

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, September 22, 2009, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees; Wendy DeGaetano, Patrick M. Farrell, Carmine Galletta, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein, Jerry Nocera, Joseph Romano and Diane Thiel  
Trustee Lucy Campasano was absent.

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Dominick Palma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services; Mr. Michael J. Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents.

The president opened the meeting at 7:19 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

**PRESENTATION: Tobacco Free Schools Project - Karyn Kirschbaum, Tobacco Specialist WS BOCES**

Mr. Cacciola said that West Babylon School District has participated in the Tobacco Free Schools Project for a number of years. He introduced Ms. Kirschbaum of WS BOCES to offer her presentation. Ms. Kirschbaum thanked the Board and Administration for inviting her this evening. She said that the Tobacco Action Coalition recently held a recognition luncheon to which 12 superintendents were invited, including West Babylon's Superintendent. She said that she appreciates the support of the district's liaisons Jaime Dascoli, Dana Ackerman and Joseph Serigano. She presented the Board members, and administrators with information about staff survey reports and pens. In addition, the district received a framed certificate. Ms. Kirschbaum said that the schools are the place to start encouraging students to remain tobacco free. She also thanked Mr. Cacciola, Dr. Palma, and the Board of Education, adding that communication is the key to successful enforcement. A Photo was taken.

Trustee Thiel seconded by trustee Romano made a motion to go into executive session at 7:28 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:45 PM.

Trustee Nocera seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 1, 2009, the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009 and the Special Meeting of September 15, 2009.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Mr. Cacciola said that the district is looking for community volunteers to serve on the strategic planning committee task force. He asked that anyone interested please sign up. He said that the first meeting is to be held on September 29 at 7:00 pm. There will be an additional 6-8 meetings between now and January. October 24, 2009 the Alumni Foundation will host its first Hall of Fame dinner at which at least four people will be selected this year.

Mr. Farrell said that due to the concerns about the adoption of the Wellness Policy this evening, a community forum will be scheduled to discuss the policy before the Board adopts it. He encouraged all who are interested to attend.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

Mr. Leonbruno thanked Mr. Farrell for waiting to adopt the policy.

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

None

**Statement of CSEA Representative:**

None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:**

None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:**

None

**Statement of Residents:**

In response to WB Taxpayers association President William Hill's question, Mr. Flower said that the budget transfers on this evening's agenda have not been completed.

Resident Carol Stoehrer explained her concern about the Health and Wellness Policy that is on the agenda for adoption this evening. She offered a presentation of the differences between home baked goods vs. manufactured and prepackaged food. She suggested alternatives to not providing baked goods i.e.; permission slips or an acceptable alternative treat for a specific child. She added that she contacted the Suffolk County Health Inspector and was told that the county does not preside over the classroom. She also noted that this will affect family picnics, etc. President Farrell suggested that anyone interested in attending the meeting send an e-mail to Mr. Cacciola. Resident Leslie Cosie read a letter from her pediatrician offering his opinion that he does not believe home baked goods and occasional treats have a negative impact on weight; believing instead that the daily food choices are more important. President Farrell thanked everyone for their input.

Resident Catherine Campbell discussed the use of clear backpacks at the high school. She received a letter stating that any backpack can be used this year and then was told that students must use clear backpacks, after purchasing a regular backpack. She wanted clarity about which backpack is in compliance.

Resident Lisa Davino read from the section II handbook which recognizes cheerleading as a support activity. She said instead of criticism from those not competing, West Babylon should be proud of the cheerleaders' talents.

**Superintendent's Report/Report of the Board of Education:** Nothing further

Trustee Romano seconded by Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and addenda #PE-2 and #BE-4**

**Voting YES** - Trustees Farrell, Galletta, Jennings, Klein, Nocera, Romano, and Thiel

**Voting NO** - None

**Abstentions** - Trustee DeGaetano (family member is on the agenda)

The motion was **CARRIED**

**#BE-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Amendment to the West Babylon Union Free School District 403(b) Retirement Plan. Paragraph 6.6 is restated to read "ROTH contributions shall be allowed under the Plan, as submitted by The Omni Group".

