuously adapt the instruction to meet each child where they are at and provide the necessary supports and/or enrichment. Thank you!

May 16th to May 20th is Transportation Personnel recognition week. We, as a district, are so fortunate to have our own transportation department. On behalf of the Board of Education and the administration team, Dr. Farrelly thanked all of the transportation personnel for their welcoming of our students onto our bus each day and being the first positive school official face the students see every morning. And, as important, for safely transporting our students to and from school and all the variety of afterschool programs.

Just a reminder - the District Wellness Fair and Fun Run is back. Dr. Farrelly asked all to join in on May 16th at 6:30 PM. Flyer handouts were available on the information table. Dr. Farrelly thanked Mr. Anthony Spinelli and all the members of the Wellness Committee for their efforts to make this event a success.

The next Board of Education meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

As an FYI - schools are closed Thursday, May 26th, Friday, May 27th and Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day weekend. School is OPEN on Tuesday, May 31st because we had one snow day closure earlier in the year.

**Procedural: C. Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association Representatives**

None

**Procedural: D. Statement of School Administrators Association Representatives**

None

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

None

**Procedural: F. Statement of Student Association Representatives**

None

**Procedural: G. Statement of PTA Council Representatives**

Ms. Kristine Hancock, President of the PTA Council, shared on behalf of the PTAs, in light of it being Teachers and Teacher Assistants recognition week, a thank you to all of the teachers and teacher assistants in the district who do a wonderful job. She also reminded everyone about "Meet the Candidates Night" which will take place this Thursday, May 5th from 7:30 to 9:30 PM in the SHS PAC.

**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. 2022-2023 Budget Timeline Information: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools  
Information, Presentation: A. 2022-2023 Budget Timeline information: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Farrelly shared the 22-23 budget timeline as follows:

**2022-2023 West Babylon School District Budget:**

**Budget Hearing:**

**May 3, 2022 -- 6:00 PM -- Administration Building**

**District Budget Vote and Trustees Election:**

**May 17, 2022 -- 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- Administration Building & Santapogue School**

**Tenga en Cuenta:**

**2022-2023 Presupuesto del Distrito Escolar West Babylon:**

**Audiencia de Presupuesto:**

**Mayo 3, 2022 -- 6:00 PM- Edificio de Administracion**

**Elección del Presupuesto del Distrito y la Elección del Administrador**

**Mayo 17, 2022 -- 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- Edificio de Administración & Escuela Elemental Santapague**

**Presentation: B. Athletics Presentation: Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Lou Howard, Director of Athletics**

Mr. Howard, Director of Athletics, and Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. The program/mission statement is as follows: "Our athletic department is an extension of the classroom. We have our coaches teach life lessons and social responsibility. We do our best to hire in-house coaches who understand and align with the school district's mission. Students are given as many opportunities as possible to be involved in after school sports." The presentation is posted to the website.

**Presentation: C. Music Department Presentation: Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Hanley highlighted the wonderful programs offered at each level - elementary, junior high school, and senior high school. He reviewed the district-wide purchasing plan and the district music budget. The presentation is posted to the website.

**Presentation: D. Art Department Presentation: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources**

Dr. Farrelly reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent, highlighted the programs offered at each level - elementary, junior high school, and senior high school. He reviewed the district-wide art budget. The presentation is posted to the website.

**Presentation: E. June 2022 SHS Regents Exam Presentation: Mr. Stephen O'Leary, Senior High School Principal**

Mr. Stephen O'Leary, Senior High School Principal, reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. The highlights included "Regents Exam Administration"; Pre-COVID Regents Exam Process; and Proposal for the June 2022 Regents Administration. The presentation is posted to the website.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

Motion by John Evola, second by Ray Downey

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Scieme

**6. BOARD OF EDUCATION****Action (Consent): A. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment Agreement - J. Guarnieri****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mr. John Guarnieri, School Transportation Supervisor, for the period June 6, 2022 through June 30, 2025.**7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 21-A- (N/A)****8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 21-P-18****Action (Consent): A. Resignation from LOA - SB****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
Tinoco	Marissa	Speech	SB		6/30/22	Resignation from LOA

