

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

*****The February 11, 2025 Board of Education Meeting can be viewed on YouTube accessed through the West Babylon School District website at www.wbschools.org.**

The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.

***** The February 11, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting, of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, NY was held in the PAC Auditorium of the West Babylon Senior High School, 500 Great East Neck Road, West Babylon, New York
The meeting was held in-person**

Members present

Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

Also present:

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Deputy Superintendent for Human Resources, Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Christopher Venator, Esq., School Attorney. Ms. Jailin Parada, District Clerk was not present.

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 a Student Related Matter, Individual Contract Negotiations, Superintendent Evaluation and Heads and Chiefs Negotiations.

Motion by Chris Paolillo, second by Ray Downey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 1/28/25.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 1/28/25.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Patti Neville.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

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

Dr. Farrelly expressed her gratitude to the community for their attendance at tonight's BOE meeting. She began her report by extending congratulations to Brooklynn Murray, the sole female wrestler representing the West Babylon and the Bayshore team. Murray's distinction as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler and her title as County Champion underscore her remarkable achievements. On the 27th of February, at the MVP Arena in Albany, she will have the opportunity to become one of the inaugural official state girls wrestling champions. Her accomplishments are a source of immense pride.

Dr. Farrelly also conveyed her congratulations and acknowledgement to the cheerleading team, who recently returned from the Florida Nationals competition. Despite not advancing to the finals, their achievements are commendable.

She then introduced the PTA Council President to begin tonight's special Veteran's Day student program.

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

None

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Presentation: A. Presentation: Veterans Day Student Award Acknowledgement, PTA Council

The presentation of awards and honourable mentions for the winning participants in this year's Veterans Day contest was conducted by Rachel Scelfo, the President of the PTA Council.

Winners

Junior High/High School level – Aryana Jengelley, 7th Grade
5th Grade Essay – Amara Garcia, Tooker Avenue 5th Grade
Elementary Poster Contest – Alison Martinez, Tooker Avenue

Honorable Mentions:

Elizabeth Lopez, Senior High School
Angie Rosenberger, Junior High School
Ava Saltzer Dagostino, JFK
Maximillian Panuthos, South Bay

Additionally, the coordination of the participation of several local veterans from the American Legion in the presentation of the Veterans Day Awards was also overseen by Rachel Scelfo, PTA Council President.

- Paul Buffa, Joseph Regina and Bill Grasso from the Sgt John Sardiello Post 1634
- Pete Wolk from the Sons of the American Legion Squadant 1634

As a conclusion to the presentation, seventh-grade student Aryana Jengelley recited her song lyrics.

4. STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

A member of the local community approached the podium to address an incident related to an employee at Forest Avenue. The president of the board requested that the individual refrain from discussing any matters pertaining to employees in the public session.

A number of residents of the community articulated their concerns regarding the closure of Forest Elementary and the financial expenditures incurred by the district as a consequence of the CVA case payments. Several parents conveyed their appreciation to the board for their commitment and contribution of time. Moreover, a community member posed inquiries pertaining to the leasing of Forest Avenue and the security of the building.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion by Stephan Maucere, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization to Sign Settlement Agreement and Release

WHEREAS, a lawsuit (the "Action") was commenced on October 1, 2020, against the West Babylon Union Free School District, by an individual made known to the Board of Education;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to avoid the burden, expense, and inherent uncertainty of further litigation;

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed to settle the Action, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Settlement Agreement and Release;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District hereby authorizes the settlement of the Action titled *C.M. v. West Babylon Union Free School District a/k/a West Babylon School District, et al.*, venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Suffolk, Index No. 614159/2020, in accordance with the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Release ("Settlement Agreement") among the parties, said Settlement Agreement having been provided to and reviewed by the members of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the above-mentioned Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District's attorneys of record to execute any and all other documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.

