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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, MAY 25, 2010, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Patrick M. Farrell, Carmine Galletta, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein, and Diane Thiel. Trustee Joseph Romano arrived at 7:40 pm.

Trustee Jerry Nocera was 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; Ms. Barbara Burrows, Acting District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents.

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

Presentation:

FOREST AVENUE SCHOOL PRESENTATION: "F.I.T." (Families in Training) Program

Mrs. Christine Tona, Principal, Mr. Edward Hilbert, Physical Education Teacher, and Mr. Michael Rayola, Physical Education Teacher

Student Participants:

Erin Ehrichs, 5th Grade

Matthew Poormon, 1st Grade

Lindsey Ehrichs, 3rd Grade

Savannah Poormon, 5th Grade

Sean Ehrichs, Kindergarten

Kaitlin Reyes, 5th Grade

Frankie Formosa, 4th Grade

Michael Vittoria, 5th Grade

Joseph Formosa, 1st Grade

Erin Wade, 4th Grade

Mrs. Christine Tona introduced the "F.I.T." (Families in Training) presentation which has been incorporated into Forest Avenue's physical education program. The program is modeled after the school's successful P.A.R.P. — Parents as Reading Partners Program. Coach Mike Rayola presented a slide show of activities including the "Walk the Track at the Junior High School" and the "Walk to School Day" events. On May 26th at 6:00 pm, students, families and staff will participate in "Family Walk Night at Forest Avenue School". The "F.I.T." program's emphasis is placed on the five components of physical fitness which are: cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition. Coach Rayola passed out copies of exercise logs which student/family participants were required to complete and submit to classroom teachers on a weekly basis. The Forest Avenue parents commended Coach Rayola for initiating this program which they felt brought their families closer together and also educated the children on fitness.

Trustee Diane Thiel seconded by trustee Diane Klein 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 8:35 pm.

Trustee Kathleen Jennings seconded by trustee Lucy Campasano made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2010 and the Special Meetings of May 17, 2010 and May 19, 2010.

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

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola announced that on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, a Special Board Meeting will be held, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in the Performing Arts Center, at the High School, relating to environmental testing at South Bay School. Mr. Glenn Neuschwender, President of EnviroScience, will do a presentation and answer questions. The Budget Hearing will follow the Special Board Meeting, at 8:00 pm, also in the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Cacciola stated that on May 21st, at a Special Board Meeting, a resolution was adopted to hold a budget revote on June 15, 2010. In response to e-mails Mr. Cacciola has recently received, the voting start time has been changed from 9:00 am to 7:00 am. Residents may register to vote up to 5:00 pm on Thursday, June 10th.

Mr. Cacciola asked Mr. Mark Flower to summarize the budget information from the May 21st Special Board Meeting. Mr. Flower offered a PowerPoint presentation which is posted on the district's website. He stated the revote timeline/deadlines are set by New York State. The district revote budget notice will be mailed to residents to arrive in homes between June 2nd and June 9th.

Mr. Cacciola asked Dr. Dominick Palma to speak about the Community Service Survey. Dr. Palma stated the district is conducting a parent and community survey which was produced by a company called "K12 Insight". The survey was reviewed by the Survey Committee and the Strategic Plan Committee. Residents can participate, on a district and school level, by logging on to the district website and following the link to the survey. The survey will be available from May 21st to June 1st, 2010.

<u>Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:</u>	None
<u>Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:</u>	None
<u>Statement of CSEA Representative:</u>	None
<u>Statement of Student Association Representative:</u>	None
<u>Statement of PTA Council Representative:</u>	None

Statement of Residents: In response to resident Diana Doerbecker's question, Mr. Cacciola said specific information relating to use of facilities fees can be found on the website in the district's Board policy. In response to resident Diane Menke's questions about the contingency budget and which items — such as sports, etc. would be cut, Mr. Flower stated that, per New York State Law, the Board of Education decides which programs would be cut. Resident William Hill stated if the district receives more funds from the state in October, this money should be used to reduce the tax rate. In response to Mr. Hill's comment that the district could charge \$1.00 for the use of facilities/fields, Attorney William Morrell referred Mr. Hill to the Board policy. Dr. Palma responded to resident Raymond Cody's comment regarding curriculum/Math A, Math B and Geometry statistics by explaining that in the district's strategic plan it is noted that the district offers, free of charge, an SAT prep course, in which many students participate. In addition, our High School Guidance Office is encouraging students to take the ACT test and, over time, additional support will be provided. Mr. Cody commented that he would like the Forensic Science course to be increased from a half credit to a full credit course. In response to Mr. Cody's questions, Mr. Cacciola stated our high school students have just completed their participation in the mock trials. In response to resident Renee Elder's concern about the fast pace of the budget revote timeline and her request for more community involvement, Mr. Flower stated, per New York State guidelines, the revote budget must be adopted prior to June 1st. Ms. Elder said she would e-mail additional questions and information to Mr. Flower. Mr. Cacciola also noted that school being closed on Monday, May 31st poses another delay. Resident Frank Bustamante stated the 4.95% increase is still too high. The increase should be within the 2.5% to 3.0% range. Mr. Cacciola referred Mr. Bustamante to the District Clerk's office to complete a FOIL request form to obtain a copy of the South Bay Fire Marshal's report. In responding to resident Kathrine Campbell's question about the listing of "non-calendar" holidays on the May 25, 2010 agenda and whether or not Confirmation Day is considered an excused absence affecting perfect attendance, Mr. Cacciola stated the list is compiled to maximize state aid and the Confirmation Day absence does not affect perfect attendance.