**Action (Consent): B. Tenure Recommendations****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
Pursuant to NYSED Regulations, Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law, all teaching and supervisory staff appointed on or after July 1, 2015 must receive three(3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in at least three(3) of the preceding four(4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his/her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure. This applies to the following teachers:						
<b>Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel who have successfully completed their annual review is appointed to tenure as listed below:</b>						
Cardone	Suzanne	Elementary	JK		9/1/22	
Rao	Megan	Special Education	SB		9/1/22	

**Action (Consent): C. 2021-2022 Atlas Curriculum Work - Grant-Funded****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following teachers to complete curricular work in their coursework areas to align with NYS Standards, develop course objectives and establish unit essential questions:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>Atlas Curriculum Work:</b>						
			HS	\$60./hr.	2021-2022	<b>Title II Grant</b>
Antonelli	Gina					up to 8 hrs.
Meadows	Dana					"
Cafiero	Mary Ann					up to 12 hrs.
Cicogna	Deborah					up to 20 hrs.
Losardo	Debra					"
Petrulli	Allison					"

**Action (Consent): D. 2021-2022 After School AP/Regents Learning Loss Preparation - Grant-Funded****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following teachers to provide additional academic support in preparation for Advanced Placement and/or Regents exams:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>After School AP Regents Learning Loss Preparation:</b>						
<b>Teachers:</b>						
			HS	\$80./hr.	2021-2022	<b>CRRSAA-ESSER Grant</b>
Amato	Philip					up to 10 hrs.
Greve	Kristina					"
Losito	Christopher					"
Zipkas	Amy					"

**Action (Consent): E. 2021-2022 Per Diem Substitute Teacher****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
<b>Per Diem Substitute Teacher:</b>						
			DW		2021-2022	
				\$150./day 1-10		
				\$175./day 11+		
Montalvo	Christina					[cert: Math 7-12]

## 9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 21-C-18

### Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Request - SB

**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
Gomes	Kristine	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB		5/2/22 - 6/30/22	Leave of Absence

### Action (Consent): B. Resignation Date Adjustment - Trans.

**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
Velez	Bryan	School Trans. Supervisor	Trans.		6/1/22	Resignation

### Action (Consent): C. Probationary Appointment - Trans.

**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
Guarnieri	John	School Transportation Supervisor	Trans.	\$110,000. (prorate)	6/6/22, or sooner	Probationary [C.S. List of

## 10. FINANCE

### Action (Consent): A. Approval of e Rate SPI funding Terms of Agreement

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the agreement with SHI for Service Provider Invoicing, for procurement of goods and services relating to the purchase of chromebooks, through e RATE USAC EFC funding.

### Action (Consent): B. Approval of Treasurer's Report - March 2022

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2022.

### Action (Consent): C. Approval of Claims Auditor Report - First Quarter 2022

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Claims Auditor Report for the First Quarter 2022.

### Information: D. Schedule of Bills - April 13, 2022 Accounts Payable Check Run

### Information: E. Schedule of Bills - April 27, 2022 Accounts Payable Check Run

### Information: F. School Lunch Report March 2022

## 11. CURRICULUM - (N/A)

## 12. FACILITIES - (N/A)

## 13. POLICY REVIEW

### Action: A. Third Time Adoption: Policy 4010 Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials Motion to Adopt Policy 4010 as revised.

Motion by Ray Downey, second by John Evola.

#### Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè

### Action: B. Third Time Adoption: Policy 4200 Curriculum Management Motion to Adopt Policy 4200 as revised.

Motion by Ray Downey, second by John Evola.

#### Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè

### Action: C. Third Time Adoption: Policy 6000 Fiscal Management Goals Motion to Adopt Policy 6000 as revised.

Motion by John Evola, second by Ray Downey.

#### Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè

## 14. OLD BUSINESS (N/A)

## 15. NEW BUSINESS (N/A)

## 16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

### Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

An approximate 10 minute session of "statement of residents" took place. One resident spoke regarding the following:

- A resident spoke about an LGBTQ conference she had given permission for her daughter to attend. The resident had reached out to the teacher, but she still was upset about what took place during the field trip. The resident said the district needs to be more transparent. The parent requested someone get back to her. Dr. Farrelly suggested the parent follow-up with the school administrators. Dr. Farrelly also shared that parents/residents do not have to wait for a Board meeting for issues/situations to be addressed.

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## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:07 PM.**

Motion by Ray Downey, second by Kristen Sciamè.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Christopher Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

District Clerk