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education adopts the revised version of the Third Party Administration Services Agreement for Omni Financial Group.

**#BE-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the following school district is approved to provide Health and Special Education Services to parentally-placed West Babylon District resident students with disabilities for the 2009-2010 school year:

South Huntington UFSD

**#PE-1**

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

09-P-5 Professional Personnel

09-C-5 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 09-P-5 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Farrice, Kristi	Family/Consumer Science Tchr.	HS		9/8/09-9/11/09	Family Medical Leave
Durkin, Kelly	Teaching Assistant	FA		9/14/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Ehrensperger, Margaret	Health Tchr.	HS		9/14/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Galletta, Thomas	Special Ed. Tchr.	SB		10/6/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Poggi, Antonella	For. Lang. Tchr.	HS	Step A-1-1/ \$45,714. (prorate)	9/23/09	Probationary Appt.
<b>Additional Sections:</b>					
Kearns, Gabrielle	For. Lang. Tchr. (.2)	HS	\$11,931.60 (prorate)	9/23/09-6/30/10	
Poggi, Antonella	For. Lang. Tchr. (.2)	HS	\$9,142.80 (prorate)	9/9/09-return of L. Connors	

Coleman, Therese For. Lang. Tchr. HS \$20,431.20 9/23/09-return of L. Connors  
(.2) (prorate)

**SCHEDULE 09-P-5 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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**Additional Sections (cont'd):**

Ruiz, Lawrence For. Lang. Tchr. HS \$15,451.20 9/23/09-return of L. Connors  
(.2) (prorate)

Romeo, Marta For. Lang. Tchr. HS \$15,771.60 9/23/09-return of L. Connors  
(.2) (prorate)

Velasquez, Idalia For. Lang. Tchr. HS \$19,976.40 9/23/09-return of L. Connors  
(.2) (prorate)

Germano, Charles Coordinator K-12 TA/DW \$970.62 2009-2010 [2 add'l. days]  
Student Data & Instructional Technology

**Administrative Assistant:**

Gimberlein, Nicholas JH \$3,473. 9/23/09-6/30/10  
(prorate)

**Clubs & Advisors:**

Doran, William Jazz Band Gr. 8 JH \$1,973. 9/23/09-6/30/10 [repl. N. Gimberlein]  
(prorate)

Intreglia, Margaret Forensics HS \$1,593. 2009-2010

**Alternative Evening High School Teachers:** \$33.17/hr. 2009-2010

Armato, Philip Social Studies  
Jonasson, Christopher "  
Parrington, Sandra "  
Fiorelli, Carly English  
Wheeler, Melissa Mathematics  
Konopa, Kenneth Science  
Snyder, John Phys.Ed./Health  
Carson, Jeffrey School Media Specialist  
Satriano, Paul Guidance Counselor

**Student Teacher/Observer:**

Congiusta, Michele English HS Fall, 2009

**Per Diem Substitutes:**

Crawford, Cheryl DW \$90./day 2009-2010  
DeLorenzo, Robert  
Goroff, Seth  
Gully, Lauren  
Koehler, Rosemary  
Maloney, Bonnie  
Zito, Debra