Action (Consent): B. Adoption of Serial Bonds - Settled Claim

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Education of the
West Babylon Union Free School District, in the
County of Suffolk, New York

February 11, 2025

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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York, was held within said District on February 11, 2025, at

__:__ o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time).

There were present: Christopher Paolillo, President of the Board of Education, and

Board Members:

There were absent:

Also present: Jailin Parada, District Clerk

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Board Member _____ offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A SETTLED CLAIM, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$850,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

**NOT TO EXCEED \$850,000 BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID
APPROPRIATION**

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (*by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Education*) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The West Babylon Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called the "District"), is hereby authorized to pay a settled claim resulting from litigation commenced against the District pursuant to the New York Child Victims Act. The estimated total cost of such settled claim is \$850,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$850,000 bonds of the District to finance said appropriation and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$850,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the serial bonds herein authorized, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 33. of the Law, is five (5) years; provided, however, that in the event the total amount of such judgment, settlements and any other similar claims, judgments or awards falling due and being paid in a single fiscal year shall exceed one per centum (1.00%) of the average assessed valuation of real property in the District, the applicable period of probable usefulness shall be ten (10) years; and provided further that in the event such judgment, settlement and any other similar claims, judgments or awards falling due and being paid in a single fiscal year shall exceed two per centum (2.00%) of the average assessed valuation of real property in the District, the applicable period of probable usefulness shall be fifteen (15) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the District. The faith and credit of

the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Education relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money,
or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in each of the official newspapers of the District, such newspapers having a general circulation within said District and hereby designated as the official newspapers of the District for such publication.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member _____ and duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 23-A-6

None

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 23-P-11 Action (Consent): A. Probationary Appointment - TA

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
Labordus	Kellyanne	Licensed Practical Nurse	TA	Step 1/ \$46,790. (prorate)	2/12/25	Probationary Appointment [LPN License] [pending transcript review]

Action (Consent): B. 2024-2025 Regular Substitute - Salary/Stipend Adjustment - FA/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
DiMarco	Carlo	Regular Substitute/ Social Worker	FA/SB	Step A-5-1/ \$61,187. +\$2,084. (stipend) (prorate)	Second Semester, 2024-2025, or sooner at district's discretion	[cert: School Social Worker]

Action (Consent): C. 2024-2025 Additional Section - HS

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
DiMarco	Carlo	Regular Substitute/ Social Worker	FA/SB	Step A-5-1/ \$61,187. +\$2,084. (stipend) (prorate)	Second Semester, 2024-2025, or sooner at district's discretion	[cert: School Social Worker]

Action (Consent): D. 2024-2025 Regents Prep Tutorials Additional Session - HS

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
Regents Prep Tutorials:			HS	\$40.20/session	12/11/24-1/28/25	

Doyno	Ian	Geometry				1 additional session [1.25 tutorial session] [repl. M. Quinn]
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Action (Consent): E. 2024-2025 Elementary Club and Advisor - FA

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
Club/Advisor:					2024-2025	
Felice	Bryan	Math Olympiads	FA	\$558.00		[repl. K. McNeely]

Action (Consent): F. 2024-2025 Before/After School Spire Reading Tutorials

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following tutorial services before or after school:

Last name	First name	Position	School Area	Step/Salary	Beg/End Appt	Comments
Forsythe	Erik	Special Ed Teacher	JFK	\$61.17/hr.	Sept 2024- June 2025	Paid through 611 Grant F0032.1500.25.2250
Cohen	Corey	Special Ed Teacher	TA/JFK	\$61.17/hr.	Sept 2024- June 2025	Paid through 611 Grant F0032.1500.25.2250

Action (Consent): G. 2024-2025 DERT - Updated Members

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following members of the District Emergency Response Team ("DERT"), for the 2024-2025 school year, as follows:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA
Galante	Victoria	Interim Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations	BO
Maddi	Michael	School Transportation Supervisor	Trans.

