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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, March 23, 2010, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees; Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein Jerry Nocera, Joseph Romano and Diane Thiel

Trustees: Patrick M. Farrell and Carmine Galletta were absent

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

Vice President Romano opened the meeting at 7:15 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Presentation: Tooker Avenue School - Dr. Joseph Hickey, Principal and Ms. Kathleen Murray, Library Media Specialist, Fifth Grade Student

Participants:	Raquel Del Valle	Christopher Martocci	Aidan Mohan	Ryan Stoehrer
	Andrew Gagliardi	Shannon McGuire	Danielle Porto	Rebecca Vasquez
	Lenny Innamorato	Brittany McKittrick	Emily Rivera	
		Miranda Michalski	Cierra Roberson	

The Library Connection: Using Reader's Theatre to Connect with the West Babylon Public Library

Mr. Cacciola said he is looking forward to this evening's presentation and introduced Dr. Hickey and Ms. Murray for their presentation. Dr. Hickey said that at Tooker Avenue School he encourages students to have fun while they learn. Ms. Murray explained that the students were encouraged to attend an assembly last June by Mrs. Dolan, the librarian of the West Babylon Public Library, during an assembly. Ms. Murray noted that she has worked with most of the students presenting this evening since kindergarten. The students presented their movie for the trustees and administrators. Each discussed a little about their participation in the movie and the book club. Ms. Murray thanked Mrs. Wolkiewicz for her assistance in the production of the movie and Dr. Hickey for his support of the program. Mr. Cacciola told the students that he is very proud of their excellent accomplishments. A photo was taken.

Trustee Klein seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to go into executive session at 7:35 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:50 pm.

Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2010

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola announced that the "Fab Faux", a Beatles revival band, will be performing a benefit concert at 6:00 pm on April 11, 2010 in the PAC. He noted that the drummer and founding member of the band Rich Pagano is a West Babylon class of 1980 alumnus. The money from the benefit will be used for anything that may not be covered by the insurance, such as any enhancements that may be done.

Mr. Cacciola said that there was a question about student data at the last meeting and that there is a link on the district's website to connect anyone interested to the student data. Dr. Palma explained that 2008-2009 is the most current data available at this time.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association: None

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 resident Diana Doerbecker's question, Mr. Cacciola said that there is little new information regarding South Bay School. He added that the Fire Marshall's report has not been released, yet. Mr. Cacciola said that the first meeting with the Insurance Co. and the Architect is scheduled for Friday at 11:00 am. The cause of the fire has not been determined and the "black box" is still being investigated. In addition, no determination has been made about whether or not the students will remain in the OLOG building for next year.

In response to resident Ray Cody's question, Mr. Flower said that the School Report Card is attached to the budget brochure 14 days prior to the budget vote, as required by law.

Trustee Camasano seconded by Trustee Romano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and Addendum #PE-2**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

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

- 09-A-5 Board of Education
- 09-P-17 Professional Personnel
- 09-C-16 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-A-5 Board of Education Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
2009-2010 Election Inspectors:			\$8.50/hr.		
Angela Torres					
Jack Verdi					

SCHEDULE 09-P-17 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Ochs,Lisa	ESL Tchr.	SB/JK		3/8/10 -	Family Medical Leave [date change]
Kozak,Christine	Elementary Tchr.	TA		3/15/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Gimberlein,Alison	Speech Tchr.	SA		3/26/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Becker,Marie	Elementary Tchr.	JK		4/5/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Autera,Jennifer	School Nurse Tchr.	TA		4/8/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Mercardante,Nicole	Elementary Tchr.	JK		4/12/10-6/30/10	Leave of Absence
S.A.T. Proctors:			\$21.06/hr	3/13/10	
Shaffer,Donna					5.5 hrs.
Sanchelli,Joy					6.5 hrs.
McArdle,Patrick					8 hrs.

SCHEDULE 09-P-17 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Student Teachers/Observers:				Spring, 2010	
Delgado, Mailisa	Elementary	JK			
Farren, Megan	Special Education	TA			
Joseph, Laura	Special Education	JK			
Loizides, Andrew	Special Education	HS			
Lopez, Diana	Elementary	FA			
Mazur, Kristina	Elementary	SA			
Pape, Keith	Social Studies	JH			
Per Diem Substitute:		DW	\$90./day	2009-2010	
Paparella, Ryan					

SCHEDULE 09-C-16 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
DiMartino, Pasqualina	Personnel Assistant	Adm.		4/8/10 -	Family Medical Leave
O'Gara, Patricia	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB		3/9/10	Resignation [from LOA]
Duffy, Thomas	Custodial Wrkr. I	JH	Step 3/ \$39,862. (prorate)	2/12/10	Prior Service Credit [experience verified]

SCHEDULE 09-C-16 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

Ahmad, Sahar

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RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$681.00, from Forest Avenue School's PTA. The donation is to be placed in the Forest Avenue School Trust and Agency account for payment towards the Fifth Grade Class field trip.