Moore, Barbara DW \$120./day 2009-2010 Registered Nurse

**SCHEDULE 09-P-5 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>Coaches:</b>				Winter, 2009-2010	
Mormino, Jennifer	JV Head	Cheerleading	\$3,909.		
DeLany, Nicole	7/8 Gr. Head	Cheerleading	\$2,316.		
Rayola, Michael	Varsity Asst.	Basketball(B)	\$5,501.		
Bellacosa, Michael	JV Head	Basketball(B)	\$5,501.		
Levy, Steve	7/8 Gr. Head	Basketball(B)	\$3,909.		
Bachety, John	Varsity Asst.	Basketball(G)	\$5,501.		
Torres, Nicole	JV Head	Basketball(G)	\$5,501.		
Serigano, Joseph	7/8 Gr. Head	Basketball(G)	\$3,909.		
Serigano, Joseph	7/8 Gr. Head	Volleyball	\$3,909.		
Dahl, Robert	Varsity Asst.	Winter Track(B)	\$3,909.		
Phelan, Melissa	Varsity Asst.	Winter Track(G)	\$3,909.		
Haise, Terrance	Varsity Asst.	Wrestling	\$5,501.		
Coffin, Harold	JV Head	Wrestling	\$5,501.		
Russo, Michael	7/8 Gr. Head	Wrestling	\$3,909.		
Amarando, Craig	7/8 Gr. Asst.	Wrestling	\$3,674.		

**Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:**

Caldas, Candida  
Porter, Doreen

**SCHEDULE 09-C-5 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Schuller, Denise	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	TA		9/4/09	Resignation [date correction]
Sousa-Yacono, Marcia	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$18.96/hr.	9/23/09	Probationary Appt.
<b>PAC Technician:</b>			\$35./hr.	2009-2010	
*DeGaetano, Daria					
<b>Student Printer:</b>		HS	\$7.25/hr.	2009-2010	
Sloan, Taylor					
<b>Per Diem Substitute: DW</b>		\$9./hr.	2009-2010		
*Scotto, Betsy					Food Service

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

#FI-1

**RESOLVED:** that the following appropriation transfers be approved:

**Reason: Budget transfers required as a result of the settlement of the WBTA contract and additional salary adjustments due to promotions and service credits.**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	From	To
A 9020.8000	TEACHER RETIREMENT	\$ 56,460.76	
A 1240.1600	SUPT'S CLERICAL SALARIES		\$ 0.13
A 1430.1600	PERSONNEL ASST SUPT'S CLERICAL SALARIES		\$ 0.21
A 2010.1600	ASST SUPT'S CLERICAL SALARIES		\$ 0.62
A 2815.1600	NON INSTR. SALARIES		\$ 1,095.59
A 2805.1500	ATTENDANCE TEACHER'S SALARY		\$ 3,387.00
A 2815.1601	NON INSTR. - NURSES & O/Ts		\$ 9,240.00
A 2815.1500	SCHOOL NURSE TEACHERS' SALARIES		\$ 11,348.00
A 1310.1600	BUSINESS OFFICE STAFF SALARIES		\$ 13,357.21
A 2610.1500	K-12 LIBRARIANS		\$ 18,032.00
A 2280.4900	BOCES OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	\$ 25,155.84	
A 2810.1600	CLERICAL GUIDANCE SALARIES		\$ 25,155.84
A 2250.4900	BOCES SERVICES	\$ 211,693.93	
A 2270.1200	READING TEACHERS K-5		\$ 68,970.10
A 2270.1300	READING TEACHERS 6-12		\$ 69,812.23
A 2820.1500	PSYCHOLOGISTS' SALARIES		\$ 72,911.60

**Reason: To cover additional professional services in the Student Services Department for the 2009-2010 school year.**

A 2250.4700	TUITION	\$ 100,000.00	
A 2250.4490	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$100,000.00

**Reason: Appropriation of new legislatively enacted MTA tax.**

A 9030.8000	SOC. SECURITY/MEDICARE	\$ 180,000.00	
A1980.4000	MTA PAYROLL TAX		\$180,000.00

#FI-2

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation:

Free rental of tents from Party Enhancers

This donation will be used for the Healthy Choices Fun Run and Worldwide Day of Play which will take place on October 3, 2009.

#FI-3

**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendents are authorized to file application under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act, Title I, Part A in the approximate amount of \$271,289 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**#FI-4**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendents are authorized to file application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title II, Part A Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting funds in the amount of \$133,896 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**#FI-5**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendents are authorized to file an application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology funds in the amount of \$2,634 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**#FI-6**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendents are authorized to file an application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title IV, Part A Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities in the amount of \$13,725 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**#FI-7**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendents are authorized to file an application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title III, Part A LEP (Limited English Proficient) in the approximate amount of \$19,762 for the 2009-2010 school year.