Action (Consent): H. Spring 2025 - Adult Education Instructors/Consultants/Volunteers

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
Adult Education Instructor:					Spring, 2025	
Kate Nerrie			Yoga	\$35./hr.		
Adult Education Consultants:					Spring, 2025	
Amir Jatoi			Defensive Driving	\$35./person		
Dean Bobbitt			QiGong	\$15./person		
JoAnna Garfi McNally			Guardian Angels	\$25./person		
Have Dummy Will Travel/Erik Zalewski			Adult, Child and Infant CPR/AED	\$65./person		
"			BLS for Healthcare Providers	\$70./person		
"			AVERT	\$60./person		
"			Pediatric First Aid	\$65./person		
Helen Krebs			Reiki Share Class A	\$10./person		
"			Reiki Share Class B	\$10./person		
Laura Savino			Get Organized	\$25./person		
Craig Coffman			Virtual Piano	\$49./person		
"			Virtual Guitar	\$49./person		
Adult Education Volunteer Instructors:				-\$0.-	Spring, 2025	
Steven Kass			Estate Planning, Elder Law & Long Term Care Planning			
"			Estate & Trust Planning for Individuals with a Disability			
Meg Danaher			When Should I Take my Social Security?			
Vincent Perrotta			College, Getting There From Here			
			Moving Forward After Divorce			
			Medicare			
			Home Stretch Retirement			
			Generational Wealth			
			Savvy Women			
			Roadmap to Retirement			
			Retirement, Making Your Money Last			
Shirley Espinoza			Diabetes and You			
"			Feed Your Body Back to Health			
"			High Blood Pressure & Cholesterol			

Action (Consent): I. 2024-2025 Per Diem Substitute Teachers

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
Per Diem Substitute Teachers:			DW		2024-2025	
				\$150./day		
				\$175/day 11 + days		

Reis	Jessica					[cert: SWD B-2; 5-9;1-6; Childhood Ed 1-6 B-2; Lit B-6]
Zdenek	Taryn					[pending cert max 90 days]

Action (Consent): J. 2024-2025 Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:				2024-2025	
Adames	Stephanie	SpEd	HS	Spring	
Degennaro	Angelina	Elementary	JFK	Spring	

Action (Consent): K. Winter Coaching, 2024-2025

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
Cella	Audrey	JHS Assistant	Cheerleading	\$3,968.	Winter, 2024-2025	Pending Certs.

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 23-C-10

Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence - 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
Cardaci	Agostina	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	SB		3/3/25-6/30/25	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): B. Probationary Appointments - 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
Cayan	Betul	Food Service Worker 'A'	SA	Step 1/ \$19.07/hr.	2/12/25	Probationary Appointment [from FSW 'B']

Sorgie	Shannon	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	2/12/25	Probationary Appt. [emergency conditional appt.]
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Action (Consent): C. 2024-2025 Temporary Appointment - BO

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
Lister	Jennifer	Account Clerk	BO	Step 1/ \$41,843. (prorate)	2/12/25-5/11/25	Temporary Appt. [emergency conditional appt.]

Action (Consent): D. Temporary Appointments Ended - HS/JH

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
Neilson	Brian	Chief Custodian	HS	Step 2/ \$73,880. +750. (longevity) (prorate)	2/11/25	[temporary appointment ended]
Neilson	Brian	Custodial Worker II	JH	Step 10/ \$69,474. +750. (long} +2,100. (sup) (prorate)	2/12/25	[Returning to CWII JHS 2/12/25]
Sackett	Christopher	Acting Custodial Worker II	JH	\$2,100. (prorate)	2/11/25	[Night Supervisor Stipend Ended]

Sackett	Christopher	Custodial Worker I	JH	Step 2/ \$50,947. (prorate)	2/12/25	[Returning to CWI JHS 2/12/25]
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Action (Consent): E. 2024-2025 Per Diem Substitutes - DW

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
Per Diem Substitutes:			DW	\$16.50/hr.	2024-2025	
Echevarria	Maria	Food Service Worker			2/12/25-6/30/25	[emergency conditional appt.]
Velez Jr.	John	Custodian			"	

Action (Consent): F. 2024-2025 Account Clerk Substitute - BO

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
Per Diem Substitute:					2024-2025	
Bredkamp	Lenore	Account Clerk	BO	\$32.00/hr.	2/12/25-6/30/25, or sooner at District discretion	[emergency conditional appt.]

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Obsolete Equipment - JHS

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education declares 1 Milk Cooler at the Junior High School obsolete. It is outdated, does not work, and can not be fixed.