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RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$1,927.00, from Patken Photographers. The donation is to be placed in the John F. Kennedy School Trust and Agency account.

Committee Report(s):

The Board held a workshop on March 13, 2010 in the Board room from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. They met with a representative from NYSSBA to discuss how a Board prepares a self-evaluation. The trustees have not yet reached a consensus on preparing an evaluation. In addition, NYSSBA recommends a change to the district's policy regarding committees. It was suggested that the Board should charge committees with goals rather than committees creating their own goals. Mr. Cacciola said that NYSSBA will be invited back to assist the trustees, in July.

Trustee Thiel read her minutes of the February 9, 2010 curriculum meeting (on file in the district clerk's office).

Dr. Palma said that there is a principals' meeting tomorrow in which one of the topics to be discussed will be math packets.

There was a strategic planning meeting yesterday and the committee is in the phase of breaking the planning into years and broad long term needs.

Yesterday's meeting was dedicated to going through intents, line by line. In April there will be a follow-up meeting.

Trustee Campasano requested information regarding the cost of putting elementary summer school back into the budget be presented to the trustees at the next meeting.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Long Term Department Needs

Henry Bianco, Transportation Supervisor; Adrienne Goldenbaum, School Lunch Director; and Raymond Graziano, Plant Facilities Administrator; Anthony Spinelli, Director of Athletics, Health and Phys. Ed.

The panel offered PowerPoint presentations to demonstrate the long term needs/wishes for their individual departments. Some of the requests included:

Facilities: JHS parking lots, sidewalks and curbs replaced, JHS worn floor tiles need replacing, transformer replacements (some are from the 1950s), new panel boxes, a new garbage truck in approximately 3-4 years will be needed (the cost of a contract for this service is approx. \$75,000, a new truck is approximately \$100,000). Mr. Graziano recommended a salary increase for the security personnel. He said that it has been several years since they have had an increase and he commended them for their dedication. He added that they are a good group of workers.

Transportation: Doors and windows in the department need replacing, heating system in need of replacement (\$15,000 to do it in house - \$25,000 to change over to gas), new computers for the office (total of 6 needed), driveways, parking lot needs drains

School Lunch: Major goal is to regain the funds to be self sustaining. Upgrades to the kitchens are needed, Ms. Goldenbaum noted that in other districts when cafeterias were upgraded the lunch department increased sales by as much as 40%. Ms. Goldenbaum also pointed out that much of the equipment in the kitchens is original and creates a poor atmosphere. She added that her major wish would be for a food court at the high school, with a state of the art kitchen.

Athletics Health and Phys. Ed: Additional health requirement for grades 9 or 10. Repair and/or replace project adventure exterior apparatus and add project adventure into the curriculum, JHS & SHS locker replacements needed, remove unused showers and add more lockers, machines in the fitness center are in need of repair, 8 lane track at the JHS to enable district to host competitions, and as a wish, a pool for the swim team which currently costs the district money in usage fees to other districts. There was a discussion about Section 11 and NYS not recognizing cheerleading as a sport. Trustee DeGaetano requested data on 7th grade teams be returned for April 6th's meeting.

Mr. Cacciola thanked the PTAs for their assistance in the One Voice One Island letter writing campaign. He said that West Babylon generated more than 3,000 letters. He said that tomorrow there will be a press conference at Western Suffolk BOCES at 11:00 am.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Donna Livoti expressed her concern with spending money for a swim team while parents in the cheerleading program must pay for many of their own supplies. She said that the trustees should contact parents for more data about the cheerleading program.

Resident Dennis Brodmerkel suggested that staff use the criteria currently available regarding elementary students' need for summer school rather than await state testing results. Trustee Romano noted that there is also a concern about low attendance in the elementary level summer school program.

In response to resident Ray Cody's question, Mr. Cacciola said that at this juncture West Babylon's tax rate for next year is approximately 7 %.

Mr. Flower said that he will provide Mr. Cody with data pertaining to ESF (education stabilization funds) tomorrow.

Also, in response to Mr. Cody's question, Dr. Palma said that two students from West Babylon are presenting at the Intel science Competition.

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Resident Irene Bathos noted that her daughter faithfully attended the elementary summer school program.

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn to executive session for legal and personnel matters at 11:27 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn at 11:57 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to: _____

District Clerk