**#CU-1**  
**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following books, located at Forest Avenue School, obsolete:

<i>Communities</i>	American Book Company, 1982	30 copies
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**#FA-1**  
**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following vehicle "out of service" as a school bus and transferred to the Buildings & Grounds roster for use by that department:

Vehicle #	Year	Make	Engine	HP	Plate #	Vin #
14	1994	Ford	7.3L	185	K50793	1FDJE3M7RHA27853

**ADDENDUM:**

**#BE-4**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Board of Education waives policy JHFD in reference to a specific high school student due to exceptional circumstances. The student may drive himself to Wilson Tech (BOCES) during the 2009-2010 school year.

**#PE-2**  
**RESOLVED:** that the attached personnel schedules are approved:

<u>09-P-5A(a)</u>	Professional Personnel
<u>09-C-5A(a)</u>	Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 09 -P-5A, Professional Personnel Schedule**

**ADDENDUM (a)**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b><u>Alternative Evening High School Teachers:</u></b>			\$33.17/hr.	2009-2010	
Koudelka, Tiffany	English				
Clark, Katie	Substitute				
Cohen, Lauren	"				
<b><u>Per Diem Substitute:</u></b>			\$90./day	2009-2010	
Kenary, Carol	DW				

**SCHEDULE 09-C-5A Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

**ADDENDUM (a)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Adams, Joanne	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	JH		9/23/09-12/23/09	Leave of Absence
<b><u>PAC Technician:</u></b>			\$35./hr.	2009-2010	
*Kozar, Douglas					
<b><u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u></b>		DW	\$9./hr.	2009-2010	
*Arshad, Rubeena					Food Service
*Fischer, Barbara					"

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**POLICY REVIEW**

**File: JEF Open Lunch Policy** (Third Time Adoption)

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Galletta made a motion to adopt the policy

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**File: 1230** (Formerly policies BDDH and KD) **Public Participation at Board Meetings** (Third Time Adoption)

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Thiel made a motion to adopt the policy

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**File: IGAF** (also EFF) **West Babylon School District's Wellness Policy** (Third Time Adoption)

Trustee Klein seconded by trustee DeGaetano made a motion to table any action on this policy until October 13, 2009.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Thiel read from the minutes of the Board building tour walkthrough- minutes are on file in the District Clerk's Office.

Trustee Thiel read from the minutes of the Curriculum Committee meeting - minutes are on file in the District Clerk's Office

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

In response to Trustee Thiel's question Dr. Palma said that as of 4:00 today, all teachers have the rubrics of the new report cards and they will share them with parents at their building's open school night. He added that the kindergarten report card is complete and there are corrections being made to the report cards of the other grade levels.

**STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:**

In response to resident Tina Goode's question, Mr. Cacciola said the cost of restarting the driver education program at the high school level would likely be prohibitive. It is something that could be considered during the budget process.

William Hill, President of the West Babylon Taxpayers Association requested that when the audits are complete they be posted on the district's website.

Resident John Slater inquired about having teachers purchase necessary supplies for students either through tax dollars, or parents paying. Trustee DeGaetano said that there is a pilot program at the JHS making their supply lists available to purchase through school. She said it is possible that this could be expanded.

Resident Carol Stoehrer thanked the Board and Administrators for taking their view of the Wellness Policy into consideration.

Trustee DeGaetano seconded by Trustee Jennings made a motion to executive session at 9:30 pm

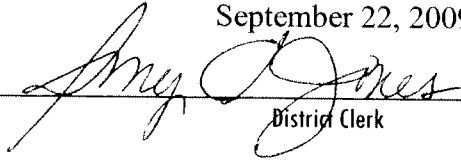
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Romano seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

September 22, 2009

Attested to:

  
District Clerk

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