WB# 20070656

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A1060.4490	District Meeting Professional Services	16,000.00	
A1010.4490	Board of Education Professional Services		16,000.00
	Expenditures related to the Budget Vote		

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Treasurer's Report - December 2024

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2024

Action (Consent): D. Approval of Contract Two Year Extension - Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a two year extension of the transportation contract with Suffolk Transportation Service, Inc. for the following services:

Large Bus Services for home-to-school transportation

Van Services

Summer Programs

Field and Athletic Trips

These services will cover the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

Action (Consent): E. Approval of 2024-2025 East Islip School District Health Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with East Islip School District, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2024-2025 school year

Action (Consent): F. Approval of 2024-2025 Jericho UFSD Health Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Jericho UFSD, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2024-2025 school year.

Action (Consent): G. Approval of 2023-2024 Hempstead UFSD Health Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Hempstead UFSD, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2023-2024 school year

Action (Consent): H. Approval of 2024-2025 Hicksville School District Health Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Hicksville School District, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2024-2025 school year

Action (Consent): I. Approval of Claims Auditor Report - January 2025

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Claims Auditor Report for January 2025.

11. CURRICULUM**Action (Consent): A. Declaration of Obsolete books from Santapogue Elementary**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares books on the attached list of obsolete due to age, condition, are outdated and no longer used.

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

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares Library Books on the attached list obsolete due to being outdated, poor condition or damaged.

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

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accept the following donation, to the West Babylon Junior High School Library, from William Doran, K-8 Music Chairperson:

Approximately 100 assorted Classic Magna Tiles (magnetic building set)

Action (Consent): D. The Crime Victims Center Workshops for Elementary Schools

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education approves The Crime Victims Center for the following presentations on 4/28/25, 4/29/25 and 4/30/25.

There will be 13 Presentations of "When Should You Tell" presented to the 5th graders at the elementary schools.

Action (Consent): E. The Crime Victims Center Workshops for JHS

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education approves The Crime Victims Center for the following 7th and 8th grade presentations on 4/07/25 & 4/08/25.

The presentations will be as follows:

- 7th Grade "Katie's Secret I" - 9 programs
- 8th Grade- "Don't Cross"- 9 programs

Action (Consent): F. Acceptance of Book Donation

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the donation of a children's book written by two West Babylon residents. Two copies of the book to be distributed to each elementary school in the district.

12. FACILITIES

None

13. POLICY REVIEW

None

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

None

Trustee Tymann Johnson expressed her sentiments regarding the closure of Forest Elementary in a prepared statement.

16. LONG RANGE PLANNING CONSOLIDATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Action: A. RESOLUTION

Motion to approve agenda item 16A RESOLUTION regarding the closing of elementary schools together with the closing and repurposing of Forest Avenue Elementary schools, effective 8/31/25.

Motion by Stephan Maucere, second by Anthony Raccomandato.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

No: Cathy Gismervik

Following the conclusion of the motion, Dr. Farrelly inquired of the board whether there would be any interest in exploring the Princeton model. The board by general consensus indicated they would like to continue with the current K-5 model. No vote was needed as this is the current model.

Dr. Farrelly inquired of the board whether there was a general consensus for her to pursue lease options for Forest Avenue for the consideration of the BOE. The board unanimously agreed. She also clarified that all lease agreements and contracts must be legally approved by the board at a board meeting before the district moves forward with any agreement.

Furthermore, she inquired as to whether the board would also like her to pursue and gather additional information regarding the sale of unused land, with a particular focus on the SHS. The board responded in the affirmative.

17. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

Concerning the matter of the closure and repurposing of Forest Avenue Elementary, inquiries have been made by parents to ascertain the manner in which the school district intends to communicate with students regarding this matter. In response, Dr. Farrelly stated that discussions are scheduled to commence tomorrow with the Forest Avenue team to discuss how to support students through the change. She also indicated a statement will go out to the community.

Parents have also submitted a series of queries, including those pertaining to the rezoning of pupils and the timing of the notification regarding their child's designated elementary school for the forthcoming academic year. Dr. Farrelly indicated families will be notified as soon as the attendance zones are re-assessed and finalized.

Other members of the community thanked the board for their time and education.

A member of the community inquired of the school district's finances in comparison to 30 years ago.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:16pm.

Motion by Stephan Maucere, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccamandato, Stephan Maucere