

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, October 8, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca, Lucy Camposano (left at 10:05 p.m.), Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney and residents (audience of approx. 30).

The President opened the meeting at 7:00 and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to recess until 8:00 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2013.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola said that due to having three presentations on the agenda this evening he will keep his comments brief. He followed up with the Board regarding the cost of providing transportation for activities after 4:00 p.m. He said that in 2009-2010, the last time such transportation was provided, the cost was \$124,670.00. He reminded the trustees that if the district provides transportation for in district students, it is also required to provide it for all out of district placements. Mr. Cacciola said that the Homecoming Parade is scheduled to start at 12:30 on October 19 and the game will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

Mrs. Squicciarini said that in light of the presentations she has no statement this evening.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

Mrs. Levi said that she looks forward to this evening's JHS presentation and to the upcoming Elementary presentation.

Statement of CSEA Representative: None

Statement of Student Association Representative: None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

PTA Council President Jenn Longo reminded the trustees about the upcoming red ribbon day ceremonies.

Statement of Residents:

Resident Camilla Turner asked about reinstating the transportation now that the cost is known. Board president Diane Thiel said that the Board just received the information this evening and if they do a follow-up review it will be at a later date. It will not be addressed this evening.

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Board President Diane Thiel welcomed any new attendees this evening and said that she appreciates that they are here for the presentations this evening. She asked that any questions they may have be addressed to the building principals before they bring them to the Board.

Junior High School Principals - Academic Presentation — Scott Payne, Principal; Jennifer Carere, Assistant Principal, Department Chairpeople and JHS Teachers offered a PowerPoint presentation regarding students' scores on NYS assessments (on file in the District Clerk's office). They shared ideas for future improvement and strategies for student success. In response to Trustee Camposano's question discussed the idea of workshops to assist parents in helping their children with school work and understanding the Common Core. Mr. Cacciola noted that the PTAs have been asked for input to determine how to assist parents. He said that he is hearing more and more that the parents want the district to use technology to get information to them.

Mr. Cacciola said that he forgot to announce earlier that at the Superintendents' meeting he learned that the NYSPTA will be holding a series of Town Hall Meetings at the Garden City HS on October 15, 2013 from 7-9 p.m.

In response to Board President Diane Thiel's question, Mr. Theo said that he believes the nine period day is beneficial to the students. Mr. Payne noted that two thirds of the students receive remedial assistance during the extra period. Suggestions regarding improvements that the state could make to assist students included additional time for completion. Trustee Villagran thanked the panel for the visual charts. In response to Trustee Bocca's question Mr. Theo said that combining two departments for one chairperson has its challenges. However, having the curriculum aligned is helpful in making the model successful. Mr. Cacciola thanked and commended the presenters. He said the supervisory model, while challenging, is working because the teams are working together.

Nawrocki, Smith, LLP – External Audit Preliminary Report – Michael Nawrocki

Mr. Nawrocki shared the preliminary report with the trustees (on file in the District Clerk's Office). He thanked the Board, Administrators and complimented business office staff for their timely closing of the books and records. Mr. Nawrocki noted that this meeting fulfills the law's requirement. A recommendation that

Mrs. Buscemi have a purchasing agent instead of serving in that position herself was made by Mr. Nawrocki. Questions of the Board were answered. It was noted that the school lunch department is running in a deficit which is not unusual in school districts. Mr. Cacciola thanked Mr. Nawrocki and Mrs. Buscemi. He added that the district faces difficult times moving forward.

Year End Report Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance and Operations

Mrs. Buscemi shared the district's year end report and reviewed the items line by line with the trustees and administrators. The report is on file in the District Clerk's office and available on the district's website:

http://www.wbschools.org/district/financial_information/?portalId=8570304&pageId=10248392&objectId.878989=18378824&contextId.878989=18377378&parentId.878989=18377379

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following consultant to provide physical therapy services to a homebound West Babylon School District resident student, at a rate of \$70.00 per 45 minute session, during the period July 2013 through June 2014:

Ms. Jeanne Martin

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school to provide an educational program for deaf/hearing impaired/communicatively impaired/multiple disabilities West Babylon School District resident students during the 2013-2014 school year:

Mill Neck Manor for the Deaf

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the Independent External Auditor's Report, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, be accepted by the West Babylon Board of Education, as presented to the Audit Committee, by Mr. Michael Nawrocki, CPA, from the firm of Nawrocki Smith LLP.