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation: None

Trustee Wendy DeGaetano seconded by Trustee Lucy Campasano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** and **addenda #BE-3, #PE-2, and #FI-3.**

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

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon UFSD Board of Education accepts the tabulation of votes as certified by the inspectors of election and the District Clerk at the Annual District Meeting and Elections held on May 18, 2010, and the results of such tabulations were as follows:

Proposition # 1: School District Budget	Yes: 1145	No: 1325
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Return of votes on School District Trustees: Three 3-year terms ending June 30, 2013:

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1a	Wendy DeGaetano	1231
2a	Donna Livoti	1067
3a	James Bocca	877
4a	Diane Klein	1233
5a	Peter Scarlatos, Jr.	1288

Write in votes:	Vincent Mulieri	8
	John Manzi	1

#BE-2

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

East Islip Union Free School District

#PE-1

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

<u>09-A-6</u>	Board of Education
<u>09-P-21</u>	Professional Personnel
<u>09-C-20</u>	Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-A-6, Board of Education Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Election Inspectors: \$8.50/hr. 5/18/10
 Scelza,Brittany
 Scelza,Louise

SCHEDULE 09-P-21 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Cousins,Melissa	Special Ed. Tchr.	JH		5/12/10 -	Family Medical Leave
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Lynch,Maria	Elementary Tchr.	SA		5/27/10 -	Family Medical Leave
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Per Diem Substitutes: DW \$90./day 2009-2010
 Cardone,Jessica
 Goebel,Patricia

SCHEDULE 09-C-20 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Leeb,Margaret	Clerk Typist	HS		5/28/10 -	Family Medical Leave
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Step/Salary/Longevity Corrections:

Benvenuto,Louise	Sr. Clerk Typist	JH	Step 11/ \$48,563. + 925. Longevity (18 yrs.) (prorate)	5/26/10-6/30/10	
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Caruso,Catherine	Account Clerk	BO	Step 11/ \$48,563. (prorate)	5/26/10-6/30/10	
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Scelfo,Kathleen	Account Clerk Typist	BO	Step 12/ \$50,041. + 925. Longevity (16 yrs.) (prorate)	5/26/10-6/30/10	
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Per Diem Substitutes:

Flores,Bianca		DW	\$9./hr.	2009-2010	Paraprofessional Clerical/Paraprofessional Clerical
Esposito,Theresa					
Ippolito,Kristine					

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

Simpson,Karen

**#FI-1
RESOLVED:**

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of public school districts in **Nassau/Suffolk Counties**, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2010-2011 school year.

WHEREAS, The **West Babylon School District** is desirous of participating with other districts in **Nassau/Suffolk Counties** in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, The **West Babylon School District** wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for the drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Board of Education of the West Babylon School District** hereby appoints the **Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee** to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **West Babylon School District Board of Education** authorizes the above mentioned committee to represent it in all matters leading up to the entering into a contract for the purchase of the above mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **West Babylon School District Board of Education** agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the **West Babylon School District Board of Education** agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards; (2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee; (3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

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RESOLVED: that the following dates be designated as non-calendar religious holidays for the 2009-2010 school year:

Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth-Sikh	10/20/09
Reformation Day-Protestant Christian	10/27/09
Milvian Bridge Day-Christian	10/28/09
Birth of the Bab-Baha'i	10/29/09
All Soul's Day-Christian	11/2/09
Birth of Baha'u'llah-Baha'i	11/12/09
Saint Andrew's Day-Christian	11/30/09
Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)-Buddhism	12/8/09
Hanukkah-Jewish	12/14/09-12/18/09
Yule-Christian	12/21/09
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day)-Hispanic Christian	1/6/10
Conversion of St. Paul-Christian	1/25/10
Annunciation of the Virgin Mary-Catholic Christian	3/25/10
Pesach-Jewish	4/5/10 & 4/6/10
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church-Confirmation	5/18/10

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following district technology equipment obsolete:

BLDG	ITEM	MODEL	SN	WB CSD	WB UFSD	BOCES
SHS	Dell PC	GX270	4CNPP31		2328	
SHS	Dell PC	GX270	H30BF41	20070761	2686	
SHS	Dell PC	GX270	440BF41		2232	
SHS	Dell PC	GX150	43G2S01	20071720	2013	113592
SHS	Dell PC	GX150	DYK2S01	20072014	2075	113563

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SHS	Dell PC	GX150	36G2S01	20071712	2022	113610
SHS	Dell PC	GX150	57G2S01	20071733	2001	113630
SHS	Dell PC	GX150	81G2S01	20072247	241	113612
SHS	AOPEN PC		210027-6	20072011	193	
SHS	AOPEN PC		224523	20072012	150	
SHS	AOPEN PC		201882	20071764	290	
SHS	RABER PC			20072013	149	

	HP DESKJET 930	SHS	MX0981F01Q			
SHS	HP SCANJET 5P		SG6C5111MM			
SHS	HP LASERJET 4L		uscc268677			
SHS	NEC SUPERSCRIPIT	870	613661012C			
SHS	OPTIQUEST Monitor	VCDS21915-5M	7.07014E+11			
SHS	SCEPTRE Monitor	D50X	930AU0C2U07426			
SHS	SCEPTRE Monitor	D50X	930AU0C2U07374			
SHS	ACERVIEW Monitor	7155	M55L0005240			
SHS	IMAGIC	778L	9711201443			
SHS	CISCO 3600		JAB04288256	20071996		
SHS	CISCO CATALYST 3500	WS-C3524-XL-EN	FAB0531V03Z			113467
SHS	CISCO CATALYST 3500	WS-C3548-XL-EN	FAB0531MON1		2062	113464
SHS	CISCO CATALYST 3500	WS-C3524-XL-EN	FAB0531V045		2355	113466
SHS	CISCO CATALYST 3500	WS-C3548-XL-EN	FAB0526U0KY			

SHS	CISCO CATALYST 3500	WS-C3548-XL-EN	FAB0601Q2CD			
SHS	CISCO CATALYST 4006		FOX0527049E	20072005		113468
SHS	CISCO 2600		JMX0531K6SC	20071995	2063	113773
SHS	CISCO		FOX0528066K	20071994		113775
SHS	Panasonic fax machine	KX-FHD351	2FCJA509836			
SHS	Follett scanner	3400	722151			99745
SHS	Telxon Bar Code Scanner	960L	3338278			92922
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YJRO	20072441		69608
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK0X	20072931	000544	70428
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK10		000475	74518
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	52084	003079	000367	59733
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK6Y	20072935	000601	69551
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	66QPG	20072622	000817	69623
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YJZY		000478	69663

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JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK9S	20072932	001365	74524
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK0D	20072933	000541	74564
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	66QRC	20072628	000807	69611
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	51RW8	20072942	000522	59458
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YKB7	20072938	000350	74527
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	51RR1	20072939	002490	59515
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	6JT4J	20072940	000452	77564

JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	51S1F	20072944	000535	59634
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	6JTCW	20072937	000536	74516
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK5Z	20072943	000400	69651

JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	6JVDC	20072626	000819	70173
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	6JVFY	20072629	000808	70161
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK05	20072926	000526	69675
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YJYT	20072930	000362	69636
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK5L	20072929	001345	69645
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK6L	20072928	001364	74532
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YJVF	20072927	000901	69817
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	5YK8X		001362	69654
JFK	Dell PC	Optiplex XL575	6JVBQ	20072934	002489	70453
JFK	Dell PC	Aopen 400	210021-1	20072635	000824	
JFK	Dell PC	Aopen 400	210027-47	20072703	000814	
JFK	Dell PC	Acer Veriton 5100	283635.01711638694AK	20072630	000828	

JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627S10QHC5			70174
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627G1DFX16			70429
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226P031N55			59810
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226P031U55			59799
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226P038P55			59405
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226T03MS45			63173
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627H0XLG16			69624
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226S03HU55			59589
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627T1B1VC5			74574
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627G0TSN16			70463
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	65226T06EF45			59678
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627S07K8C5			74565
JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627S07KH5			69679

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JFK	Dell Monitor	1528	90627G1DG016			77604
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922C2120C5			69467
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922CW724B5			74525
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922CW885B5			69609
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922C2752C5			74568

JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922C2754C5			74531
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922CW739B5			69664
JFK	Dell Monitor	1428	02922CW728B5			69640
JFK	Dell Monitor	D825TM	8238663			92903

JFK	Acer Monitor	7154E	9178502019 72905908A5H1A1 S			
JFK	Acer Monitor	7134T	9175402068 80708117S3T1G1 S			
JFK	Acer Monitor	7254e	9171602310 03802784T52131 T			

JFK	Acer Monitor	7254e	9171602310 03801053T52131 T			
JFK	Sceptre Monitor	D50X	919AU0C2U01011			
JFK	Sceptre Monitor	D50X	926AU0C2U01527			
JFK	Sceptre Monitor	D50X	919AU0C2U01565			
JFK	Sceptre Monitor	D50X	926AU0C2U01535			
JFK	Samsung TV	TXB2735	3CDDA01296	002221		
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	2600	JMX053K843	20072760		113462

JFK	Cisco Switch equip	2950	000ED7314800			
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	3500	0006D788A6C0			113766
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	3500	0006D7C7EE80			113762
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	3500	00062839C880			113764
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	3500	000628F73640			113765
JFK	Cisco Switch equip	4006	FOX0525065F	20072759	002477	113776
JHS	Dell PC	GX280	DMFS661	20070024		005012
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	F164S01		005209	114355

JHS	Acer monitor	72543	9171602008			
JHS	Acer Cpu	AP8400	919472000103300286AQ			
JHS	HPDJ	C4548A	US5A51C00y			

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JHS	HPLJ 5P	C3150A	USHB134585		001180	
JHS	Dell Monitor	E771p	MX-0419TG-47801-17Q-H2j9			114374

JHS	Dell PC	GX150	GZ54S01		005245	114403
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	1002S01		005269	114425
JHS	Dell Monitor	E771p	MX-0419TG-47801-17Q-H0VL			113723
JHS	Dell Monitor	E771p	MX-0419TG-47801-17Q-H0Y1			114305
JHS	Dell Monitor	E771MM	CN-05E532-47803-4AF-C3QY			

JHS	Dell Monitor	E771P	MX-0419TG-47801-17Q-H2JB			114390
JHS	Dell Monitor	D1528-LS	90627T0CTJCS			66915

JHS	Dell Monitor	M782	MY-08G157-47603-42G-B55V			
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	BZ54S01	20070290	005123	
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	F064S01		005122	114387
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	BW54S01		005207	114359

JHS	Dell PC	GX150	G164S01		005060	114304
JHS	Acer monitor	7254E	9171602310			
JHS	HP DJ 6127	C8959B	MY38N3B09Q			
JHS	Dell PC	GX270	D4FTP51	20070201		124490
JHS	Dell PC	GX150	5X54S01		005107	114373

JHS	Dell Monitor	1707FTP	CN-0CC280-71618-672-BE25			
JHS	HP SCANJET 5470C	C9850A	CN18F1G0PR			
JHS	HP PRINTER LJ5P	C3150A	USHB133864		001183	
JHS	HP DJ 6127	C8959B	MY4A14B1F5			
JHS						
JHS	Phone Server Equipment					
JHS	AOC Monitor 14" monochrome	MM-413S	M413SNZAC			
JHS	SDI series 2000 CPU		1295-13914-1	20070021	00249	

JHS	Dell Monitor	E772p	CN-04P121-47804-390-L05W			
JHS	Dell Monitor	E772P	CN-049121-47804-39R-L160			
JHS	Dell Monitor	E773S	CN-0Y1352-47606-420-FDZ7			

JHS	Dell Monitor	E772P	CN-04P121-47804-390-L05Y			
JHS	Dell Monitor	E772p	CN-04P121-47804-390-L05Q			
JHS	Dell Monitor	E772p	CN-04P121-47804-390-LOSE			
JHS	Cisco Catalyst 3550 series	ws-c3550-48-smi	3902s549	20071732	005307	
JHS	Cisco Catalyst 2980G	ws-c298og	3882y111			113754
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL				005026	113751
JHS	Cisco Catalyst 3550 series xl			20070018	005002	113745
JHS	Cisco Catalyst 3550 series xl			20070017	005001	113750
JHS	Cisco 2600		JMX0531K6QX		005004	113761
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL			20070019	005003	113753

JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL					113747
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL					113752
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL				005168	113760
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL					113749
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL					113748
JHS	Cisco catalyst 3500 XL					

TA	HP DeskJet 9127	C6428A	MY0341105P			
TA	HP LaserJet 1300n		CNBJB49752			
TA	Cisco Catalyst 4000		FOX0525066A	20071183		
TA	Cisco 2600		JMX0531K6SA	20071199		
TA	Eon computer	Series 1000	BFA-10826	20071652		
TA	Dell PC	GX150	40B3S01	20071650	002722	113821
TA	Dell PC	GX150	G1B3S01	20070717	002671	113833

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RESOLVED:

that the President of the West Babylon Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to sign an employment agreement with the Mr. Arthur R. Williams, Executive Director of Finance & Operations, to cover the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

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RESOLVED: that the attached personnel schedule is approved:
09-P-21A(a) Professional Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-P-21A Professional Personnel Schedule

ADDENDUM (a)

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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The following position is abolished effective 7/1/10 or sooner:
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

The following position is established effective 7/1/10 or sooner:
Executive Director for Finance and Operations Business Office

Williams, Arthur	Executive Director for Finance and Operations	BO	\$135,000.	7/1/10 or sooner	Probationary Appt.
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RESOLVED: that the school district budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$93,146,827 proposed by the West Babylon Board of Education, in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, be hereby adopted, and that said budget be voted upon by the residents on June 15, 2010.

POLICY REVIEW: None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: None

STATUS REPORT NEW WEBSITE: None

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT(S): None

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

Resident William Hill raised several questions regarding the district's reserves account. Mr. Hill stated the Board of Education is not affected by the economy. Trustee Carmine Galletta responded to resident William Hill's questions regarding the district's reserves account and his comment that the Board of Education is not affected by the economy by stating that as a resident and local West Babylon business owner he understands the community pays taxes to educate children. He believes that a strong business requires reserves as does a school district. Trustee Galletta stated we need to keep the foundation of our school district intact or we will have nothing left. He further stated he respects Mr. Cacciola's guidance and money management as well as the West Babylon residents and their bills. However, in his opinion, reserves are needed. Mr. Hill requested that Trustee Galletta make a motion that any money that comes in which is "over and above" be used to reduce the tax rate. Trustee Galletta said he would discuss this matter with his fellow trustees. Trustee Lucy Campasano said the Board did not say we would not reduce the tax rate. In response to resident Raymond Cody's statement that a resolution is not required to reduce the tax rate because any delayed state aid goes to the taxpayer, Attorney William Morrell explained that the money goes to the reserves. Mr. Cody commented that Mrs. Amy Jones, District Clerk, was the person who informed his wife about pension eligibility. Mr. Flower responded to resident Nancy Walsh-Smolenski's questions about the budget process and surplus being targeted for reserves. He explained that surplus is developed based on news from Albany. Per Mr. Cacciola, since 1993,

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the district always uses the Governor's January state aid proposal. He further stated having reserves is keeping the district above water. Dr. Palma stated 7 years ago reserves were limited — 2%. Reserve funds are gradually used so the taxpayer does not get hit with a 10 or 12 percent increase. Resident Peter Scarlatos stated the May 18th tax rate was 7.13%. The new rate is 4.95%. He further stated "it's a no brainer — vote yes for the budget". Resident Renee Elder stated the 4.95% tax rate increase makes West Babylon the 11th highest increase on Long Island. Trustee Pat Farrell commented that the Board is trying to keep programs intact. He acknowledged the Board of Education and the members of the audience all have the children's best interests at heart. In response to resident Dennis Brodmerkel's question, Mr. Flower said 7th grade sports have been eliminated from the new budget. Trustee Lucy Campasano stated the original budget was high, but sound. The new budget at 4.95% is solid and academically sound. Trustee Campasano stated she is proud of the job the Board has done. Trustee Diane Thiel addressed the budget timeline issue. She said she and the other trustees have been listening to residents while preparing a new revised budget. At the May 21st Special Board Meeting, the budget was reviewed line by line. Trustee Thiel stated she and other trustees have missed various personal family functions in order to focus on the new budget. Trustee Joseph Romano stated in order for the community to remain a desirable place to live, the district must have the funds to replace obsolete science and music equipment as well as upgrade the sports fields. In his opinion, reserves are a good thing. In response to resident Diane Menke's question, Mr. Cacciola stated the money for the repairs to the Junior High School track will be taken out of the 2009-2010 budget.

Trustee Joseph Romano seconded by Trustee Lucy Campasano made a motion to adjourn to executive session for negotiation matters at 9:50 pm.

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

Trustee Kathleen Jennings seconded by Trustee Lucy Campasano made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 pm.

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

Attested to: _____
District Clerk