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

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

- 13-P-7 Professional Personnel
- 13-C-7 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 13-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Additional Section:					
Hearns, Gabrielle	Italian (.2)	HS	\$14,664.40	2013-2014	
Chairperson: Reilly-Johnson, Katharine	Business Education, Technology, FACS (9-12)	HS	\$5,191.	2013-2014	[stipend adjustment]
Alternative Evening High School: Losito, Christopher	Asst. Director		\$5,900. (prorate)	9/25/13-10/8/13	[adjustments]
Losito, Christopher	Asst. Director		\$2,950.	10/9/13-6/30/14	
McGrath, Donna	Asst. Director		\$2,950.	10/9/13-6/30/14	
Alternative Evening High School: Schilt, Brianne	Guidance Counselor		\$34.85/hr.	2013-2014	[repl. P. Satriano]

SCHEDULE 13-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<u>Nursing Coverage for Before/After School Programs:</u>				2013-2014	
Autera, Jennifer			\$90.34/hr.		
Clark, Julia			\$72.60/hr.		
Daly, Adair			\$31.66/hr.		
LaMantia, Joanne			\$35.22/hr.		
Lentricchia, Janet			\$42.46/hr.		
Raimondi, Theresa			\$41.92/hr.		
Senzamici, Donna			\$41.92/hr.		
<u>Drama Club & Advisors:</u>		JH		2013-2014	
Cascio-Plezia, Deborah	Advisor		\$1,700.		
Pletto, Carol	Asst. Advisor		\$1,152.		
Prendergast, Beverly	Music Director		\$1,296.		
<u>Coaching:</u>				Fall, 2013	
Maxwell, Michael	Volunteer Asst.	Football	\$-0.-		
<u>Student Teachers/Observers:</u>				Fall, 2013	
Baez, Judy	ESL	JH			
Bagnoli, Rose	Mathematics	HS			
Bamberger, Jennifer	Elementary	FA			
Guardino, Michael	Mathematics	HS			
Incristo, Michael	Mathematics	JH/HS			
Luttrell, Katelyn	Special Education	JK			
Restaino, Austin	Social Studies	HS			
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>		DW	\$90./day	2013-2014	
Baker, Melanie					[cert: Special Education]
Hartmann, Ashley					[certs: SWD 1-6, Ch. Ed. 1-6]
Sweet, Debora					[certs: SWD 1-6, Ch. Ed. 1-6]

SCHEDULE 13-C-7 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Lorito, Karen	Senior Clerk	Admin.		9/3/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Weckerle, Denise	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA		9/24/13 - 3/24/14	Leave of Absence
Conte, Mary	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	10/9/13	Probationary Appt.
Meyer, Danielle	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	JK	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	10/9/13	Probationary Appt.
<u>Student Printers:</u>			\$7.25/hr.	2013-2014	
Bolosan, Ronald					
D'Errico, Douglas					
Kryjak, John					
Scarangella, Douglas					
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>		DW	\$9./hr.	2013-2014	
*Catapano, Kristen					Clerical/Paraprofessional
Stack, Margaret					Paraprofessional

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

FINANCE

#FI-1
RESOLVED: that the amount to be raised by tax levy for the West Babylon Union Free School District be fixed at the sum of \$66,056,793, for the 2013-2014 school year.

#FI-2
RESOLVED: that the amount to be raised by tax levy for the West Babylon Public Library be fixed at the sum of \$3,434,261, for the 2013-2014 school year, as presented by Ms. Gail Pepa, Director, West Babylon Public Library.

#FI-3
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the June, July, and August 2013 claims auditor's reports and recommendations.

#FI-4
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education retroactively approves the following budget transfer:

<i>ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION & TRANSFER EXPLANATION</i>			
<i>ACCOUNT CODE</i>		<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
A2020.1600	Principal Clerical Salaries	\$47,424.00	
	Non Instructional Salaries Technology		
A2630.1600			\$47,424.00
	Clerical Location Change		

#FI-5
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from the West Babylon Administrators Association:
\$250
The donation will be used for the Spring District Fun Run and Wellness Fair.

#FI-6
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools:
\$500
The donation will be used for the Spring District Fun Run and Wellness Fair.

#FI-7
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donations:
\$770.93 from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program
\$103.35 from the Aetna Foundation

These donations will be deposited into the Senior High School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-8
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$311.86, from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program. The donation will be deposited into South Bay Elementary School's Trust and Agency account.

CURRICULUM

#CU-1
RESOLVED: that the textbook titled Identidades: Exploraciones e Interconexiones, 3/E, by Guzman Lapuerta, Lisken-Gasparro, and Castells, copyright 2013, is adopted by the West Babylon Board of Education, for use by Grade 12, Spanish 5 course, effective October 2013.

FACILITIES

#FA-1
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation, from Ms. Karen Cheeseboro, a West Babylon resident:

1 (one) Wurlitzer Piano

#FA-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from Mrs. Lisa Mallahan, a West Babylon resident and parent of two West Babylon students:

1 (one) tree and memorial plaque

The tree and plaque are in memory of Mrs. Mallahan's niece, Gia Gangemi, who attended Tooker Avenue Elementary School. At the request of the Mallahan family, the tree and plaque will be placed in the front of Tooker Avenue School.

#FA-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following equipment located at Santapogue Elementary School obsolete:

1. Garland Oven - Model No. Tg3 - Serial No. 12A1987
2. Quinton Treadmill - Model: Clubtrack - Serial No. 00377-009-31807
3. Samsung Television - Model No. txb2735 - Serial No. 3cdf600193 - WB Bar Code 002360

The equipment is outdated and no longer functioning.

POLICY:

The following policies were reviewed by the Board of Ed. and remain unchanged:

- 2110: School Board Powers and Duties (Review)
- 2120: School Board Elections (with 2120.1 and 2120.2) (Review)
- 2130: Board Member Resignation (Review)
- 2150: Filling Board Vacancies (Review)
- 2210: Board Organizational Meeting (Review)
- 2220: Board Officers (Review)
- 2230: Appointed Board Officials (Review)
- 2270: School Attorney (Review)

1530: Comprehensive Tobacco Policy (Second Time Discussion)

Trustee Villagran seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to move the policy to third time adoption.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

2160: School Board Officer and Employee Code of Ethics (Third Time Adoption)

Trustee Klein seconded by trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to move the policy to 3rd time adoption

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

3220: Organization Chart (First Time Reading)

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Villagran made a motion to waive reading the policy and move it to second time discussion.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Nassau Suffolk School Boards Dinner — Board President Diane Thiel attended the NSSBA dinner with Superintendent Anthony Cacciola and Trustee Lucy Campasano. She said that the results of the voting are available in the District Clerk's office. She added that it was difficult to vote because the information was only provided the night of the vote.

President Thiel asked the Trustees to save the date of December 5 for the BOCES holiday gathering. She also announced that there will be a team of Board members, administrators, teachers and parents attending a BOCES workshop on October 10.

Mrs. Tona said that she will share the Parent Portal use information with the trustees in News & Notes.

COMMITTEES: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Christine Taylor expressed concern with the large class sizes in grade four at JFK. Diane Thiel recommended that Ms. Taylor speak with the building principal to address her concern. Dr. Farrelly explained the decision making process with regard to class size and added that the cap to class size is based on the teachers' contract. Resident Daienna Edmunds added that she shares Ms. Taylor's concerns as did Resident Lorie Rivera Piazza.

Resident William Hill stated that he appreciates the evening's presentations. He added that the in depth presentation offered by Mrs. Buscemi was difficult to decipher for the average resident. He said that it all comes down to "wants" and "needs" for the district.

Resident Marty Lasko, said his children attend Santapogue School. He spoke about the condition of the playgrounds and the fields. He also expressed his displeasure with the caloric restriction for children. He was asked to make an appointment with Mrs. Tona to have his concerns addressed.

Resident Mrs. Keilitz said that she is dismayed at the amount of money invested in testing which she believes means nothing. She asked why West Babylon doesn't oppose the testing. Mrs. Turner concurred adding that another district's teachers have rejected the Common Core. Mr. Cacciola said the district would still have to follow the direction of the Commissioner of Education, the rejection would be by resolution only.

Resident Nancy Smolenski thanked the Board for all of the data during the last two meetings. She said she is also happy to see that the students are writing more.

Resident Ms. Jarrett said that her daughter is in the JHS and is so happy to go to school everyday. She has joined clubs and loves school. She said she just wanted to share this with the Board.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 12:03 a.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk